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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1976

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AUGUSTA, MAINE

SENATE

Tuesday, February 17, 1976

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Timothy Morrison, High Street Congregational Church, Auburn:

Let us pray. O God, our Heavenly Father, who has taught us in your holy word that governments who will not serve you shall perish, we acknowledge our dependence upon you for life and all its blessings. We pray for the people of this state, that while we enjoy the many tokens of your favor, we would seek also pardon for our many sins and failures. Grant, O Lord, that we may show our thankfulness by a sincere obedience to your holy laws, and may we the people always be mindful of your presence as a holy safeguard against wrong.

Especially this day we pray for the members of the Senate of the State of Maine. May your spirit be present to direct and prosper all the consultations of the Senators. May they work for your glory and for the safety, honor and welfare of the people. Guide them in their legislating, that their endeavors may be settled upon the surest and best foundations, that through them generations now and to come may know peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and pity. There is indeed a grave and responsible work, O God. May they know the strength and peace of your presence within them this day and in the days to come, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Journal of Friday, February 13, 1976.

House Papers

Bills today received from the House requiring Reference to Committees were acted upon in concurrence.

Study Report — Election Laws

The Committee on Election Laws to which was referred the study relative to the election laws as provided in Title 21 of the Maine Revised Statutes and related Titles pursuant to House Paper 1646 of the 107th Legislature, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to submit its Minority findings and to report that the accompanying Bill, "An Act Relating to the Registration of Voters" (H. P. 2039) (L. D. 2212) be referred to this Committee for public hearing and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 3.

Comes from the House, the report Read and Accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Election Laws.

Which report was Read and Accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Election Laws, in concurrence.

Senate Papers
Judiciary

Mr. Collins of Knox (Cosponsor: Mr. Clifford of Androscoggin) presented, Bill, "An Act to Revise the Maine Criminal Code as Recommended by the Criminal Law Revision Commission." (S. P. 697) (L. D. 2217)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Roberts of York,
STATE OF MAINE

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-six.

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of Scott M. Emery of Windsor Boy Scout Troop 609 Upon His Attainment of the Rank of Eagle Scout

We the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine. (S. P. 694)

Which was Read and Passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Pray of Penobscot,
STATE OF MAINE

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-six

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of the Minutemen of Stearns High School in Millinocket Little Ten Football Conference Champions for the Academic Year 1975

We the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine. (S. P. 695)

Which was Read and Passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Pray of Penobscot,
STATE OF MAINE

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-six

WHEREAS, The Legislature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of the Minutemen of Stearns High School in Millinocket State Class C Football Co-champions

We the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgement be extended; and further

Order and direct, while duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the Legislature and the people of the State of Maine. (S. P. 696)

Which was Read and Passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Committee Reports
House

Ought to Pass — As Amended

The Committee on Public Utilities on, Bill, "An Act to Establish Assessments upon Certain Public Utilities and to Authorize Use of the Funds Generated by those Assessments to Pay Certain Expenses of the Public Utilities Commission." (H. P. 1910) (L. D. 2097)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as

Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-893).

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted in concurrence and the Bill, as Amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Natural Resources on, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Maine Forestry District Fire Protection Fund." (H. P. 1853) (L. D. 2022)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

TROTZKY of Penobscot

Representatives:

PETERSON of Windham

CURRAN of Bangor

McBREAIRTY of Perham

AULT of Wayne

HUTCHINGS of Lincolnville

BLODGETT of Waldoboro

WILFONG of Stow

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Senators:

WYMAN of Washington

O'LEARY of Oxford

Representatives:

HALL of Sangerville

DOAK of Rangeley

CHURCHILL of Orland

Comes from the House, the Majority report Read and Accepted.

Which reports were Read.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Acceptance of Either Committee Report.

Second Readers

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

House

Bill, "An Act Concerning Municipal Appropriations to Incorporated Volunteer Fire Departments." (H. P. 1906) (L. D. 2093)

Bill, "An Act Extending the Legislative Lifetime and Reporting Deadlines of the Commission on Maine's Future, and Allowing for Expenditures of Previously Appropriated Funds Throughout the Revised Lifetime of the Commission." (H. P. 1916) (L. D. 2104)

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

House — As Amended

Bill, "An Act to Clarify Provisions Relating to the Town of York School District." (H. P. 1832) (L. D. 1997)

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

Senate

Bill, "An Act Authorizing the Legislative Council to Accept Grants from Public and Private Agencies." (S. P. 672) (L. D. 2143)

Which was Read a Second Time.

(On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled and Tomorrow Assigned, pending Passage to be Engrossed.)

Senate — As Amended

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Real Estate Disclosure Law." (S. P. 658) (L. D. 2083)

Which was Read a Second Time.

(On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled and Specially Assigned for February 19, 1976, pending Passage to be Engrossed.)

Enactors

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

Emergencies

An Act Concerning the County Commissioner Districts in Penobscot, Kennebec, Lincoln, Franklin and Knox Counties. (H. P. 2011) (L. D. 2186)

An Act to Clarify Provisions for County Jail and District Court Facilities in the County of Hancock. (H. P. 1819) (L. D. 1977)

These being emergency measures and having received the affirmative votes of 26 members of the Senate, were Passed to be Enacted, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion by Mrs. Cummings of Penobscot,
Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.