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concurrence and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read.

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

Mr. SPEERS: Mr. President, I understand that there is an additional amendment which is being prepared and to be offered tomorrow on second reading which would cover much of the same area that is covered by the committee amendment. I therefore move the indefinite postponement of Committee Amendment "A".

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers, now moves that Committee Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, the Bill was Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

The Committee on Business Legislation on, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Exclusion or Modification of Warranties on Used Consumer Goods." (H. P. 810) (L. D. 999)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-292).

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

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted in concurrence and the Bill, as Amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on, Bill, "An Act to Clarify Certain Provisions of the Maine Right to Know Law." (H. P. 848) (L. D. 1035)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-285).

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

Which report was Read.

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

Mr. SPEERS: Mr. President, I would like to call the attention of the Senate to this particular item. It is one of those bills that was mentioned in debate a couple of days ago by the Chairman of the Committee on Legal Affairs as being one of those bills coming along that is dealing with the overall subject matter of the so-called sunshine laws. It was the suggestion at that time that amendments could be offered to the particular bills, this one and another one that will be coming along from the other body, for anyone who wishes to offer amendment to the overall sunshine laws and to address themselves to this subject in general.

I would hope that the Senators who may have amendments that they would like to prepare and to offer would consider preparing those amendments to this bill or to the other bill coming along from the House, and have these ready to be offered tomorrow or, if need be, we could table this bill for one or two days to have those amendments prepared.

Again, it is a question of upholding the decision of the various committees as to which bills they are desirous of passing out to the bodies that could be amended, of course, on the floor. I would hope that the committee decision that this particular bill would be a good instrument to be passed

out to deal with the sunshine laws could be upheld, and that if there are amendments needed that the amendments could be offered to either this or the other bill which is coming along from the other body.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate to accept the Ought to Pass as Amended Report of the Committee?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reeves.

Mr. Reeves of Kennebec then moved that the Bill be tabled and Specially Assigned for May 16, 1975, pending Acceptance of the Committee Report.

On motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, a division was had. Seven having voted in the affirmative, and 15 having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Ought to Pass as Amended Report of the Committee was Accepted in concurrence and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read and Adopted in concurrence and the Bill, as Amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

The Committee on Business Legislation on, Bill, "An Act Regarding Late Payment of Insurance Claims." (H. P. 930) (L. D. 1156)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-295).

The Committee on Marine Resources on, Bill, "An Act to Permit the Use of Weirs and Eel Traps in Certain Washington County Waters." (H. P. 1145) (L. D. 1439)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-297).

The Committee on Labor on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Eligibility of Benefits under the Employment Security Law." (H. P. 1215) (L. D. 1529)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-291).

The Committee on State Government on, Bill, "An Act Creating the Bureau of Central Computer Services within the Department of Finance and Administration." (H. P. 1440) (L. D. 1789)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-296).

Comes from the House, The Bills Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by Committee Amendments "A".

Which reports were Read and Accepted in concurrence and the Bills Read Once. Committee Amendments "A" were Read and Adopted in concurrence and the Bills, as Amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

The Committee on Taxation on, Bill, "An Act to Facilitate the Collection of Real Estate Taxes on House Trailers." (H. P. 672) (L. D. 847)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-290).

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-333).

Which report was Read and Accepted and the Bill Read Once. Committee Amendment "A" was Read.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Speers of Kennebec, tabled until later in today's session, pending Adoption of Committee Amendment "A".

Ought to Pass in New Draft

The Committee on Business Legislation on, Bill, "An Act Relating to Reserve

Valuation Standards for Life Insurance and Annuity Contracts and Nonforfeiture Benefits of Life Insurance Policies." (H. P. 693) (L. D. 880)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass in New Draft under Same Title (H. P. 1576) (L. D. 1879).

Comes from the House, the Bill in New Draft Passed to be Engrossed.

Which report was Read and Accepted in concurrence, the Bill in New Draft Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Legal Affairs on, Resolve, to Reimburse Briana Hinkley of Wilton for Injuries Received in the State Forestry Building at Weld. (H. P. 1481) (L. D. 1772)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

CIANCHETTE of Somerset

Representatives:

GOULD of Old Town
PERKINS of Blue Hill
SHUTE of Stockton Springs
JOYCE of Portland
BURNS of Anson
CAREY of Waterville
COTE of Lewiston

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

CORSON of Somerset

Representatives:

FAUCHER of Solon
HUNTER of Benton

Comes from the House, the Minority report Read and Accepted and the Resolve Passed to be Engrossed.

Which reports were Read.

On motion by Mr. Corson of Somerset, the Minority Ought to Pass Report of the Committee was Accepted in concurrence, the Resolve Read Once and Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

Divided Report

The Majority of the Committee on Human Resources on, Bill, "An Act Designating Family Day Care as a Priority Social Service." (H. P. 1207) (L. D. 1500)

Reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

KATZ of Kennebec

Representatives:

AULT of Wayne
CONNERS of Franklin
HUNTER of Benton
HUTCHINGS of Lincolnville
RAYMOND of Lewiston
TRUMAN of Biddeford

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Signed:

Senator:

GRAHAM of Cumberland

Representatives:

TALBOT of Portland
SAUNDERS of Bethel
DAVIES of Orono
BACHRACH of Brunswick

Comes from the House, the Minority report Read and Accepted and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

Which reports were Read.