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HOUSE

Saturday, February 7, 1970

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. John W. Meisner of Dover-Foxcroft.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Orders

On motion of Mr. McNally of Ellsworth, it was

ORDERED, that Christopher Allen Lee of Albion be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

The following Enactors appearing on Supplement No. 1 were taken up out of order.

Enactor

Tabled Later in the Day

An Act to Promote Governmental Reorganization and Efficiency (S. P. 641) (L. D. 1812)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

Mr. Donaghy of Lubec requested a vote on passage to be enacted of the bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman of Chelsea, Mr. Shaw.

Mr. SHAW: Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a request of anybody in the House who can answer. At one time there was a Section A on this that allowed for four super secretaries. I was under the impression that the last time it went through the House this was taken off. Now I understand it is back on again and I would like like to know if it is on there or it isn't.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Shaw, poses a question through the Chair to any member who may answer if they choose.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In answer to the question, if the bill is the same as what was before us last night, the Section A has been entirely removed from the bill and all that remains is B and C.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lubec, Mr. Donaghy.

Mr. DONAGHY: Mr. Speaker, I am not thoroughly familiar with the proceedings in the other body, but I am quite sure the first order of business last night was to put that Section A back in.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, tabled pending passage to be enacted and later today assigned.

**Passed to Be Enacted
Emergency Measure**

An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws (H. P. 1412) (L. D. 1779)

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. 95 voted in favor of same and 15 against.

Whereupon, Mr. Richardson of Cumberland requested a roll call vote.

The SPEAKER: For the Chair to order a roll call it must have the expressed desire of one fifth of the members present and voting. All members desiring a roll call vote will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken, and more than one fifth of the members present having expressed a desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Benson.

Mr. BENSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Without making reference to the bill itself or the contents, I merely would remind you this is an emergency enactor, it needs 101 votes, and we might spoil our lunch hour if this didn't go through here now. I hope that you will think very seriously about the consequences of defeating this bill at this point.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, may I pose a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Benson?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may pose his question.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker, may I request at what lunch hour Mr. Benson was referring to? (Laughter)

The SPEAKER: The Chair would consider the question to be facetious and the pending question is the enactment of L. D. 1779. A roll call has been ordered. All in favor of this bill being enacted as an emergency measure will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL

YEA — Allen, Baker, Barnes, Bedard, Benson, Bernier, Birt, Boudreau, Bourgoin, Bragdon, Brown, Bunker, Burnham, Carey, Carrier, Carter, Casey, Chick, Clark, C. H.; Corson, Cottrell, Cox, Croteau, Cummings, Curran, Curtis, Cushing, Dam, Danton, Drigotas, Dyar, Erickson, Farnham, Faucher, Fecteau, Finemore, Fortier, M.; Foster, Fraser, Gauthier, Giroux, Good, Goodwin, Hall, Hardy, Haskell, Hawkens, Heselton, Hewes, Hunter, Jalbert, Johnston, Jutras, Kelleher, Kelley, K. F.; Kilroy, Laberge, Lawry, Lebel, Lee, Leibowitz, LePage, Levesque, Lewin, Lund, Marstaller, Martin, McKinnon, McNally, McTeague, Meisner, Mills, Morgan, Nadeau, Norris, Noyes, Ouellette, Payson, Porter, Pratt, Quimby, Rand, Richardson, H. L.; Ricker, Ross, Sahagian, Scott, C. F.; Shaw, Sheltra, Snow, Soulas, Starbird, Susi, Tanguay, Temple, Thompson, Tyndale, Vincent, Wheeler, White, Williams, Wood, The Speaker,

NAY — Clark, H. G.; Crosby, Donaghy, Hanson, Harriman, Henley, Immonen, Kelley, R. P.; Lewis, Lincoln, MacPhail, Marquis, Mosher, Page, Richardson, G. A.; Scott, G. W.; Trask.

ABSENT — Berman, Binnette, Brennan, Buckley, Chandler, Coffey, Cote, Couture, Crommett, D'Alfonso, Dennett, Dudley, Durgin, Emery, Eustis, Evans, Fortier, A. J.; Gilbert, Hichens, Huber, Jameson, Keyte, Millett, Mitchell, Moreshead, Rideout, Rocheleau, Santoro, Stillings, Waxman, Wight.

Yes, 103; No, 17; Absent, 31.

The SPEAKER: One hundred three having voted in the affirmative and seventeen in the negative, the Bill is passed to be enacted as

an emergency measure. It will be signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith.

The Chair laid before the House the following matter:

An Act to Promote Governmental Reorganization and Efficiency (S. P. 641) (L. D. 1812) which was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned, pending passage to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to answer the question asked a few moments ago by the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Shaw. Section A is on the bill. Section A is the one that was originally accepted here in the House, if my memory is correct. It went over to the Senate, it was deleted over there, and when the Senate backed up they backed up — at least from the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Shaw's point of view, a little too far, and they backed up right past their amendment and it took it out, and the bill is now in the form in which it came out of committee.

Many people read into this Section A, it is referred to as a super secretariat, a lot of sinister implications. I don't. But at any rate I would like to have us decide this issue and not hold this Legislature up for two or three more lunch periods, as Mr. Levesque refers to, in trying to decide it.

You will recall that the House originally sustained this by substantially in excess of 100 votes. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is enactment of L. D. 1812. A vote has been requested. All in favor of this bill being passed to be enacted will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken. 57 voted in the affirmative and 60 voted in the negative.

Whereupon, Mr. Marquis of Lewiston requested a roll call vote.

The SPEAKER: The yeas and nays have been requested. For the Chair to order a roll call it must have the expressed desire of one fifth of the members present and