

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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data as from time to time may be available to the end that the Research Committee may make recommendations to the 99th Legislature as the Committee may wish to conclude from its study and consideration of the data developed in the Highway Commission survey.

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the New Draft assigned for third reading tomorrow.

#### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act relating to Tenure of Office of Members of Highway Commission" (S. P. 540) (L. D. 1519) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"**  
to S. P. 540, L. D. 1519, Bill, "An Act Relating to Tenure of Office of Members of Highway Commission."

Amend said Bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Staggering of terms of State Highway Commission.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, the terms of office of the members of the State Highway Commission next to be appointed shall be, one for a term of 2 years and one for a term of 3 years. This act shall apply only to the terms of the next 2 appointees.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Bill assigned for third reading tomorrow.

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Date of the General Election (H. P. 66) (L. D. 93) which was recalled

to the Senate from the Engrossing Department by Joint Order (S. P. 575)

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill.

Mr. MORRILL: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This changing of the date of elections would be a financial blow to some areas of the State where some so-called summer residences are held. In the western part of the State, where there are many people from all the eastern states and some from Texas who are changing their legal residence to the State of Maine so as to be able to vote in the early elections, many of these people are spending more and more of their time in the State of Maine each year. And as this is one phase of the economy of the State that is building up and our early elections are helping this cause, I am for the early elections. Therefore I am going to move the indefinite postponement of this bill and accompanying papers.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, I believe that this House decided that they would fight these two matters when they came up for enactment. Today is not the enactment stage. Today the Senate has reported to us just that they concurred with changing the ballot situation whereby they put the checks instead of the yes and no. This will come up in the House tomorrow for enactment and I think there will be a great deal of debate on both of them and at that time we will have our roll call vote, but I don't believe today is the time the House wants to do it.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill, that Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Date of the General Election, and all accompanying papers, be indefinitely postponed. Is the House ready for the question?

Will those who favor the motion to indefinitely postpone please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: Is it now the pleasure of the House to recede and concur with the Senate?

The motion prevailed.

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of the Governor to Four-Year Terms (H. P. 157) (L. D. 204) which was recalled to the Senate from the Engrossing Department by Joint Order (S. P. 575)

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "B" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto, and Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Ross of Bath, the House voted to recede and concur.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire, is it the pleasure of the House that by unanimous consent items number seven and number eight be sent to the engrossing department when the House recesses at noon?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of a group of thirteen senior and junior students from Castine High School escorted by their principal, Mr. Stephen Smallidge. On behalf of the House the Chair extends to you ladies and gentlemen a most cordial welcome and we hope you will enjoy your visit here today. (Applause)

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Injury to Monuments and Places of Burial" (H. P. 920) (L. D. 1310) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in the House on May 10.

Came from the Senate with the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Judiciary accepted in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Quinn of Bangor, the House voted

to insist on its former action and request a Committee of Conference.

On motion of the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

#### Orders

Mrs. Smith of Falmouth presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the members of the House have learned that today is the thirtieth wedding anniversary of Mrs. Harriman of Lovell,

NOW BE IT ORDERED, that the House extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harriman and best wishes for future years.

The Order received passage.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Expending Penobscot County Funds for Higgins Classical Institute" (H. P. 646) (L. D. 913)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Westbrook Sewerage District" (H. P. 663) (L. D. 949)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

#### Amended Bill

Bill "An Act relating to Beneficial Devises, Bequests and Legacies to Subscribing Witnesses" (S. P. 566) (L. D. 1567)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed Emergency Measure

An Act to Incorporate the Cumberland Water District (H. P. 383) (L. D. 512)

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 division was had. 117 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed