

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No published version of this amendment has been located. However, the text of the amendment can be found in the Legislative Record, as follows:

You will find in reading the resolve the language appears to be somewhat complicated. I believe the language is clear and understandable if one wishes to go to the effort of giving it careful thought, and I also believe it cannot be simplified. This language in this resolve was given ten days of very intensive thought by what I consider some of the best leading minds in the State and I believe accomplishes the purposes for which it was intended.

The Senate will remember there has been and still is before the legislature another resolve proposing to increase the debt limit on municipalities to ten percent, providing 5% on top of what is now permitted, to be used for school purposes. I'd like to suggest to the Senate that there is no way you can support municipal indebtedness except by establishment of some different legal entity than the municipality itself. In the case of my own city and the serious position we found ourselves in a number of years ago, concerning which I spoke to you, was partly because of indebtedness incurred in schools, and we are told that it isn't known, and I don't think anyone knows what is still owed for that part of the indebtedness incurred in those schools. We cannot distinguish the indebtedness from any other indebtedness which the municipality has.

Personally, I think the limitations in this resolve are about right. There are more people who have told me that they are too high than there are who say they are too low. I have had a number of people approach me, taking the opposite view. In any case, if the purpose is one which meets the approval of the Senate, I think we should discuss whether the limitations are as they should be. I believe the action is pending assignment for second reading.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland, under suspension of the rules, the resolve was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report "Ought to Pass" from the Committee on Pensions on a consolidated resolve under the title of Resolve

Providing Pensions for Soldiers and Sailors and Dependents and Other Needy Persons (S. P. 511) tabled by that Senator on April 11 pending consideration of the report.

Thereupon, the "Ought to Pass" report of the committee was adopted.

Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment A to S. P. 511. Resolve Providing Pensions for Soldiers and Sailors and Dependents and Other Needy Persons. Amend said resolve by deleting therefrom the following: 'Elsone E. Harford, Chelsea, \$25 per month for a period of 2 years'."

Which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Blanchard of Aroostook presented Senate Amendment B and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment B to S. P. 511. Amend said resolve so that the 3rd line from the end shall read as follows: 'Alfred Wik, Stockholm, \$20 per month. (Conservator recommended).'"

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as so amended was laid upon the table for printing under the joint rules.

On motion by Mr. Cross of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act to Provide for Issuance of State Highway Bonds, (S. P. 467) (L. D. 1309) tabled by that Senator on March 25 pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report "Ought Not to Pass" from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on bill, An Act Relating to Certain Fees of State Police Officers (S. P. 295) (L. D. 798) tabled by that Senator on April 17 pending consideration of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Salaries and Fees, and sent forthwith to the House.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table, bill, An Act Relating to Fees of Sheriffs and Their Deputies (H. P. 1207) (L. D. 853) tabled by that Senator earlier in