

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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**HOUSE**

Tuesday, May 27, 1975

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

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Sidney E. Dee of South Portland.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem by the Telstar High School Band of Bethel.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

(Off Record Remarks)

**Committee of Conference Report**

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act to Increase the Veteran's Property Tax Exemption" (H. P. 1174) (L. D. 1172) ask leave to report: that the House recede from its action whereby it assed the bill to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "D", indefinitely postpone House Amendment "D", adopt Committee of Conference Amendment "A" (H-490) and pass the bill to be engrossed as amended by Committee of Conference Amendment "A" (H-490), that the Senate recede from its action whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "B", indefinitely postpone Senate Amendment "B", adopt Committee of Conference Amendment "A" (H-490), and pass the bill to be engrossed as amended by Committee of Conference Amendment "A" (H-490).

Signed  
Messrs. CAREY of Waterville  
FINEMORE of Bridgewater  
MULKERN of Portland  
-of the House.

Messrs. MERRILL of Cumberland  
COLLINS of Knox  
-of the Senate.

Report was read.  
On motion of Mr. Finemore, the Report was accepted.

The House voted to recede from its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed, recede from the adoption of House Amendment "D" and indefinitely postpone same.

Conference Committee Amendment "A" (H-490) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

The Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A" and sent up for concurrence.

**Committee of Conference Report**

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on 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 (H. P. 1510) (L. D. 1827) ask leave to report: that the House recede from its action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed, adopt Committee of Conference Amendment "A" (H-491) and pass the bill to be engrossed as amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A" (H-491); that the Senate recede from its action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "D" (S-95), indefinitely postpone Senate Amendment "D", adopt Conference Committee Amendment "A" (H-491) and pass the bill to be engrossed as

amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A" (H-491).

Signed  
Messrs. COONEY of Sabattus  
SUSI of Pittsfield  
GREENLAW of Stonington  
-of the House.

Messrs. GREELEY of Waldo  
ROBERTS of York  
DANTON of York  
-of the Senate.

Report was read.  
Mr. Cooney of Sabattus moved that the Report be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt.

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: During the discussion we had on this particular amendment of the Constitution in the House, there was a good deal of opposition to it, probably enough to keep it from being enacted. Mainly most of the opposition was to attempt to find some reasonable way of putting language into the Constitution to govern the various sessions.

Some of the amendments that have been proposed are not too bad; some of them I guess probably I could accept with some reservations, but I certainly cannot, under any condition, accept the amendment that came out from the Conference Committee, which would make it completely statutory.

I think we have two options this morning, and I think probably the one that I would most like to see done is to reject the Conference Committee Report and then we can ask for another Committee of Conference.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will order a vote. All in favor of the Conference Committee Report being accepted will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.  
44 having voted in the affirmative and 42 having voted in the neagative, the motion did prevail.

Thereupon, the House voted to recede from its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

Conference Committee Amendment "A" (H-491) was read by the Clerk and adopted.

The Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A" and sent up for concurrence.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate: The following Communication:

The Senate of Maine  
Augusta  
May 23, 1975

Honorable Edwin H. Pert  
Clerk of the House  
107th Legislature  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Pert:  
The Senate today voted to Adhere to its action whereby it accepted the Minority Ought Not to Pass report on Bill, "An Act Concerning Pay Toilets" (H. P. 663) (L. D. 837)  
Respectfully,

Signed  
HARRY N. STARBRANCH  
Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

From the Senate: The following Joint Order: (S. P. 532)

WHEREAS, The Legislatature has learned of the Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Accomplishment of

Maine Central Institute  
of Pittsfield, Maine  
Maine Prep School  
Boy's Track  
Championship 1974-75

We the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives do hereby Order that our congratulations and acknowledgment be extended; and further

Order and direct, While duly assembled in session at the Capitol in Augusta, under the Constitution andf Laws of the State of Maine, that this official expression of pride be sent forthwith on behalf of the legislature and the people of the State of Maine.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Delegation by the Board of Environmental Protection of Certain Actions to the Department of Environmental Protection" (H. P. 958) (L. D. 1206) Which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-398) in the House on May 20.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-398) as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-185) thereto in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur.

The following Communication: (S. P. 535)

STATE OF MAINE  
Senate Chamber  
President's Office  
Augusta

May 22, 1975

Mr. Harry N. Starbranch  
Secretary of the Senate  
Augusta  
Maine 04330

Dear Mr. Starbranch:  
The Committee on Reference of Bills has met and decided to extend the date by which all bills must be reported out of committee.

All bills and resolves must be reported from all committees by 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,  
Signed

JOSEPH SEWALL, Chairman  
Committee on Reference of Bills

Came from the Senate read and ordered placed on file.

In the House, the Communication was read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

**Petitions, Bills and Resolves  
Requiring Reference**

The following bills were received and, upon recommendation of the majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following committees:

Bill "An Act Exempting Transactions in Securities or Commodity Accounts made with a Broker-dealer Registered on the Commodities Futures Trading Commission from the Consumer Credit Code" (H. P. 1630) (presented by Mrs. Clark of Freeport) (Approved for introduction by a Majority of the