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**KENNEBEC JOURNAL
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars for Construction of a Dormitory at Maine Maritime Academy," (H. P. 343) (L. D. 491)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-465)

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

Which report was Read and Accepted and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted. Then under suspension of the rules, the Bill was Read a Second Time, and the Bill, As Amended, was Passed to be Engrossed in concurrence.

**Senate
Conference Committee Report**

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature, on Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Members of the Legislature" (S. P. 167) (L. D. 138)

Report that the members are Unable to Agree.

(signed)

Senators

KATZ
MacLEOD
SNOW

Senate

Representatives:

DENNETT
HARRIMAN
RIDEOUT, Jr.

House

Which Report was Read and Accepted.

Enactors

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

An Act Classifying Certain Inland Waters of the Androscoggin River Basin. (S. P. 140) (L. D. 268)

(On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, t a b l e d , unassigned, pending Enactment.

An Act Relating to Adoption. (H. P. 895) (L. D. 1296)

An Act Relating to Service on Nonresidents in Motor Vehicle Accidents. (H. P. 941) (L. D. 1373)

An Act to Establish the Division of Municipal Affairs in the

Executive Department. (H. P. 1184) (L. D. 1686)

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, the Senate voted to Indefinitely Postpone this bill. Sent down for concurrence.

An Act Enabling Municipalities to Create Historic Districts and to Provide for the Preservation of Historic Buildings and Places. (H. P. 1216) (L. D. 1729)

Which were Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Emergency

An Act Creating the Maine Ocean Science Council. (H. P. 1210) (L. D. 1722)

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset, the Senate voted to Indefinitely Postpone this bill. Sent down for concurrence.

Bond Issue

An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in Amount of One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars for Land and Classroom Building for University of Maine in Augusta. (S. P. 526) (L. D. 1362)

(On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.)

Constitutional Amendment

Resolve, Proposing a Constitutional Amendment Repealing the Offices of Judges and Registers of Probate as Constitutional Officers. (S. P. 238) (L. D. 563)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Lincoln, Mrs. Sproul.

Mrs. SPROUL of Lincoln: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: For reasons which I put forth in reference to the Clerk of Courts, namely: that these are offices which would be taken off the ballot and I object to this. I might be able to swallow, shall we say, taking the Judge of Probate off the ballot as I know that presents a problem in some counties, but to take the Register of Probate off also, who does not even need to be a lawyer, I just can't go along. I know no one wants

to listen to a debate this late time in the day, so I will merely go on record as opposing this measure.

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

Mr. LUND of Kennebec: In order that there won't be any misunderstanding as to the effect of the passage of this Constitutional Resolve, the Committee Amendment, which is attached to it, makes the effect of it so that these offices will not be changed until such time as the Legislature takes action following the Constitutional change. In other words, there is a saving provision on this so that passage of the Constitutional change will not eliminate the office of either the Judge or Register of Probate, but will make those offices in such a position the next Legislature can take action with them. As the Senate is probably aware, it is unconstitutional to pass a law in advance of the Constitutional change. You can't abolish them by statute and then hope that the Constitution will be changed at a later time, so in order to make any changes at all for these offices, it is necessary to take this first step which is, I believe, in line with the recommendation of the Study Committee that worked with this problem.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.

Constitutional Amendment

Resolve, Proposing Amendments to the Constitution Relating to Temporary Loans in Anticipation of State Tax Revenues and Limitations Thereon. (H. P. 1206) (L. D. 1717)

(On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, placed on the Special Appropriations Table.)

An Act to Create the Department of Alcoholic Beverages. (H. P. 1218) (L. D. 1734)

Comes from the House, having Failed of Enactment.

(On motion by Mr. Hildreth of Cumberland, tabled and specially assigned for Monday, June 26, pending Enactment.)

The President laid before the Senate Item 6-2, Bill "An Act to Establish Single Member Districts for Representatives to the House Based Upon the Existing Apportionment of the House Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine." (H. P. 1209) (L. D. 1721) Tabled earlier in this afternoon's session by the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Lund.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator MacLeod.

Mr. MacLEOD of Penobscot: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Our respected esteemed Chairman of Reapportionment, Senator Lund, has convinced me beyond a shadow of a doubt this L. D. has less chance of getting a two-thirds vote in the House than 1575 had of getting 101 votes, so I withdraw my motion to accept the Majority Ought to Pass Report.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator MacLeod, withdraws his motion that the Senate accept the Majority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Lund of Kennebec, the Senate voted to accept the Minority Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee.

The adjournment Order having been received from the House, on motion by Mr. Ross of Piscataquis.

Adjourned until Monday, June 26, at one o'clock in the afternoon.