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## SENATE

Monday, June 10, 1963

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Joseph Craig of Augusta.

On motion by Mrs. Christie of Aroostook, the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. CRAM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I present an order which would direct the Bureau of Taxation to study the subject of a state gross receipts tax, my thought being that we may at the next legislature have to have more money than is yielded by the four per cent tax if the Sinclair subsidies continue to grow and the demands of other departments continue to grow, and at that time we should perhaps grow to a broad base tax of some type rather than to an income tax or a five per cent sales tax, and unless we have some information on different types of taxation we cannot make such a move intelligently. Therefore I present an order and move its passage.

The order was read by the Secretary as follows:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Department of Finance and Administration through the Bureau of Taxation is directed to study the gross receipts tax now in operation in other states and report to the Legislative Research Committee before October 1st, 1964 as to the feasibility of imposing a state gross receipts tax in Maine.

And be it further ordered that the Legislative Research Committee transmit the report with such recommendations as it may wish to make to the 102nd Legislature.

The order received passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EDMUNDS of Aroostook presented the following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the committees be directed to complete their work and file their final reports no later than Thursday, June 13.

Mr. EDMUNDS of Aroostook: Mr. President, I believe the intent of this order is obvious and that is to get all of the bills finally reported out of committee. I am sure if the

Appropriations Committee with the greatest work load can do this, that the other committees can comply with it also and it will be a very important step on the final road to adjournment.

I would also state that commencing tomorrow both the Majority Floor Leader in the House and myself, will, in most instances, be requesting that documents acted upon be sent forthwith from one branch to the other. There may be a few exceptions to this and if there is a bill that someone is particularly anxious to have held, I would suggest that they contact me but in general we will attempt to have all documents sent forthwith, after today.

Thereupon, the Order received a passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

## Committee Reports — House

### Committee of Conference

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of Legislature on: Bill "An Act Relating to Definition of 'Hotel' under Liquor Law." (H. P. 299) (L. D. 393) reported that the House recede from its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "B" and from its action whereby House Amendment "B" was adopted; Indefinitely postpone House Amendment "B"; adopt Conference Committee Amendment "A" and pass the bill to be engrossed as amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A"; that the Senate recede from its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A", and its action whereby House Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A" were adopted; Indefinitely postpone House Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A"; adopt Conference Committee Amendment "A" and pass the bill to be engrossed, as amended by Conference Committee Amendment "A" in concurrence.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Conference Committee Amendment A was read, and the Senate voted to recede and concur.

**Second Readers**

**The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following Bills:**

**House**

Bill, "An Act Increasing Sales Tax." (H. P. 313) (L. D. 406)

Which was read a second time and on motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook, was tabled pending passage to be engrossed, and was especially assigned for tomorrow.

**Senate — As Amended**

Bill, "An Act Amending Certain

Statutes to Conform to the District Court Law." (S. P. 150) (L. D. 581)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Orders of the Day**

There being no further business to come before the Senate,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds of Aroostook

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.