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Maintenance (H. P. 1491) (L. D. 1934)

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

**Passed to Be Enacted
Emergency Measure**

An Act relating to the Community School District Law (H. P. 1463) (L. D. 1906)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 106 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Change of Name and Powers of Anson Academy (H. P. 1484) (L. D. 1927)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 106 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Kents Hill School (H. P. 1489) (L. D. 1932)

An Act relating to Veterans Preference in State Employment (H. P. 1516) (L. D. 1958)

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

By unanimous consent, the foregoing Enactors were ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

The following paper from the Senate was received out of order by unanimous consent:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the House and

Senate adjourn they adjourn to Monday, February 7, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. (S. P. 749)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

Orders of the Day

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

Majority Report (10) — "Ought not to pass" — Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act relating to the Administration of State Funds Appropriated to Charitable and Benevolent Institutions" (H. P. 1528) (L. D. 1971) and Minority Report (3) reporting "Ought to pass."

Tabled — February 3, by Mr. Lewis of Bristol.

Pending — Motion of Mrs. Payson of Falmouth to accept Majority Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: There has been a great deal of confusion surrounding this bill and we have been playing with it here in this body for the last couple of days. I think we are back on the right track, but in order to do the job, the best place to do it is back in committee. So I am going to move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

Whereupon, the Reports and Bill were recommitted to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services and sent up for concurrence.

Mrs. Cummings of Newport was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mrs. CUMMINGS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Governor Curtis promised in writing that he would set a date for the question of ballot reform to come before the citizens of Maine. Then he reneged on this promise. It was taken to court and both sides were given five days to file their legal arguments, which

again delays the decision until next week. I would like to quote from an editorial that appeared in the Portland Evening Express.

"We think we know how the judge will rule because the ballot reform group wisely took the precaution of asking for a special election which the Constitution allows. Thus, Governor Curtis, as we read the Constitution, cannot let this lie over until November. The basic issue here is whether or not the Democrats are trying to thwart the popular will, and it is apparent that they are. All that

is sought is the right of the people to pass upon the bill they have initiated, and the Court must uphold that constitutional right."

It is indeed unfortunate, to put it mildly, when the highest elected official in our State chooses to distort the law in order to disregard the legally recorded wishes of the Maine voters.

On motion of Mr. Porter of Lincoln,

Adjourned until Monday, February 7, at three o'clock in the afternoon.