

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Senate voted to Insist and Ask for a Committee of Conference.

The President appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate:

Senators:

BERRY of Cumberland

SEWALL of Penobscot

MINKOWSKY

of Androscoggin

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Communications

State of Maine

House of Representatives

Augusta, Maine 04330

June 21, 1973

Hon. Harry N. Starbuck

Secretary of the Senate

106th Legislature

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Today the House voted to adhere to its action of June 26 whereby it indefinitely postponed Bill "An Act Increasing Tax on Liqueur, Wine and Beer" (H. P. 1246) (L. D. 1623)

Respectfully,

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, CLERK

House of Representatives

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reports as truly and strictly engrossed the following:

Emergency

An Act Relating to Contributions and Expenditures to Influence Direct Initiative or Referendum Legislation. (H. P. 1630) (L. D. 2045)

This being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative votes of 29 members of the Senate was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Orders

Out of order and under suspension of the rules, on motion by Mr. Roberts of York,

WHEREAS, the methods used to approve county budgets are not considered satisfactory in the eyes of many Legislators; and

WHEREAS, procedures for authorization of county salaries are likewise in need of review if the Legislature is to fulfill its proper role; and

WHEREAS, there is mounting evidence that Maine county government is in need of revising and modernization in these and other areas to make it more adequate and responsive to modern life and conditions; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee is authorized and directed to study the entire spectrum of county government to determine what changes, if any, should be made to allow counties to become more responsive to contemporary needs; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Committee report the results of its study along with any necessary legislation to the next special or regular session of the Legislature. (S. P. 696)

Which was Read.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, placed on the Special Legislative Research Table.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the seventh unassigned matter:

Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws." (S. P. 678) (L. D. 2044)

Tabled — June 26, 1973 by Senator Tanous of Penobscot.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-256)

Senate Amendment "B" (S-258)

Senate Amendment "C" (S-261)

Senate Amendment "D" (S-262)

Senate Amendment "F" (S-267)

Mr. Tanous of Penobscot then presented Senate Amendment "G" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "G" was Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. President, the purpose of this amendment is to give an easement to the Portland Water District to install and maintain an underground electrical

cable at the Baxter School on Mackworth Island.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to adopt Senate Amendment "G"?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, retabled, pending Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Sewall of Penobscot, recessed, pending the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the eighth unassigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Exempting 'Trade-in' Property from the Stock in Trade Tax." (H. P. 679) (L. D. 886)

Tabled — June 26, 1973 by Senator Fortier of Oxford.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Fortier of Oxford, the Bill was Passed to be Engrossed.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, sent forthwith to the Engrossing Department.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the ninth unassigned matter:

Joint Order — Relative to Legislative Research Study of the Maine Milk Commission. (H. P. 1641)

Tabled — June 27, 1973 by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

Pending — Motion of Senator Berry of Cumberland to reconsider action whereby Senate receded and concurred.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. President, I would request that the Secretary read the legislative action on this item.

The SECRETARY: This order was passed in the House on June 22, 1973; indefinitely postponed in the Senate on June 26, 1973; the

House insisted on June 26, 1973; the Senate receded and concurred on June 27, 1973. Senator Berry moved reconsideration, and the matter was tabled pending Senator Berry's motion to reconsider.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry, that the Senate reconsider its action whereby the Senate receded and concurred with the House.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers.

Mr. SPEERS: Mr. President, could I ask the Secretary to read the last action taken by the House again please?

The PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read the action of the House.

The SECRETARY: On June 27, 1973 in the Senate Chamber, on motion of Senator Cox, the Senate receded and concurred with the House, Subsequently, Senator Berry moved reconsideration whereby the Senate had receded and concurred with the House, and then moved that the matter be tabled, pending his motion to reconsider whereby the Senate receded and concurred with the House.

The PRESIDENT: The Joint Order was passed in the House.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Cyr.

Mr. CYR: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I think this is one of those matters in the closing hours that has more lives than a cat. I moved indefinite postponement on this order before because I did not believe it was necessary. I still do not believe it is necessary. I think we are just wasting time, and we will be wasting time and state money in trying to send this to Legislative Research.

The gentleman that put this order in is asking all kinds of questions in this order on different areas that should be investigated. If he took half an hour of his time and walked down to the Milk Commission, he could get all of these answers here in just a few minutes. On Page 2, for instance, of the order it says "Whether the tax of producer and dealer which is