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of the fee from the person asking for the license. It is the same as your automobile license, when you go to your local city or town hall to register your vehicle, you pay that town a fee for doing their duty. You have the choice to do that or go to Augusta or one of the Motor Vehicle Centers to register your car. This Bill is set up exactly the same way. If a community wants to do the service and the Departments agree that the community has the expertise, then they may do some of the permitting and some of the inspections, but only if they meet all of the qualifications. I would doubt very much if the Fire Marshall would authorize many other people in the State to issue dynamite permits. If the Fire Marshall didn't agree to issue permits or issue authorization for permitting then it wouldn't be done. That's what my amendment says. The money is paid for by the applicants who are asking the town to save them the trip to Augusta or running around and trying to find out what they have got to do and where they have got to go. Hopefully that answers the question. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Pingree.

Senator **PINGREE:** Thank you Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would also like to answer that question by reading from the original Bill. This basically deals with retail businesses and a certain number of licenses. It says "Retail businesses shall pay the municipality additional fee of \$4 for each permit included in the consolidated application, up to a limit of \$40." So there will be an increase of fees for businesses. I know many businesses would be willing to pay an increased fee to have permitting be done more easily. I think that is something we have to take into consideration. There is also a provision in here that asks the Departments that come under this plan to contribute some of their licensing money into a central pool that is administered by DECD, and of course there has been some resistance on the part of organizations, like the Department of Agriculture, who are concerned that their licensing divisions are already strained. One of the questions in this Bill is do we create a duplicate licensing division in municipalities as well as the one that has to be retained in the Bureau. Again, I just want to state that I do not oppose cart blanche, that municipalities would be involved in more licensing, what they do now they do well. I am just concerned that we need to do some more work here. I don't think it will set up unreasonable delays, I don't want to show any lack of respect for the hard work this Committee, or the individuals involved in this Bill, have done. I think there are some very good things in this Bill, I would just like to see us approach it in a different manner. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox to **ADOPT** Senate Amendment "A" (S-328) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-367).

The Chair ordered a Division.

Will all those in favor please rise in their places and remain standing until counted.

Will all those opposed please rise in their places and remain standing until counted.

23 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 11 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, to **ADOPT** Senate Amendment "A" (S-328) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-367), **PREVAILED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-367) As Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-328) thereto, **ADOPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Which was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**, As Amended in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Under suspension of the Rules, ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the Tabled and Unassigned matter:

An Act to Impose Term Limits on Presiding Officers of the Legislature

S.P. 167 L.D. 559
(C "A" S-141)

Tabled - May 27, 1993, by Senator **ESTY** of Cumberland.

Pending - **ENACTMENT**

(In Senate, May 17, 1993, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-141)**.)

(In House, May 26, 1993, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Pearson.

Senator **PEARSON:** Thank you Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would ask for a Division because I do not favor this piece of legislation. I think it is absolutely ridiculous and I feel very strongly about that. I know people on the other side feel just as strongly that I am ridiculous but I would like a Division.

Senator **PEARSON** of Penobscot requested a Division.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is **ENACTMENT**.

A Division has been requested.

Will all those in favor please rise in their places and remain standing until counted.

Will all those opposed please rise in their places and remain standing until counted.

26 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 8 Senators having voted in the negative, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.