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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

*One Hundred and Fourth
Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1969

KENNEBEC JOURNAL
AUGUSTA, MAINE

SENATE

Thursday, January 30, 1969

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Malcolm Galbraith of Hallowell.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

Out of order and under suspension of the rules: On motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox,

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn, they adjourn to Tuesday, February 4, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 157)

Which was Read and Passed.

Sent down forthwith for concurrence.

House Papers

Bills and Resolves today received from the House requiring reference to committees were acted upon in concurrence.

Communication

University of Maine
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December 30, 1968

To the Honorable Members of the Senate and House of Representatives

104th Maine Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine 04330
Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to transmit herewith A Study of Property Tax Administration in the State of Maine as prepared by Paul C. Dunham and the staff of the Bureau of Public Administration pursuant to a Joint Order of the 102nd Maine Legislature which read in part:

"... the Bureau of Public Administration, is directed to make a review of the administration of the property tax in this State, including administration at both state and local levels, and the relationship between the State Bureau of Taxation and local assessing officers; and to report to the Legislature the results of such review, together with recommendations for improvement in the administration of such taxes and for amendments and additions to

existing statutes intended to facilitate such improvement in administration. . ."

The report as transmitted provides the requested review and recommendations for improved administration including appropriate statutory changes. In addition, implementing legislation will be filed with the Director of Legislative Research to enable the 104th Legislature to consider enactment of these recommendations.

The opportunity to be of service to the State of Maine through the preparation of this report is appreciated. We stand ready to provide such additional information or assistance as may be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,
DANA R. BAGGETT
Bureau Director

(S. P. 158)

Which was Read and Ordered Placed on File.

Sent down for concurrence.

At this point, there being no objection, the President appointed the following members of the Senate to the Committee of Inquiry to study Administration of Indian Affairs, as created by Joint Order S. P. 95.

Senators:

REED of Sagadahoc
KATZ of Kennebec

Senate Papers

Mr. Violette of Aroostook presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Retirement of Justices of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts and Judges of the District Court." (S. P. 155) (L. D. 532)

On motion by Mr. Mills of Franklin; tabled and tomorrow assigned pending Reference.

Labor

Mr. Beliveau of Oxford presented Bill, "An Act Providing Notice of Severance Pay by Employers." (S. P. 156) (L. D. 474)

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Committee Reports
House**

Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act to Provide

a Uniform Fiscal Year for Municipalities." (H. P. 98) (L. D. 106)

Reported that the same be granted leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House Report Read and Accepted.

Which Report was Read and Accepted in concurrence.

Leave to Withdraw as Covered by Other Legislation

The Committee on State Government on Resolve, Relating to Conveying the Attorney General of Interest of the State in Certain Lands in Cumberland County. (H. P. 11) (L. D. 11)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw as covered by other legislation.

Comes from the House Report Read and Accepted.

Which Report was Read and Accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Changing Name of Western M Art Group to Western Maine Art Group." (H. P. 38) (L. D. 39) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House Report Read and Accepted, and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Southern Maine Comprehensive Health Association, Inc." (H. P. 40) (L. D. 41) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House Report Read and Accepted and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

Which Reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence, the Bills Read Once and tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

Senate

Ought to Pass

Mr. Logan for the Committee on Claims on Resolve, to Reimburse Charles A. Holden of Portland as Agent of Conservator of Casco Mercantile Trust Company. (S. P. 38) (L. D. 121) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Mr. Boisvert for the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act Increasing Borrowing Capacity of Ashland Water and Sewer

District." (S. P. 31) (L. D. 89) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Mr. Wyman for the Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Motor Vehicles Excise Tax Credits." (S. P. 46) (L. D. 149) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Mr. Martin for the Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Sales and Use Tax on Property Registered for Use in Maine." (S. P. 47) (L. D. 150) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which Reports were Read and Accepted, the Bills and Resolve Read Once and tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

Ought to Pass—As Amended

Mr. Mills for the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Notice of Suspension or Revocation of Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses." (S. P. 57) (L. D. 165) Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which Report was Read and Accepted and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A", Filing No. S-6, was Read and Adopted, and the Bill, as Amended, tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

Second Readers

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

House

Bill, "An Act Relating to Overtime Payments to Employees of Augusta State Hospital, Bangor State Hospital, Pineland Hospital and Training Center and Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf." (Emergency) (H. P. 203) (L. D. 227)

Bill, "An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by School Administrative District No. 54." (Emergency) (H. P. 58) (L. D. 60)

Resolve, Designating a Certain Highway in York County as Harold L. Dow Highway. (H. P. 33) (L. D. 34)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Enforcement of Real Estate Taxes

in Unorganized Territory.” (H. P. 103) (L. D. 111)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Poll Tax Agents of the State Tax Assessor.” (H. P. 104) (L. D. 112)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Confiscated Cigarettes.” (H. P. 106) (L. D. 114)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Poll Taxes Paid to Prentiss Plantation.” (H. P. 78) (L. D. 78)

Which were Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

House - As Amended

Bill, “An Act Relating to Taxation of Railroad Located Right-of-Way.” (H. P. 107) (L. D. 115)

Which was Read a Second Time and Passed to Be Engrossed, as Amended, in concurrence.

Senate

Resolve, Authorizing Attorney General to Convey Interest of the State in Certain Lands in Cumberland County. (Emergency) (S. P. 25) (L. D. 53)

Bill, “An Act relating to Application for Registration of Motor Vehicle by Minor Under 15 Years of Age.” (S. P. 49) (L. D. 152)

Which were Read a Second Time and Passed to be Engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the first tabled and specially assigned matter, House Reports — from the Committee on State Government on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Convening of the Legislature at Such Times as the Legislature Deems Necessary (H. P. 21) (L. D. 24). Majority Report, Ought to Pass; Minority Report, Ought Not to Pass.

Tabled January 28, 1969 by Senator Hoffses of Knox, pending Motion by Senator Wyman of Washington to Accept the Majority Ought to Pass Report.

On motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox, retabled, pending the Motion by Senator Wyman of Washington to Accept the Majority Ought to Pass Report.

The President laid before the Senate the second tabled and specially assigned matter, Bill, “An Act Appropriating Moneys for Vocational and Technical Institute in Waterville” (S. P. 83) (L. D. 280).

Tabled January 29, 1969 by Senator Katz of Kennebec, pending Consideration.

On motion by Mr. Katz of Kennebec, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the third tabled and specially assigned matter, Bill, “An Act Increasing Number of Justices of the Superior Court” (S. P. 138) (L. D. 473)

Tabled January 29, 1969 by Senator Mills of Franklin, pending Reference.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Franklin, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

(Senate at Ease)

Called to order by the President.

Out of order and under suspension of the rules, the President laid before the Senate the following paper from the House:

Enactors

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

Emergency Measure

Bill, “An Act Providing for a Council-Manager Form of Government for the Town of Millinocket.” (H. P. 65) (L. D. 84)

This Bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 27 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.

(Off Record Remarks)

The Adjournment Order having been returned from the House, Read and Passed in concurrence, on motion by Mr. Hoffses of Knox, adjourned until Tuesday, February 4, at 10 o'clock in the morning.