

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

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Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Wednesday, February 5, 1975

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Robert Roche of North Vassalboro.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Joint Order: (S. P. 152)

Ordered, the House concurring, that there be paid to Ernest J. Goslin, Representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians and to Joseph A. Nicholas, Representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, from the legislative appropriation the sum of \$400 per month, paid on a monthly basis until the amount authorized for such Representatives by statute is exhausted.

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Joint Order was read and passed in concurrence.

Bills from the Senate requiring reference were disposed of in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time would appoint the delegation to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mills in Eastport this afternoon to represent the members of the House: CONNERS of Franklin, SILVERMAN of Calais, WALKER of Island Falls, CHURCHILL of Orland, DOW of West Gardiner, Mrs. KELLEY of Machias, BINNETTE of Old Town, HENNESSEY of West Bath. They will be accompanied by the Executive Councillor from the Washington-Aroostook County District, Mr. Nathan Cohen.

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bill was received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, was referred to the following Committee:

Education

Bill "An Act to Correct Deficiencies in the School Funding Law" (Emergency) (H. P. 472) (Presented by Mr. Rolde of York) (Cosponsor: Mr. Palmer of Nobleboro)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Ingegneri of Bangor presented the following Joint Resolution and moved its adoption: (H. P. 458) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills)

Joint Resolution Memorializing The Congress of The United States to Oppose The Proposed Limitation on Cost of Living Increases in Federal Income Maintenance Programs

WE, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Seventh Legislature, now assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

WHEREAS, Social Security, SSI, and Federal Retirement Benefits are currently increased automatically as the Consumer Price Index rises; and

WHEREAS, this system has allowed retirees and other persons who live on fixed incomes to cope with the staggering ratio of inflation; and

WHEREAS, President Ford has proposed placing a ceiling of 5% on annual

cost-of-living increases in Social Security, Railroad Retirement, Supplemental Security Income and Civil Service and Military Retirement programs; and

WHEREAS, such a limitation is only slightly more than 1/3 of last year's annual rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS, more than 150,000 Maine citizens depend wholly or in part on these programs for their income; and

WHEREAS, it is wrong to allow inflation to ravage the small means of persons who because of age or infirmity are less able to fend for themselves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to retain full cost-of-living increases to Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Railroad Retirement and Civil Service and Military Retirement recipients, and to oppose efforts to place a ceiling on cost-of-living increases to these recipients; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States, to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress and to the Members of the United States Congress from the State of Maine.

The Joint Resolution was read and adopted and sent up for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Dow from the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to Fencing of Strawberry Fields Damaged by Deer" (H. P. 112) (L. D. 144).

In accordance with Joint Rule 17-A, was placed in the legislative files.

Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Churchill from the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Motorboats on Simpson's Pond" (H. P. 115) (L. D. 143) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Consent Calendar Second Day

In accordance with House Rule 49-A, the following items appear on the Consent Calendar for the Second Day:

(H. P. 131) (L. D. 161) Bill "An Act to Clarify Provisions in the Motor Fuel Tax Law."

(H. P. 124) (L. D. 160) Bill "An Act Relating to Use Fuel Tax Audits"

(H. P. 162) (L. D. 205) Bill "An Act to Increase the Penalty for Premeditated Animal Fights"

No objections having been noted at the end of the Second Legislative Day, House Papers were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Resolve, to Reimburse Ernest F. Murphy of Old Orchard for a Claim Concerning a Tax Refund for Retail Gasoline Shrinkage (H. P. 68) (L. D. 80)

Bill "An Act Allowing the Department of Military, Civil Emergency Preparedness and Veterans Services to Pay a Lump Sum Final Settlement in Accordance with the Workmen's Compensation Act" (Emergency) (H. P. 127) (L. D. 141)

Resolve, to Reimburse Paul R. Nyberg of Mechanic Falls for Motor Vehicle

Damage Caused by State Ward (H. P. 45) (L. D. 57)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, read the second time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act to Clarify the Authorized Indebtedness of the Ellsworth School District (H. P. 81) (L. D. 103)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary a total was taken. 129 having voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act Relating to Deer Doing Damage to Blueberry Lands (H. P. 39) (L. D. 50)

An Act Authorizing Facsimile Signature of State Tax Assessor (H. P. 132) (L. D. 149)

Finally Passed

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Dennysville for Welfare Expenditures (H. P. 120) (L. D. 145)

Resolve, to Reimburse William Rich of Buckfield for Loss of Beehives by Bear (H. P. 65) (L. D. 77)

Resolve, to Reimburse Mrs. Betty Mills of Portland for Damage to Property caused by Escapee from the Boys Training Center (H. P. 29) (L. D. 37)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, Bills passed to be enacted, Resolves finally passed, all signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

The Chair laid before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter:

House Divided Report — Majority (1) "Ought Not to Pass" — Minority (2) "Ought to Pass" — Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Establishing a Seal for Official Use of the Legislature" (H. P. 58) (L. D. 70)

Tabled — January 30, by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Cooney of Sabattus to accept Majority Report.

On motion of Mr. Rolde of York, retabled pending the motion of Mr. Cooney of Sabattus to accept the Majority Report and tomorrow assigned.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Rolde of York, Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.