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KENNEBEC JOURNAL
AUGUSTA, MAINE

SENATE

Thursday, January 11, 1968

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Reverend Kenneth Brookes of Augusta.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

Communications**STATE OF MAINE**House of Representatives
Office of the Clerk

January 9, 1968

Hon. Jerrold B. Speers
Secretary of the Senate
Sir:

The Speaker today appointed Mr. Richard A. Morrell of Brunswick to the Joint Standing Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles R. Lowery.

He has also appointed Mrs. Mary W. Payson of Falmouth to the Joint Standing Committee on Industrial and Recreational Development to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Herbert Payson, Jr.

Respectfully,

BERTHA W. JOHNSON
Clerk of the House

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

STATE OF MAINE
Committee On Coordination
of Higher Education

December 18, 1967

To the Honorable Members
Of the House of Representatives
and Senate of the
103rd Legislature
Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have the honor to present the report of the Committee on Coordination of Higher Education. The legislation we recommend is herewith attached.

Our charge was to bring forward a recommendation for the coordination of public higher education in Maine. We began our deliberations with the one presupposition upon which all the members of the Committee could at the outset agree: Namely, that the status quo is unacceptable if we are to envision a growing,

improving steadily strengthening system of public higher education in Maine. In some twenty weeks of study and discussion in committee, we have gradually reached other areas of agreement, and we now present this recommendation unanimously. It is our conviction that the recommendation is educationally sound, administratively efficient, politically realistic, and financially less expensive in the long run than comparable strengthening of the same institutions under the present system. We are under no illusion, however, that improvement of public higher education to the degree that is called for, in whatever way it is effected, can be inexpensive.

In the course of our deliberations we have weighed every alternative we could think of and have explored every implication that came to our attention. A number of individuals have joined us at our invitation for various parts of our discussions, and we wish to record our gratitude to them; the Commissioner of Education, the President of the University of Maine, the Presidents of the State Colleges, faculty members from the University (Orono and Portland) and the State Colleges, trustees of the University, and Mr. Jon Doyle of the Attorney General's office.

The recommendation involves at this time only the University (including its branches) and the State Colleges. It will be noted that it does not involve the Maine Maritime Academy or the Vocational-Technical Institutes. We would prefer to have these omissions thought of as a postponement rather than an exclusion. If and when the structure we do recommend comes into effect and has had time to become smoothly operating (at least, as smoothly as vast human enterprises ever can operate), we would hope for further legislation to bring about the inclusion of the Maine Maritime Academy and the Vocational-Technical Institutes in the University of Maine system.

It has been an honor as well as a pleasure to serve the State in this way.

Respectfully submitted,
JON LUND, Chairman

CHARLES F. BRAGG, II
DR. LAWRENCE M. CUTLER
DR. MARGARET DICKIE
DEANE A. DURGIN
JAMES H. PAGE
PERCY G. PORTER
ROBERT E. L. STRIDER
SIDNEY W. WERNICK

(S. P. 800)

Which was Read and Ordered
Placed on File.

Sent down for concurrence.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Cope for the Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act Authorizing the Issuance of Additional Notes in Anticipation of State Aid by School Administrative District No. 46." (S. P. 749) (L. D. 1807)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Mr. MacLeod for the Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 40 and to Validate Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds or Notes Thereof." (S. P. 757) (L. D. 1814)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which reports were Read and Accepted, the bills Read Once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. MacLeod for the Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act Relating to Loans for Maine Students in Higher Education." (S. P. 779) (L. D. 1851)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which report was Read and Accepted, the bill Read Once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Mr. KATZ of Kennebec: Mr. President, this is one of eleven bills that the Education Committee has on the docket today. I would like to speak briefly on two of them. First, I would like to move that the bill be given its second reading and passed to be engrossed to be forthwith sent to the House.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz,

moves that the rules be suspended and that this bill be given its second reading by title only at this time.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson.

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I certainly appreciate the efforts of the gentleman from Kennebec to push these bills along, but it would seem to me that they are all emergency bills and I think they all should be considered in the same manner.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz.

Mr. KATZ of Kennebec: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: We have set up a rather split second time schedule on this particular bill. Telegrams have been sent out to have a special meeting of the State Board of Education on Tuesday. A gentleman is flying in from Indianapolis to sign a contract with the State on Tuesday, and I would suggest that there is a special element of emergency to this. Before we reach that point, might I explain just what we have done, Mr. President?

We have all been getting a very, very substantial load of mail on the question of student loans. It is the intent of this bill, upon its enactment, to permit the State Department of Education immediately to sign a contract with the United Service Student Aid Fund in Indianapolis, which is already in business and functioning, and it is our intent that State funds be available immediately upon the enactment and the signing of the contract, and I hope that the Senate will go along in this one instance.

The PRESIDENT: The pending motion is the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Katz, that the rules be suspended and that the bill be given its second reading at this time.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson.

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President, I move that when the vote is taken it be taken by a division.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson,

moves that when the vote is taken it be by a division.

As many as are in favor of suspending the rules and allowing the bill to be given its second reading at this time will stand and remain standing until counted.

A division was had. 12 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and 18 Senators having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Katz for the Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act to Validate Proceedings Taken in School Administrative District No. 63." (S. P. 768) (L. D. 1825)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which report was Read and Accepted, the bill Read Once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Good for the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Maine Junior Chamber of Commerce." (S. P. 761) (L. D. 1818)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Mrs. Sproul for the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act to Change Date of Caucus Election of City of Biddeford." (S. P. 767) (L. D. 1824)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Mr. Stern for the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act

Removing Limit on Assets Held by Portland Society of Art." (S. P. 751) (L. D. 1809)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which reports were Read and Accepted, the bills Read Once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Beckett for the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Restaurant under the Liquor Laws." (S. P. 765) (L. D. 1822)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which report was Read and Accepted, the bill Read Once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Curtis for the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill, "An Act Relating to Survivor Benefit Payments to Children Under State Retirement Law." (S. P. 760) (L. D. 1817)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which report was Read and Accepted, the bill Read Once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Ross of Piscataquis,

Adjourned until one o'clock tomorrow afternoon.