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"LEGISLATIVE ACTION SHOULD BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY," NOTED STATE SENATOR TED CURTIS, R-ORONO, CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, AS HE RELEASED A THIRTEEN PAGE REPORT ON ALL BILLS CONSIDERED BY THAT COMMITTEE DURING THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 107th MAINE LEGISLATURE. CURTIS, SAID THAT, "THE MOST FAR-REACHING ACTION OF THE COMMITTEE INVOLVED FIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ACCEPTED BY THE FULL LEGISLATURE AND WILL BE VOTED UPON BY THE PEOPLE ON NOVEMBER 4th."

IN ADDITION TO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, THE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH GIVING "INITIAL CONSIDERATION TO THOSE BILLS AFFECTING THE ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION AND POLICIES OF STATE GOVERNMENT," ACCORDING TO A COVER LETTER SIGNED BY CURTIS AND REPRESENTATIVE LEIGHTON COONEY, D-SABATTUS, HOUSE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE CONSIDERED 193 PIECES OF LEGISLATION, MORE THAN ANY OTHER COMMITTEE, "FROM ABOLITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE DESIGNATION OF AN OFFICIAL STATE INSECT AND FROM REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT FOR A TELEPHONE POLE ON STATE LAND," ACCORDING TO CURTIS.

THE ORONO SENATOR POINTED OUT THAT, "HUNDREDS OF MAINE CITIZENS TESTIFIED BEFORE OUR COMMITTEE AND WE ARE OBLIGATED AND PLEASED TO EXPLAIN REASONS TO THE PUBLIC WHY EACH BILL RECEIVED FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE TREATMENT AT THE HANDS OF THE COMMITTEE."

CURTIS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE COMMITTEE'S ASSISTANT, EDWARD O'MEARA OF WATERVILLE, WHO COMPILED THE INFORMATION FOR THE REPORT.

COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE AVAILABLE BY WRITING TO SENATOR CURTIS IN ORONO OR THE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, STATE HOUSE, AUGUSTA, MAINE.

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THE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

REPORT ON LEGISLATION CONSIDERED DURING THE
REGULAR SESSION OF THE 107th MAINE LEGISLATURE

THEODORE S. CURTIS, JR.
Senate Chairman

LEIGHTON COONEY
House Chairman

August 18, 1975

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

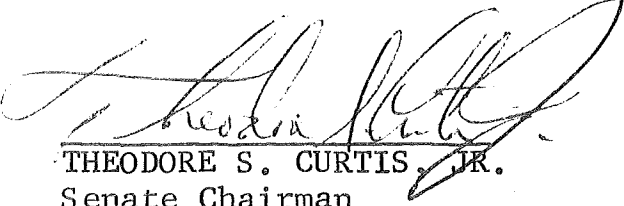
COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

The Committee on State Government considered 193 pieces of legislation during the Regular Session of the 107th Maine Legislature. The volume of bills assigned to the committee necessitated as many as three afternoons of public hearings per week plus countless hours in working sessions. Committee members shared diverse political perspectives but the fact that only a small percentage of the committee's reports were divided underscores the point that the 13 legislators worked well together. Adding an interesting atmosphere to the committee's work was the unique political situation of having a Democratic House, a Republican Senate and an Independent Governor.

The role of the committee is to give initial consideration to those bills affecting the organization, administration and policies of state government. As in years past, the legislation placed before the committee was varied in both subject matter and importance. Bills ran the gamut from abolition of the Executive Council to the designation of an official state insect and from reorganization of the Department of Commerce and Industry to the granting of an easement for a telephone pole.

This report has been prepared at the direction of the Committee Chairmen who are responsible for its content. Part I of the report is a brief overview of the committee's work during the session while Part II is a categorical listing of all legislation assigned to the committee and the final disposition thereof. Since many bills enacted into law were substantially changed by new drafts, committee amendments and floor amendments, persons interested in any particular bill are urged to obtain final copies of legislation from the Secretary of State's Office.

Due to its length, limited copies of Part II of the report have been printed. If your report does not have Part II attached and you would like a copy, please contact the Committee on State Government, Room 437, State House, Augusta, Maine 04333 (tel. 289-2626).


 THEODORE S. CURTIS, JR.
 Senate Chairman


 LEIGHTON COONEY
 House Chairman

PART I

Constitutional Amendments

More than one-fifth of the bills considered by the committee were proposed amendments to the Constitution. Committee members gave particular scrutiny to these proposals for two reasons: first, in consideration of the special gravity of changes in our organic law; and second, in consideration of the cost of putting such questions to the people for ratification. The following brief summary of constitutional amendments reflects those considerations.

Seven resolutions concerning the Executive Council were considered by the committee. Five dealt with abolition of the Council and two proposed changes in the method of its selection. The committee quickly dispensed with four of the bills by giving them leave to withdraw or ought not to pass reports. Of the remaining three bills, two called for Council abolition but differed in the transfer of confirmation powers while the third proposal suggested that all legislators in a councilor district be allowed to choose the councilor, rather than only members of the majority party. All three measures were sponsored by committee members.

A majority of the committee favored abolition and there was a general feeling in the State House that this might finally be the year the Council would be eliminated. Despite the overwhelming sentiment for the demise of the Council, the committee members soon realized that their task would not be an easy one. After many long hours of discussion and debate on various alternatives it was evident that a four-way divided report would be forthcoming. The reason for the multiple report was the disagreement among committee members favoring abolition over who should be given the power to confirm major appointments.

The vehicle for the committee's divided report was LD 24. Reports "A" and "B" proposed that confirmations be handled by a "Legislative Confirmation Committee" composed of 10 House members and 5 Senators in the former and 5 from each house in the latter. LD 1, which called for Council abolition and the transfer of confirmation duties to the Senate, was withdrawn by its sponsor and its content became Report "C". Report "D" was an ought not to pass report.

As expected, Report "A" was accepted in the House and Report "C" was accepted in the Senate. Both bodies joined in a committee of conference which recommended that Report "B" be accepted. Again, a non-concurrent situation arose when the House accepted the conference committee report and the Senate rejected it.

A second conference committee was appointed. This group suggested

that major appointments be assigned to appropriate legislative committees which will make recommendations for either confirmation or denial. The committee's recommendation will then be reviewed by the Senate which may override the recommendation only by a two-thirds vote taken by a roll call. In the closing days of the session this report was accepted and the resolution finally passed in both houses. Other provisions of the proposed amendment give the Governor the power to grant pardons by himself, eliminate notaries public as constitutional officers, and prohibit the appointment of legislators to offices requiring legislative confirmation.

The amendment will be sent to the people in November and ratification is expected. The remaining Executive Council bill, which proposed changing the Council selection process, was defeated shortly after the adoption of the second conference committee report.

The passage of the resolution calling for an end to the 155 year old Executive Council was a momentous occasion but the committee's work has really just begun. Over the years the Council acquired numerous duties through statute and tradition which must all be eliminated or transferred to other governmental units. The committee has been directed to study this area and report back to the Special Session of the 107th Legislature with specific proposals for the transition.

A constitutional resolution providing for the determination of a Governor's inability to carry out the functions and duties of his office received the support of the entire committee and was finally passed in both chambers. Although there are already constitutional provisions for the Senate President to become Governor if that office becomes vacant, there have never been any contingencies for temporary mental or physical incapacity. This amendment establishes procedures for the Senate President to become an "acting Governor" if a Governor is certifiably disabled. If a Governor is unable to carry out the powers and duties of his office for more than six months the office may be declared vacant, allowing the Senate President to become Governor.

Two constitutional resolutions affecting the legislative branch will also be considered by the voters in November. The first calls for an end to the multi-member districts for electing State Representatives found in Maine's larger cities and the second establishes annual sessions for the legislature. The annual sessions measure sets up two "regular" legislative sessions during the biennium with the "Second Regular Session" operating under essentially the same constraints now placed on special sessions. The amendment also mandates that the Legislature enact appropriate statutory limitations on the length of both sessions.

A fifth proposal going to the people this fall after getting committee endorsement is a resolution to clarify the entire initiative and referendum process. The measure resulted from a Judiciary Committee study and should clear up many confusing problems identified after recent petition drives.

Two resolutions to reduce the size of the House of Representatives were defeated in that body after receiving mixed support from committee members. The major opposition came from those who feared that a smaller House would provide less representation for the State's rural areas.

A proposal to change the term of office for county sheriffs failed final passage in both houses after receiving a favorable report from the committee. Resolutions suggesting the appointment or election of the Attorney General were given ought not to pass reports as was a proposed amendment providing for the appointment of both the Attorney General and Secretary of State by the Governor. Committee members agreed that the present method of selecting these constitutional officers is far from perfect but they also felt that appointment of these officials would make them too susceptible to the whims of any chief executive while election might make them beholden to special interests.

A resolution asking for reduction of the constitutional debt limitation on legislative authority to insure industrial mortgages was given a favorable report after being redrafted into a simpler statutory change which reduces the ceiling to \$40,000,000. The debt limitation had previously been raised to \$80,000,000 in anticipation of a major shipbuilding contract that subsequently was awarded to a firm in another state.

(A proposal suggesting a constitutional convention for Maine in the bicentennial year was withdrawn by the sponsors because of costs and because of the possibility - ultimately realized - that most of the major constitutional reform proposals would be recommended by individual resolutions under consideration at the time.)

State Departments

Two bills aimed at replacing the defunct Office of Canadian Affairs were consolidated into one successful measure. A Maine-Canadian Exchange Office and advisory Commission will be established in the Executive Department according to provisions of the new law. Also affecting the Executive Department was a bill reassigning the functions of the Department of Commerce and Industry. The committee supported this bill as an emergency measure requested by the Governor. The research functions of the department have been transferred to the State Planning Office and the promotion and economic development functions have been turned over to a new State Development Office, thus bringing the State's promotion and development much closer to the Chief Executive.

A proposal to create a Law Enforcement Education Section within the Criminal Division of the Department of the Attorney General received the wholehearted support of the committee after judicial and law enforcement officials from around the State testified on the necessity of the program. Support was also given to two bills correcting minor Personnel Law problems in that same department.

An act clarifying renewal of Justice of the Peace and Notary Public commissions in accordance with procedures to be established by the Secretary of State received an ought to pass report. The bill was a follow-up measure to a constitutional amendment ratified last November. The Secretary of State was given relief from countless hours of signing documents when the committee sent on its way to enactment a bill authorizing the use of a facsimile signature on many routine papers.

Without a permanent Commissioner since the beginning of the year, the Department of Business Regulation was the target of two unsuccessful proposals. The first bill asked that a bureau chief in the department be allowed to serve concurrently as Commissioner but an unfavorably divided committee report helped to kill the measure. The second bill, which proposed dismantling of the entire department, was given an ought not to pass report.

An important unit within the Department of Business Regulation, the Real Estate Commission, was the subject of two bills which received a great deal of attention from the committee. Both measures proposed a revamping of the commission and its operation but they differed substantially in method. A sub-committee spent many hours combining the best features of each bill and the full committee approved of their effort as did the membership of both houses. The Real Estate Commission will be eliminated and replaced by a board of Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen and a Bureau of Real Estate will be established. This comprehensive reorganization should prove to be much more in tune with the needs of a profession that has seen major changes in recent years.

The committee received four bills dealing with the Department of Conservation, all of which became law. Two bills affect the duties of the Commissioner - one removes him from the Land Use Regulation Commission while the other places him on the Board of Pesticides Control. The third bill clarifies the disputed qualifications for the Executive Director of LURC and the remaining bill facilitates the operation of the recently established Coastal Island Registry program.

The committee did not support a bill to create a full-time Board of Environmental Protection but instead used the legislation to remove the special interest designations of members and raise their per diem to a more reasonable figure of \$40.00. An extensive floor fight was waged in the Senate but, as in the House, the committee's recommendation was adopted.

Units within the Department of Finance and Administration were the subjects of six bills. A pair of bills concerning the boundaries of the capitol complex area and the powers of the Capitol Planning Commission were combined into one successful bill.

Two other bills affecting the organization of the department were recommended by committee studies undertaken in the 106th Legislature. One creates the Bureau of Central Computer Services and the other sets up an Advisory Committee on State Telecommunications. Both bills were given favorable reports but two proposals relating to the State Purchasing Agent were found to be unnecessary and given ought not to pass reports.

The Department of Public Safety received needed attention from the committee as well as from a special task force created by the Governor. One of the most precarious mergers of the recent governmental reorganization, the department appeared to be suffering from a variety of structural problems.

After numerous working sessions and discussions with law enforcement officials and concerned citizens the committee reported a new reorganization which relied heavily on the Governor's task force report and does the following: 1) transfers the Oil Burnermen's and Electrician's Examining Boards to the Department of Business Regulation; 2) changes the make-up of the Board of Trustees of the Criminal Justice Academy and stipulates that all police training in the state must take place there, though different programs may be conducted to meet the needs of various law enforcement groups; 3) designates the the Bureaus of State Police, Liquor Enforcement, and the Office of State Fire Marshall whose unclassified bureau chiefs are apointed by, and responsible to, the Commissioner; 4) guarantees that the Chief of the State Police shall be chosen from within the ranks of the commissioned officers; and 5) continues to permit the Governor to either appoint the Chief of the State Police to serve concurrently as Commissioner or to appoint a separate Commissioner.

Three departments and two bureaus received the following name changes with the support of the committee:

Department of Health and Welfare to Department of Human Services
Bureau of Human Services to Bureau of Resource Development

Department of Inland Fisheries and Game to Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bureau of Labor and Industry to Bureau of Labor (Manpower Affairs)

Department of Military, Civil Emergency Preparedness, and Veterans Services to Department of Defense and Veterans Services

The Department of Health and Welfare changes were requested by the Governor while the Bureau of Labor and Industry change became law over the objections of the Governor.

Legislature

Four bills relating to the Legislature were placed before the committee. The majority ought not to pass report was accepted on a bill that would have established an official seal for legislative use while a measure guaranteeing employment security for legislators was indefinitely postponed after an opinion from the Attorney General's office stated that the proposal was unconstitutional. A bill providing full-time administrators for the House and Senate was redrafted and given an ought to pass report.

The fourth bill proposed the establishment of rules for legislative investigating committees. Although committee members agreed that guidelines for investigating committees were necessary, they felt that the bill before them needed more work than could be given in the waning days of the session. Therefore a study order on the subject was introduced and the bill was given a leave to withdraw report. However, after leaving the committee, the bill was substituted for the report, amended substantially, and enacted in both houses. The committee will still study this matter between sessions.

Judiciary

A bill asking that the Judicial Council be required to report to the Legislature was used to clarify the content and future publication and distribution of the Maine State Government Annual Report. The committee's extensive revision provides for voluntary participation in the report by the Judiciary, the University of Maine and the Maine Maritime Academy. This bill became law along with measures that guarantee compensation for district court bailiffs and provide for a Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court.

Quasi-independent Agencies

In the area of quasi-independent state agencies, bills consolidating the Maine Guarantee Authority statutes and providing compensation for public members of the Maine Municipal Bond Bank received undivided support but the bulk of the committee's time was spent on bills concerning the Maine Housing Authority.

The area of operation of the Maine Housing Authority is inherently complex and the committee met frequently with the MHA Director and

members of his staff to discuss various pieces of legislation. Eight bills of concern to the MHA were considered by the committee and five were enacted into law.

The phase out of urban renewal programs and the emphasis on housing under the federal "Community Development Act" were the reasons for a bill to allow housing authority commissioners to serve concurrently as renewal authority commissioners in cities of over 20,000 people. That bill received an ought to pass report as did a measure placing tenants on state and local housing authorities. The other three successful bills were considered priorities by MHA officials.

The first of these three proposals to be enacted was a bill raising the authority's bonded debt limitation on mortgage purchases from \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000. The committee's compromise majority report calling for a maximum limit \$150,000,000 was accepted.

The second major bill called for the creation of a construction loan program and made technical changes in the Maine Housing Authorities Act. This bill was unsuccessfully vetoed by the Governor after having been enacted in both houses following a unanimous endorsement from the committee.

The committee was again divided on the third priority item, a bill to create a loans-to-lenders program, but the majority ought to pass report prevailed.

Boards and Commissions

An act regulating the travel expenses of members of boards and commissions received unqualified support and was enacted as an emergency measure. The bill was in response to a recent controversy involving transatlantic commuting by a board member and allows the payment of travel expenses only from the in-state residence of a member to meetings or other places on official business.

A bill changing the procedures of the Municipal Valuation Appeals Board by placing the burden of proof on the state was given an ought to pass as amended report. However, the bill was indefinitely postponed on the third floor because a similar proposal from another committee had already been acted upon.

A bill calling for the election of the Public Utilities Commission received virtually no support from the committee and the majority ought not to pass report was accepted on a bill to increase PUC membership from three to five.

(Personnel Laws)

Twenty bills affecting the operations and policies of the State Personnel Board and Department of Personnel were considered by the committee. Seven of the bills were the result of a study by the State Government Committee of the 106th Legislature entitled "The Necessary Evolution of the State Personnel System.

Receiving committee support in new draft was a bill recommended by the study to reorganize the State Personnel Board. Another reorganization bill, supported by the Governor, was given an ought not to pass report as were two bills relating to employees' accrued leave.

A bill providing that state employees who serve in an acting capacity for more than sixty days receive commensurate compensation was supported by the entire committee. The bill was enacted in both houses but a gubernatorial veto was sustained in the Senate.

Other study bills enacted into law dealt with restricting veterans' preference, establishing affirmative action standards, removing disparate compensation and benefits, and prohibiting nepotism in state hiring and promotion.

Two bills relating to state employees and political activity received committee endorsement. One bill brings state guidelines into conformity with the federal "Hatch Act" while the second bill was rewritten to allow state employees to take part in non-partisan activities on the local level.

A measure promoting orientation of state employees was supported by the committee but indefinitely postponed in floor action and a bill creating a state employees suggestion awards board was given an ought not to pass report because members felt the plan could be implemented without legislation.

Professional and Occupational Licensing Boards

Professional and occupational licensing boards received much attention from the committee because of a bill concerning the appointment of public members to those groups. Every board was appealed to for its opinion and many hours were spent going over their responses and other information compiled by the committee staff.

Most of the committee's discussion centered on whether public members should replace existing board members or if they should simply be added on and thereby increase the size of each board. It was finally decided by those who favored the bill that a public member should be added in each case. Several committee members did not support the bill but the majority ought to pass as amended report was accepted and the bill was later signed into law.

A bill bringing all professional and occupational licensing boards under a Central Licensing Bureau within the Department of Business Regulation was rewritten by the committee. The version reported out sets up a "skeleton" bureau, lists the membership, outlines the general purpose, and directs the committee and the Commissioner of Business Regulation to study the matter in detail. Specific plans for the organization and operation of the bureau will be presented after the study is completed.

The committee unanimously supported bills placing an LPN on the Board of Nursing and a consumer on the Pharmacy Board. A measure to register recreation administrators was withdrawn but a bill creating a Board of Registration for Professional Foresters became law.

Economic Development

A bill establishing the Maine Vocational Development Commission received the support of the committee and later became law as an emergency measure although it received far less money than requested. Modeled after the "Alabama Plan", the commission will work with industry in establishing employment training programs for specifically needed jobs.

The only bill to be reported out of committee strictly along party lines proposed the creation of a Maine Energy Authority. Although similar in concept, the bill differed substantially from the "public power" proposal defeated by the voters a few years ago. The bill was supported in the House but defeated in the Senate.

Comprehensive legislation concerning debt management and the State's development financing capability originally received a divided report. However, the bill was recommitted and given a leave to withdraw report because a conflicting bill, the Governor's reorganization of DCI, had already become law.

Local, County, and Regional Government

District Attorneys, created by the last Legislature, may designate one of their assistants as Deputy District Attorney according to a bill that received committee approval. The deputies will have the same powers as the District Attorney in the absence of the District Attorney. The committee also endorsed a bill spelling out the procedure for filling the

office of Register of Deeds in answer to a problem encountered by Cumberland County residents.

A bill redrafted by the committee will make it easier for many Maine people to renew their motor vehicle registrations. The measure allows the Secretary of State, with the approval of local officials, to appoint a municipal officer as an agent to collect excise taxes and issue registrations for non-commercial vehicles under 6,000 lbs. gross weight.

Regional planning commissions were the target of three bills that got no further than the committee. The same was true of a bill that would have prevented the authorization of municipal or school district bonds unless a majority of registered voters in the affected area actually cast ballots.

"Open Government"

Four bills zeroed in on the proliferation of state agency rules and regulations by asking for more citizen participation in the rule-making process. Legislators have become increasingly aware of this problem as they are often blamed for passing an offensive law that actually turns out to be a rule promulgated by a state agency.

Due to the magnitude of the entire problem, an order to study the subject matter of the bills presented was introduced and accepted. The committee will work in cooperation with the Department of the Attorney General and the Maine Bar Association since both are already studying the State's Administrative Code. A bill to require tape recordings be made of all public deliberations of boards and commissions will also be part of the committee's study.

A controversial bill revising lobbyist disclosure procedures received the support of the committee after the bill was rewritten several times. Throughout the many hours spent on this bill committee members wrestled with the problem of trying to make lobbyists more accountable without violating any rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. The effort was apparently successful as the bill was enacted with only minor changes in the committee's version.

A bill establishing financial disclosure procedures for elected and appointed officials was withdrawn by its sponsor but a bill on administrative lobbying was rewritten to disqualify former state employees and partners of present state employees from taking part in matters connected with their duties or responsibilities as state officials for a period of one year.

Property Conveyances, Leases and Transfers

Eight bills relating to conveyance of the State's interest in property were considered by the committee. Six of these bills were supported by the committee and five became law. Although most of the bills were relatively minor, members felt strongly that legislative prerogative should be maintained in the disposition of state land.

The most noteworthy proposal in this category was a bill to dispose of the facilities of the former Women's Correctional Center at Skowhegan. Originally the result of a committee study, the bill was substantially changed in committee to provide for the transfer of parcels of land to the Bureau of Parks and Recreation and the Bureau of Public Lands, the establishment of a Veterans' Home, and the authorization of the Bureau of Public Improvements to lease other land not needed by the proposed Veterans' Home. Due to a lack of available funds, the Veterans' Home provision and a large appropriation for maintenance had to be stricken from the bill in the closing hours of the session.

A bill requiring that the Supreme Judicial Court lease the space it uses in the Cumberland County Building also met defeat on the Special Appropriations Table.

Miscellaneous

The equal rights question cropped up again this session with two bills calling for an advisory referendum on the 106th Legislature's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The first bill was killed by the committee and the second was defeated on the floor.

The committee dealt with three bills relating to the creation of offices of ombudsman or citizen assistance. In effect, all three were turned down by the committee but actually one of the bills was used to answer the concerns expressed in the different proposals. The completely revised bill sent out by the committee expanded the responsibilities of the Constituent Service Officer, a position created by the 106th but never funded. The 1975 version was indefinitely postponed in the House and Senate.

A bill designating a legal State Holiday in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. received committee support after it was redrafted to provide a Commemorative Day in tribute to the late civil rights leader. Sponsors of bills making the general election day a holiday and providing for the appointment of a State Poet Laureate were both granted leave to withdraw their proposals.

A public hearing on the designation of an official state insect provided the committee with one of the most thorough and entertaining presentations of the session as students from Kennebunk and North Anson arrived at the State House to make their respective cases for the Honeybee and Monarch Butterfly. The hearing room was filled with reporters, including a television film crew, and the committee's subsequent decision in favor of the Honeybee was carried by the national wire services. Though much light was made of the matter, the committee helped to give a group of fourth-graders an unforgettable lesson in civics and Maine gained an Official State Insect.

Finally, a measure to provide statutory procedures for citizens gardens on suitable state land was supported by a majority of the committee but failed passage in the Senate after gaining House approval.

It should be evident by this report that the Committee on State Government played an important role in the Regular Session of the 107th Maine Legislature. This session has been recognized as one that produced major legislation through many hours of hard work and the contributions of the committee are undeniably significant.

Without a doubt, the committee's most noteworthy contribution was in the area of constitutional reform. Five proposed Constitutional Amendments, all of which received initial consideration by the committee, will go to the people for ratification on November 4, 1975. This extraordinary occasion has caused some to label the 107th the "Constitutional Reform Legislature".

The committee will be spending the months between sessions at work on studies dealing with the Executive Council transition, rules for Legislative Investigating Committees, the classification of high level positions in state service, the Central Licensing Bureau, and the State's Administrative Code.

STATISTICAL RESUME

Total Number of Bills Presented	193
Unanimous Reports	167
Leave to Withdraw	38
Ought Not to Pass	47
Ought to Pass	29
Ought to Pass in New Draft	9
Ought to Pass as Amended	41
Referred to Other Committees	2
Referred to 108th Legislature	1
Divided Reports	26
Total Number of Amendments	59
Total Number of New Drafts	13

PART II

SECTION I. - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SP 1, LD 1 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish the Executive Council and Make Changes in the Matter of Gubernatorial Appointments and Their Confirmation. (Curtis)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

Senate: accepted

House: accepted

HP 16, LD 24 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish the Executive Council and Reassign its Constitutional Powers to the Governor. (Quinn)

Committee Report: Divided - Report A (7), Report B (2), Report C (2)
Report D (1)

House: Report A accepted, Conference Committee Report accepted

Senate: Report C accepted, Conference Committee Report rejected

Second Committee of Conference report

House: accepted, finally passed

Senate: accepted, finally passed CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION LAW - Ch. 4

HP 34, LD 45 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish the Executive Council. (Davies)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

HP 48, LD 60 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish the Executive Council. (Hinds)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

HP 184, LD 230 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish the Executive Council and to Reassign its Constitutional Powers. (Tyndale)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

SP 268, LD 876 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Relating to the Powers of the Governor and Providing for the Selection of the Members of the Executive Council. (Wyman)

Committee Report: Divided - Maj. ONTP(11), Min. OTP as Amended (2)

Senate: Indefinitely Postponed

House: Indefinitely Postponed

SP 463, LD 1516 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Selection of the Executive Council by Popular Election in such Areas as Provided by Law. (Greeley)

Committee Report: ONTP

Senate: accepted

House: accepted

LEGISLATURE

Annual Sessions

HP 197, LD 241 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Annual Sessions of the Legislature. (Birt)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

HP 724, LD 904 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Annual Sessions of the Legislature. (Cooney)

Committee Report: Divided - OTP in New Draft (11), ONTP (2)

House: Maj. Report accepted

Senate: " " "

NEW DRAFT: HP 1510, LD 1827 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Annual Sessions of the Legislature and to Change the Date of Convening of the Legislature.

House: Finally Passed

Senate: Finally Passed

CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION LAW - Chapter 5

Convening of the Legislature

SP 82, LD 236 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Convening the Legislature on a Day Other than New Year's Day. (Wyman)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

Senate: accepted

House: accepted

Legislative Council

HP 742, LD 914 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Legislative Council. (Birt)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Legislators

HP 1070, LD 1350 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Four-Year Terms for Legislators. (Stubbs)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

HP 1117, LD 1407 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing that the Minimum Age for State Representatives be Eighteen. (Kennedy)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Reduction of the House

SP 2, LD 2 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Reducing the Size of the House of Representatives and Establishing the Size of the Senate. (Curtis)

Committee Report: Divided - Maj. OTP, Min. ONTP

House: Min. ONTP report accepted

Senate: Min. ONTP report accepted

HP 738, LD 919 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Single Member Districts in the House of Representatives; Reduction of the Number of Representatives and Reapportionment of the House of Representatives and the Senate in 1984; and to Establish an Apportionment Commission to Plan for All Apportionments of the House of Representatives and Senate. (Birt)

Committee Report: Divided - Maj. OTP in New Draft, Min. ONTP

House: Indefinitely Postponed

Senate:

NEW DRAFT: HP 1587, LD 1883 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Reduction of the Number of Representatives in 1985, to Establish the Number of Senators at Thirty-three in 1985 and to Change the Date of Convening of the Legislature.

House: Indefinitely Postponed

Senate: Indefinitely Postponed

Roll Calls

SP 105, LD 360 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Require a Roll Call Vote Upon all Bills on Final Passage. (Katz)

Committee Report: ONTP

Senate: accepted

House: accepted

Single Member Districts

HP 19, LD 27 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide Single Member Districts for the House of Representatives. (Quinn)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

House: accepted, Finally Passed

Senate: accepted, Finally Passed

CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION LAW - Chapter 1

Unicameral Legislature

SP 33, LD 91 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Legislature to a Single Chamber, Unicameral System, with Single Member Districts. (Clifford)

Committee Report: Divided - Maj. ONTP (8), Min. OTP as Amended (5)

Senate: ONTP report accepted

House: Indefinitely Postponed

JUDICIARY

Election of Judges

HP 717, LD 893 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide that all Judicial Officers be Elected by the Voting Electorate. (Cooney, By Request)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Judicial Nominating Commission

HP 1266, LD 1756 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Establish a Judicial Nominating Commission. (Silverman)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

HP 1335, LD 1761 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide a Judicial Nominating Commission. (Faucher)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Removal of Judges

HP 1005, LD 1273 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide an Additional Means for Removal of Judges and Justices of the Several Courts. (Rolde)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES

Appointment of A.G. and Sec. of State

HP 14, LD 23 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Appointment of the Attorney General and Secretary of State by the Governor. (Quinn)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

HP 1097, LD 1379 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Appointment of the Attorney General by the Governor. (Birt)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Election of the Attorney General

SP 3, LD 3 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Election of the Attorney General by the Electors. (Curtis)

Committee Report: ONTP

Senate: accepted

House: accepted

Disability of the Governor

SP 334, LD 1120 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Determination of Inability of the Governor to Discharge the Powers and Duties of His Office. (Corson)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

Senate: Finally Passed

House: Finally Passed

CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION LAW - Chapter 3

SP 441, LD 1457 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Succession in the Event of the Governor's Inability to Discharge the Powers and Duties of His Office. (Carbonneau)

Committee Report: ONTP

Senate: accepted

House: accepted

Facsimile Signatures

HP 1349, LD 1625 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Facsimile Signatures on Commissions. (Faucher)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Felons Holding Office

SP 43, LD 95 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Prohibiting Anyone under Sentence for a Felony from Seeking or Holding a Constitutional Office. (Hichens)

Committee Report: ONTP

Senate: accepted

House: accepted

MISCELLANEOUS

County Charters

HP 870, LD 1076 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for County Constitutional Charters. (Ault)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Debt Limitation

HP 50, LD 62 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Decreasing to \$40,000,000 the Limitation on Legislative Authority to Insure Payment of Loans to Industrial, Manufacturing, Fishing and Agricultural Enterprises for which Payment the Legislature may Appropriate Moneys or Issue Bonds, or both, on Behalf of the State. (Silverman)

Committee Report: OTP in New Draft

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

NEW DRAFT: HP 832, LD 959 - AN ACT to Decrease the Insuring Limitation on Certain Programs of the Maine Guarantee Authority.

House: enacted

Senate: enacted

Governor: signed

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Equal Rights

HP 307, LD 370 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide that Equal Protection of the Laws shall not be Denied or Abridged on Account of Sex. (Quinn, by request)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Federal Amendments

HP 288, LD 340 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing that Every Proposed Amendment to the Federal Constitution be put to a State-wide Advisory Election. (Quinn, by request)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Initiative and Referendum

HP 158, LD 188 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Establish Filing Dates for Initiative and Referendum Petitions; Clarify when the Effective Date of a Bill is Suspended by the Filing of a Referendum Petition; Clarify the Process of Calling a Special Election for an Initiative or Referendum Vote; Limit Legislative Amendment and Repeal of Laws Initiated or Approved by the People; Clarify the Petition Process; and Provide for Review of the Validity of Petitions. (McKernan)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

House: Finally Passed

Senate: Finally Passed

CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION LAW - Chapter 2

HP 1421, LD 1806 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Direct Initiative for Proposed Amendments to the Constitution. (Spencer)

Committee Report: Divided - Maj. OTP as Amended (11), Min. ONTP (2)

House: Failed Final Passage

Senate: Failed Final Passage

Municipal Home Rule

HP 1081, LD 1361 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Repealing the Provisions for Municipal Home Rule. (Farley)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Taxation

HP 1034, LD 1321 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Allow Seasonally-occupied Homes to be Tazed at a Special Rate. (Connolly)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

HP 1365, LD 1666 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Allow Municipalities to Provide Limited Property Tax Incentives to Encourage New Business. (Dam)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Sheriffs Terms

HP 42, LD 54 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Four-year Term of Office for Sheriff. (Jalbert)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

House: Failed Final Passage

Senate: Failed Final Passage

HP 298, LD 348 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of Sheriff to Four-year Terms. (Faucher)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Total Number of Constitutional Amendments - 40

SECTION II - STATE DEPARTMENTS

Bills affecting the organization, operations, and policies of State Departments

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Canadian Affairs

SP 294, LD 1020 - AN ACT to Establish the Office of Canadian Relations.
(Curtis)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

Senate: accepted

House: accepted

HP 728, LD 903 - AN ACT to Establish the American and Canadian Exchange
Commission. (Berube)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

House: enacted

Senate: enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 485

MLEPAA

SP 173, LD 553 - AN ACT Relating to the Maine Law Enforcement Planning
and Assistance Agency. (Speers)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

Senate: enacted as emergency

House: enacted as emergency

Governor: unsigned law PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 425

Executive Orders

SP 449, LD 1508 - AN ACT Concerning Publication and Public Inspection
of Executive Orders. (Speers)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

Senate: enacted

House: enacted

Governor: unsigned PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 360

Executive Council

SP 45, LD 97 - AN ACT to Require Public Hearings on Appointments of
Commissioners and Department Heads. (Hichens)

Committee Report: OTP in New Draft

Senate: accepted

House: accepted

NEW DRAFT: SP 429, LD 1377 - AN ACT to Require Public Hearings on the
Appointments of Departmental Commissioners.

House: enacted

Senate: enacted

Governor: veto (overridden - House and Senate) PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Ch. 524

HP 219, LD 275 - AN ACT to Require the Executive Council to Inform the Governor and the Legislature of its Activities. (Najarian)
Committee Report: OTP in New Draft
House: accepted
Senate: accepted
NEW DRAFT: HP 1483, LD 1620 - same title
House: Indefinitely Postponed
Senate: Indefinitely Postponed

HP 366, LD 460, - AN ACT to Authorize the Executive Council to Approve or Disapprove Certain Claims Against the State. (Mulkern)
Committee Report: OTP
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: vetoed (overridden - House and Senate)
PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 313

ATTORNEY GENERAL

HP 418, LD 505 - AN ACT Placing the Secretary to the Attorney General in Unclassified Service of State Government. (Kelleher)
Committee Report: OTP
House: enacted as emergency
Senate: enacted as emergency
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 96

HP 618, LD 764 - AN ACT to Clarify the Personnel Law as to Staff Attorneys in the Office of the Attorney General. (Kelleher)
Committee Report: OTP
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 136

SP 141, LD 444 - AN ACT to Create a Law Enforcement Education Section within the Criminal Division of the Department of the Attorney General. (Speers)
Committee Report: OTP
House: Indefinitely Postponed
Senate: Indefinitely Postponed

SECRETARY OF STATE

SP 116, LD 381 - AN ACT to Provide for Renewal of Notary Public and Justice of the Peace Commissions. (Curtis)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
Senate: enacted as emergency
House: enacted as emergency
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 87

HP 1270, LD 1570 - AN ACT Authorizing the Use of Facsimile Signatures on Certain Documents by the Secretary of State. (Mahany)

Committee Report: OTP

House: enacted

Senate: enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 273

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Soil and Water Conservation Commission

SP 135, LD 474 - AN ACT Relating to the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission. (Curtis)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

Senate: enacted

House: enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 172

State Harness Racing Commission

HP 363, LD 457 - AN ACT Relating to Licenses Issued by the Harness Racing Commission and to the Rule-making Authority of that Commission. (Kelleher)

Committee Report: OTP

House: enacted

Senate: enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 35

HP 431, LD 525 - AN ACT Relating to Fines, Suspensions, and Revocations Levied by the Harness Racing Commission. (Kelleher)

Committee Report: OTP

House: enacted

Senate: enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 52

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

HP 1042, LD 1333 - AN ACT Allowing a Bureau Chief in the Department of Business Regulation to Serve Simultaneously as the Commissioner. (Hinds)

Committee Report: Divided - Maj. ONTP (10), Min. OTP (3)

House: Indefinitely Postponed

Senate: Indefinitely Postponed

SP 475, LD 1670 - AN ACT to Abolish the Department of Business Regulation. (Berry, R.)

Committee Report: ONTP

Senate: accepted

House: accepted

Boxing Commission

HP 310, LD 373 - AN ACT to Change the Name of the Maine Boxing Commission to the Maine Athletic Commission. (Kelleher)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Real Estate Commission

HP 277, LD 424 - AN ACT Relating to the Composition and Duties of the Maine Real Estate Commission.

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

House: enacted

Senate: enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 549

HP 577, LD 712 - AN ACT Relating to the Modification of the Laws of the Maine Real Estate Commission. (Boudreau)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

SP 440, LD 1456 - AN ACT to Reassign the Functions of the Department of Commerce and Industry and the Office of Energy Resources. (Huber)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

Senate: enacted

House: enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 481

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Land Use Regulation Commission

SP 146, LD 509 - AN ACT Relating to Membership and Qualifications of Executive Director of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. (Curtis)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

Senate: enacted

House: enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 521

SP 424, LD 1390 - AN ACT to Remove the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation from the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. (O'Leary)

Committee Report: OTP

Senate: enacted

House: enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 616

HP 1208, LD 1501 - AN ACT to Include the Chairman of the Land Use Regulation Commission on the Board of Pesticides Control. (Cooney)
Committee Report: Divided - Maj. OTP as Amended (12), Min. ONTP (1)
House: Maj. report accepted, enacted
Senate: Maj. report accepted, enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 469

Bureau of Public Lands

HP 965, LD 1209 - AN ACT to Facilitate Operation of the Coastal Island Registry and to Establish Criteria for State Title in Coastal Islands. (Najarian)
Committee Report: Divided - Maj. OTP as Amended by Comm. Amendment "A" (10)
- Min. OTP as Amended by Comm. Amendment "B" (3)
House: Maj. report accepted, Conference Committee, enacted
Senate: Min. report accepted, Conferenec Committee, enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 509

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES

HP 1257, LD 1758 - AN ACT Establishing the Code of Fair Practices and Affirmative Action as the Equal Opportunity Standard for all State Financed Educational Activities. (Clark)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

HP 931, LD 1175 - AN ACT to Create a Full-time Board of Environmental Protection. (Peterson, T.)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 614

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Capitol Planning Commission

SP 343, LD 1235 - AN ACT to Establish Revised Boundaries for the Master Plan of the Capitol Complex at Augusta. (Katz)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
Senate: accepted
House: accepted

HP 1275, LD 1578 - AN ACT Authorizing Regulations Relating to Governmental and Commercial Buildings within the Capitol Complex Area. (Lewin)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: enacted Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 470

Central Computer Services

HP 1440, LD 1789 - AN ACT Creating the Bureau of Central Computer Services within the Department of Finance and Administration. (Pursuant to Jt. Rule 3)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 322

State Telecommunications

HP 1443, LD 1744 - AN ACT Creating the Advisory Committee on State Telecommunications. (Pursuant to Joint Rule 3)
Committee Report: OTP
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: unsigned law PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 281

Bureau of Purchases

HP 588, LD 727 - AN ACT Relating to the Scope of the Purchasing Authority of the Purchasing Agent of the State of Maine. (Kelleher)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

HP 1000, LD 1280 - AN ACT to Permit Municipalities to Authorize the Department of Finance and Administration to Make Certain Purchases on Their Behalf. (Conners)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

SP 428, LD 1394 - AN ACT Redesignating the Department of Health and Welfare as the Department of Human Services and the Bureau of Human Services as the Bureau of Resource Development. (Curtis)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
Senate: enacted
House: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 293

Committee on Aging

HP 103, LD 126 - AN ACT Amending the Powers and Duties of the Maine Committee on Aging to Include the Inspection of Nursing Homes. (Goodwin, K.)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 530

Committee on Children and Youth

SP 138, LD 442 - AN ACT to Authorize the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth to Accept and Administer Certain Available Funds. (Pray)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
Senate: Indefinitely Postponed
House: Indefinitely Postponed

Health Facilities Authority

HP 1027, LD 1306 - AN ACT to Revise Certain Provisions of the Maine Health Facilities Authority Act. (Martin, J.)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: enacted as emergency
Senate: enacted as emergency
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 264

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

HP 393, LD 485 - AN ACT to Transfer Responsibility for Forest Management of Indian Township to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. (Silverman)
Committee Report: OTP in New Draft
House: accepted
Senate: accepted
NEW DRAFT: HP 711, LD 818 - same title
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 72

DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME

HP 413, LD 588 - AN ACT to Change the Name of Department of Inland Fisheries and Game to Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. (Silverman)
Committee Report: OTP
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: unsigned law PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 497

DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER AFFAIRS

HP 1366, LD 1781 - AN ACT to Clarify the Administration of the Department of Manpower Affairs. (Rolde)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

Bureau of Labor and Industry

SP 140, LD 443 - AN ACT to Change the Name of the Bureau of Labor and Industry to the Bureau of Labor. (Speers)

Committee Report: OTP

Senate: enacted

House: enacted

Governor: vetoed (overridden) PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 59

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS

Bureau of Corrections

HP 589, LD 729 - AN ACT to Remove from the Personnel Law the Position of Director of the Bureau of Corrections. (Bustin)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Developmental Disabilities

HP 871, LD 1077 - AN ACT Providing for a State Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council. (Ault)

Committee Report: OTP

House: enacted

Senate: enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 231

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY, CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND VETERANS' SERVICES

SP 58, LD 138 - AN ACT to Change the Name of the Department of Military, Civil Emergency Preparedness and Veterans' Services to the Department of Defense and Veterans' Services. (Curtis)

Committee Report: OTP

Senate: enacted

House: enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 13

Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness

HP 828, LD 1011 - AN ACT to Eliminate the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness. (Burns)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

HP 899, LD 1086 - AN ACT Concerning Disaster Relief under the Civil
Emergency Preparedness Statutes. (Lewin)
Committee Report: OTP
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 617

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

HP 801, LD 977 - AN ACT Relating to the Chief of the State Police Serving
as Acting Commissioner of Public Safety. (Greenlaw)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

HP 1469, LD 1813 - AN ACT to Create the Department of State Police.
(Greenlaw)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: enacted as emergency
Senate: enacted as emergency
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 579

Criminal Justice Academy

HP 249, LD 320 - AN ACT Changing the Name of the Maine Criminal Justice
Academy to Col. Hennessey Criminal Justice Academy. (Lewin)
Committee Report: OTP (clerical error - report should have been ONTP)
House: Indefinitely Postponed
Senate: Indefinitely Postponed

SP 175, LD 555 - AN ACT Relating to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.
(Speers)
Committee Report: ONTP
Senate: accepted
House: accepted

HP 1328, LD 1641 - AN ACT Concerning the Exemption of Certain Law
Enforcement Officers from the Requirement of Attendance at the Maine
Criminal Justice Academy. (Stubbs)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

SECTION III - LEGISLATURE

HP 58, LD 70 - AN ACT Establishing a Seal for Official Use of the Legislature. (Birt)

Committee Report: Divided - Maj. ONTP, Min. OTP

House: Maj. ONTP accepted

Senate: Maj. ONTP accepted

SP 209, LD 699 - AN ACT to Provide for Full-time Administrative Officers in the Senate and House of Representatives. (Curtis)

Committee Report: OTP in New Draft under same title (SP 503, LD 1859)

Senate: enacted as emergency

House: enacted as emergency

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 604

HP 898, LD 1085 - AN ACT to Establish Rules for Legislative Investigating Committees. (Birt)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: bill substituted for the report, enacted

Senate: enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 593

HP 1224, LD 1535 - AN ACT to Provide Employment Security for State Legislators. (Farley)

Committee Report: Divided - Maj. OTP, Min. ONTP

House: Indefinitely Postponed

Senate: Indefinitely Postponed

SECTION IV - JUDICIARY

SP 257, LD 833 - AN ACT Requiring that the Judicial Council Report to the Legislature. (Gahagan)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

Senate: enacted

House: enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 436

SP 409, LD 1291 - AN ACT to Establish Compensation for District Court Bailiffs for Work at Other Than Regular Hours. (Curtis)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

Senate: enacted as emergency

House: enacted as emergency

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 292

SP 410, LD 1309 - AN ACT to Provide for a Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court. (Curtis)
Committee Report: OTP
Senate: enacted as emergency
House: enacted as emergency
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 259

SECTION V - QUASI-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY

HP 1285, LD 1581 - AN ACT Relating to Restrictions on Powers and Duties of the Baxter State Park Authority. (Winship)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

MAINE GUARANTEE AUTHORITY

HP 1268, LD 1569 - AN ACT to Amend the Law Relating to the Maine Guarantee Authority. (Smith)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

HP 1389, LD 1805 - AN ACT Consolidating the Statutes of the Maine Guarantee Authority. (Farnham)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 566

MAINE HOUSING AUTHORITY

HP 285, LD 337 - AN ACT to Clarify the Confidentiality Provisions of the Maine Housing Authorities Act. (Cooney)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

SP 192, LD 660 - AN ACT to Create a Construction Loan Program in which the Maine Housing Authority and Financial Institutions May Participate. (Conley)
Committee Report: ~~OTP~~ as Amended
Senate: enacted as emergency
House: enacted as emergency
Governor: vetoed (overridden - Sen. and House)
unsigned law PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 522

HP 584, LD 723 - AN ACT to Increase the Bonded Debt Limitation of the Maine State Housing Authority's Mortgage Purchase Programs. (Najarian)
Committee Report: Divided - Maj. OTP as Amended, Min. ONTP
House: Maj. report accepted, enacted
Senate: Maj. report accepted, enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 229

HP 718, LD 894 - AN ACT to Extend the Maine Housing Authority's Mortgage Purchase Program Benefits to Certain Veterans. (Lewis)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

HP 756, LD 926 - AN ACT to Provide Low Cost Financing Through the Maine State Housing Authority for Nursing Homes and Similar Facilities for Persons of Low Income. (Post)
Committee Report: Divided - Maj. ONTP, Min. OTP as Amended
House: Min. report accepted, Conference Committee
Senate: Maj. report accepted, adhered

SP 286, LD 1002 - AN ACT to Amend the Maine Housing Authorities Act by Creating a Loans-to-Lenders Program and Making Changes to Improve the Efficiency of Using Federal Housing Funds. (Marcotte)
Committee Report: Divided - Maj. OTP as Amended, Min. ONTP
Senate: enacted as emergency
House: enacted as emergency
Governor: unsigned law PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 625

SP 317, LD 1094 - AN ACT to Permit Housing Authority Commissioners to Serve Concurrently as Commissioners of a Renewal Authority in Certain Places. (Clifford)
Committee Report: OTP
Senate: enacted
House: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 323

SP 439, LD 1455 - AN ACT Relating to Tenants Serving on State and Local Housing Authorities. (Trotzky)
Committee Report: OTP
Senate: enacted
House: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 456

MAINE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK

HP 872, LD 1078 - AN ACT Providing Compensation for Public Members of the Maine Municipal Bond Bank. (Ault)
Committee Report: OTP
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: unsigned law PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 312

SECTION VI - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

SP 385, LD 1240 - AN ACT to Clarify Provisions Concerning Travel Expenses of Members of Boards and Commissions. (Speers)

Committee Report: OTP

Senate: enacted as emergency

House: enacted as emergency

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 290

MUNICIPAL VALUATION APPEALS BOARD

HP 1015, LD 1520 - AN ACT Concerning the Municipal Valuation Appeals Board and Procedures for Municipal Appeals. (Goodwin, H.)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

House: Indefinitely Postponed

Senate: Indefinitely Postponed

STATE PERSONNEL BOARD - DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

Personnel Board

HP 370, LD 464 - AN ACT to Reorganize the State Personnel Board. (Farnham)

Committee Report: OTP in New Draft

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

NEW DRAFT: HP 1238, LD 1264 - same title

House: enacted as emergency

Senate: enacted as emergency

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 608

HP 1124, LD 1427 - AN ACT to Reorganize the Department of Personnel. (Farnham)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

Accrued Leave

HP 505, LD 627 - AN ACT Relating to Accrued Sick Leave of State Employees. (Hobbins)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

HP 1053, LD 1325 - AN ACT Relating to State Employees' Accrued Leave.
(Rideout)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

Acting Capacities

SP 119, LD 384 - AN ACT Relating to State Employees Serving in Acting Capacities. (Curtis)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
Senate: enacted
House: enacted
Governor: vetoed (sustained in the Senate)

Affirmative Action

HP 410, LD 516 - AN ACT Establishing the Code of Fair Practices and Affirmative Action as the Equal Opportunity Standard for State Financial Agencies. (Cooney)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 153

Nepotism

HP 615, LD 728 - AN ACT Relating to Nepotism in State Hiring and Promotional Practices. (Wagner)
Committee Report: OTP
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 82

Orientation

HP 1289, LD 1582 - AN ACT to Promote the Orientation of State Employees in the Functions and Purposes of State Government. (Cooney)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: Indefinitely Postponed
Senate: Indefinitely Postponed

Political Activity

HP 1041, LD 1331 - AN ACT to Change the Participation of Employees in the Classified Service in Political Campaigns. (Stubbs)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 597

SP 446, LD 1507 - AN ACT Relating to Employment Registers of the Department of Personnel. (Reeves)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
Senate: accepted
House: accepted

HP 1314, LD 1632 - AN ACT Relating to Vacation and Employment of State Employees who are Members of Volunteer Fire Departments. (Ault)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

HP 1303, LD 1585 - AN ACT Concerning Membership on the Public Utilities Commission. (Carroll)
Committee Report: Divided - Maj. ONTP, Min. OTP as Amended
House: Maj. ONTP report accepted
Senate: Maj. ONTP report accepted

SP 470, LD 1604 - AN ACT to Provide for Election of Commissioners to the Public Utilities Commission. (Reeves)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
Senate: accepted
House: accepted

SECTION VII - PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS

SP 106, LD 361 - AN ACT Concerning the Appointments to All Regulatory Boards and Commissions. (Conley)
Committee Report: Divided - Maj. OTP as Amended, Min. ONTP
Senate: Maj. report accepted, enacted
House: Maj. report accepted, enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 575

HP 1424, LD 1816 - AN ACT to Create a Central Professional and Occupational Licensing Bureau in the Department of Business Regulation. (Cooney)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 556

HP 1444, LD 1750 - AN ACT to Create the Maine Licensing and Permit Procedures Review Commission. (Spencer)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

HP 201, LD 246 - AN ACT to Authorize the Board of Cosmetology to Employ a Part-time Executive Secretary. (Boudreau)

Committee Report: OTP

House: enacted as emergency

Senate: enacted as emergency

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 22

HP 384, LD 477 - AN ACT to Remove Restrictions on the Number of Days of Per Diem Allowed to Board Members of the State Board of Cosmetology for Services Performed within the State. (Boudreau)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

BOARD OF NURSING

SP 107, LD 375 - AN ACT to Provide for a Licensed Practical Nurse on the State Board of Nursing. (Clifford)

Committee Report: OTP in New Draft

Senate: accepted

House: accepted

NEW DRAFT: SP 504, LD 1860 - same title

Senate: enacted

House: enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 258

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PROFESSION OF PHARMACY

HP 429, LD 523 - AN ACT to Provide Consumer Representation on the Board of Commissioners of the Profession of Pharmacy. (Perkins, T.)

Committee Report: OTP

House: enacted

Senate: enacted

Governor: unsigned law PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 588

NEW REGISTRATIONS

Foresters

HP 1329, LD 1412 - AN ACT Relating to Forester Registration and Licensing. (Palmer)

Committee Report: Divided - Maj. OTP as Amended, Min. ONTP

House: Maj. report accepted, enacted

Senate: Maj. report accepted, enacted

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 490

Recreation Administrators

HP 1260, LD 1757 - AN ACT to Register Recreation Administrators.

(Goodwin, H.)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

SECTION VIII - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SP 179, LD 624 - AN ACT Creating the Machias Bay Industrial Port Authority.
(Trotzky)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

Senate: accepted

House: accepted

HP 1458, LD 1785 - AN ACT to Establish the Maine Vocational Development
Commission. (Kany)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

House: enacted as emergency

Senate: enacted as emergency

Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 602

HP 1471, LD 1803 - AN ACT Creating the Maine Energy Authority. (Davies)

Committee Report: Divided - Maj. OTP as Amended, Min. ONTP

House: insisted on engrossment

Senate: adhered to Indefinite Postponement

HP 1233, LD 1809 - AN ACT Establishing the Office of Resource Conservation
and Development. (Smith)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

HP 1398, LD 1820 - AN ACT to Provide for More Effective Debt Management
and for More Effective Administration of the State's Development Financing
Capability. (Martin, J.)

Committee Report: Divided - Maj. OTP in New Draft, Min. ONTP

House: recommitted

Senate: recommitted

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

SECTION IX - LOCAL, COUNTY, AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

Bonded Indebtedness

HP 912, LD 1110 - AN ACT Relating to Bonded Indebtedness. (McMahon)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

Deputy District Attorneys

SP 321, LD 1098 - AN ACT to Provide for the Appointment of Deputy District Attorneys. (Clifford)
Committee Report: OTP
Senate: enacted
House: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 411

Development Districts

HP 970, LD 1221 - AN ACT to Authorize Community and Rural Development Districts. (Cooney)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

Motor Vehicle Registration

HP 182, LD 239 - AN ACT Relating to Issuance of Motor Vehicle Registrations by Municipal Tax Officers. (MacEachern)
Committee Report: OTP in New Draft
House: accepted
Senate: accepted
NEW DRAFT: HP 834, LD 961 - AN ACT Relating to Issuance of Motor Vehicle Registrations by Municipal Officials.
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 99

HP 152, LD 238 - AN ACT Relating to Issuance of Motor Vehicle Registrations by Municipal Tax Officers. (Churchill)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

Regional Planning Commissions

HP 278, LD 330 - AN ACT Repealing the Mandatory Incorporation of Regional Planning Commissions. (Stubbs)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

HP 992, LD 1256 - AN ACT to Clarify the Powers of Regional Planning Commissions. (Ault)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

HP 1046, LD 1334 - AN ACT Concerning Membership on the Governing Bodies of Regional Planning Commissions. (Dam)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

Register of Deeds

HP 856, LD 1070 - AN ACT Concerning the Filling of the Office of Register of Deeds. (Mulkern)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 445

State Regulations

HP 891, LD 1082 - AN ACT to Require Review of Proposed State Regulations by Local Units of Government. (Henderson)
Committee Report: Divided - Maj. ONTP, Min. OTP as Amended
House: Indefinitely Postponed
Senate: Indefinitely Postponed

SECTION X - "OPEN GOVERNMENT" LEGISLATION

Citizen Participation in Agency Rule-making

SP 296, LD 1022 - AN ACT to Make Administrative Regulations Available to the Public. (Clifford)
Committee Report: Divided - Maj. ONTP, Min. OTP
Senate: Maj. ONTP report accepted
House: Maj. ONTP report accepted

HP 1379, LD 1775 - AN ACT to Insure Citizen Participation in the Promulgation, Amendment and Repeal of Agency Rules. (Berry, G.)
Committee Report: Divided - Maj. ONTP, Min. OTP
House: Minority OTP report accepted, enacted
Senate: Minority OTP report accepted, enacted
Governor: vetoed
House: overridden
Senate: sustained

HP 1412, LD 1784 - AN ACT to Insure Citizen Participation in the Promulgation, Amendment and Repeal of Agency Rules. (Shute)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

Financial Disclosure

SP 473, LD 1607 - AN ACT Establishing Financial Disclosure Procedures for Elected and Appointed Officials. (Reeves)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
Senate: accepted
House: accepted

Lobbyists

SP 150, LD 513 - AN ACT Revising Lobbyist Disclosure Procedures. (Reeves)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
Senate: enacted
House: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 576

SP 474, LD 1608 - AN ACT Establishing Registration Procedures for Administrative Lobbyists and Proscribing Certain Lobbying Activities. (Reeves)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
Senate: enacted
House: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 539

Tape Recordings of Public Deliberations

HP 736, LD 910 - AN ACT to Require that Magnetic Tape Recordings be Made of all Public Deliberations of Appointive Boards and Commissions. (LaPointe)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

SECTION XI - LAND CONVEYANCES, TRANSFERS, AND LEASES

HP 54, LD 66 - RESOLVE, Ratifying Grant of Easement on State Land to Central Maine Power. (Carey)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: Finally Passed
Senate: Finally Passed
Governor: signed RESOLVE LAWS 1975 - Chapter 1

HP 181, LD 231 - RESOLVE, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Forestry to Convey the Interest of the State in and to Certain Land in Medford, Piscataquis County. (Winship)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

House: Finally Passed

Senate: Finally Passed

Governor: signed RESOLVE LAWS 1975 - Chapter 13

HP 754, LD 974 - RESOLVE, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Forestry to Convey by Sale the Interest of the State in Certain Land in Piscataquis County. (Dudley)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

HP 843, LD 1028 - RESOLVE, Confirming the Transfer of Certain Lands from the Department of Mental Health and Corrections to the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Public Lands. (Kennedy)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

House: Finally Passed

Senate: Finally Passed

Governor: signed RESOLVE LAWS 1975 - Chapter 6

SP 308, LD 1039 - RESOLVE, Authorizing the State Director of Public Improvements to Lease Land in Augusta to the Maine State Employees Credit Union for the Erection of an Office Building. (Graffam)

Committee Report: ONTP

Senate: accepted

House: accepted

HP 931, LD 1131 - RESOLVE, Authorizing Conveyance of State Land and Easements to City of Calais for Drainage and Road Construction Regarding the High School Project. (Silverman)

Committee Report: OTP as Amended

House: Finally passed as emergency

Senate: Finally passed as emergency

Governor: signed RESOLVE LAWS 1975 - Chapter 10

HP 954, LD 1193 - RESOLVE, Authorizing the Bureau of Public Lands to Convey the State's Interest in a Lot in Trescott, Washington County, to Clarify Title. (Kelleher)

Committee Report: OTP

House: Finally Passed

Senate: Finally Passed

Governor: signed RESOLVE LAWS 1975 - Chapter 18

HP 1283, LD 1579 - AN ACT to Authorize the Leasing of Space in the Cumberland County Building by the Supreme Judicial Court. (Joyce)
Committee Report: OTP
House: Indefinitely Postponed
Senate: Indefinitely Postponed

HP 1441, LD 1745 - AN ACT Pertaining to the Disposition of Facilities at the Women's Correctional Center at Skowhegan. (Pursuant to Jt. Rule 3)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 624

SECTION XII - MISCELLANEOUS

Equal Rights

HP 324, LD 389 - AN ACT to Require an Advisory Referendum on the Ratification by the Maine Legislature of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. (Quinn, by Request)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

HP 851, LD 1040 - AN ACT to Send to the People in a Special Advisory Election the Question of whether or not the Maine Legislature Shall Repeal its Ratification of the so-called "Equal Rights Amendment". (Conners)
Committee Report: Divided - Maj. ONTP, Min. OTP
House: Maj. ONTP report accepted
Senate: Maj. ONTP report accepted

Ombudsman - Citizen Assistance

HP 267, LD 315 - AN ACT to Create the Office of Ombudsman. (Jackson, P.)
Committee Report: OTP as Amended
House: Indefinitely Postponed
Senate: Indefinitely Postponed

HP 1073, LD 1353 - AN ACT Establishing an Office of Citizen Assistance. (Henderson)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

HP 1463, LD 1782 - AN ACT to Create the Office of Environmental Ombudsman to Advise Applicants of Project and Environmental Requirements under State Law. (Peterson, T.)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

State Holidays and Designations

HP 17, LD 25 - AN ACT Designating a Legal State Holiday in Remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr. (Talbot)
Committee Report: OTP in New Draft
House: accepted
Senate: accepted
NEW DRAFT: HP 271, LD 242 - AN ACT Designating a Commerative Day in Remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr.
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 7

HP 166, LD 211 - AN ACT to Make the General Election Day a Bank and Business Holiday. (Usher)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

HP 698, LD 874 - AN ACT to Establish the Monarch Butterfly as the State Insect. (Burns)
Committee Report: ONTP
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

HP 721, LD 897 - AN ACT to Designate the Honeybee as the Official Insect for the State of Maine. (McMahon)
Committee Report: OTP
House: enacted
Senate: enacted
Governor: signed PUBLIC LAWS 1975 - Chapter 271

HP 1147, LD 1441 - AN ACT to Authorize the Appointment of a State Poet Laureate. (LaPointe)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

Other

HP 517, LD 635 - AN ACT Relating to Restoration to State Service. (Powell)
Committee Report: Referred to Committee on Veterans and Retirement
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

HP 591, LD 731 - AN ACT to Regulate the Removal of Historic and Culturally Significant Structures from within the Boundaries of the State of Maine. (Bustin)
Committee Report: Referred to 108th Legislature
House: Indefinitely Postponed
Senate: Indefinitely Postponed

HP 976, LD 1223 - AN ACT to Limit the State Agencies which may own Automobiles. (Norris)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

SP 380, LD 1231 - RESOLVE, Authorizing the Destruction of Student Fingerprint Cards Maintained by State. (Curtis)
House: Finally Passed
Senate: Finally Passed
Governor: signed RESOLVE LAWS 1975 - Chapter 8

HP 1122, LD 1409 - AN ACT Relating to Personnel Classification and Functions of the Review and Evaluation and Fraud Investigation Division of the Department of Audit. (Berube)
Committee Report: Referred to Committee on Performance Audit
House: accepted
Senate: accepted

SP 448, LD 1559 - AN ACT Establishing a Commission on Criminal Data System Policy. (Speers)
Committee Report: ONTP
Senate: accepted
House: accepted

HP 1294, LD 1574 - AN ACT to Provide for Citizens Gardens on Suitable State Lands. (Peterson, T.)
Committee Report: Divided - Maj. OTP as Amended, Min. ONTP
House: engrossed as Amended
Senate: Failed Passage - adhered

SP 455, LD 1618 - AN ACT to Provide for a Constitutional Convention for the Purpose of Revising or Altering the Constitution of the State. (Curtis)
Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw
Senate: accepted
House: accepted

HP 1415, LD 1709 - AN ACT to Abolish the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. (MacLeod)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

HP 1417, LD 1713 - AN ACT Creating the Maine Commission on the Status of Women. (Saunders)

Committee Report: Leave to Withdraw

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

HP 1386, LD 1714 - AN ACT to Determine the Method of Resignation of Appointed Officials. (Carey)

Committee Report: ONTP

House: accepted

Senate: accepted

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