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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

*Third Special Session*

OF THE

*One Hundred and Third  
Legislature*

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

September 18, 1968

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AUGUSTA, MAINE

**HOUSE**

Wednesday, September 18, 1968

This being the day designated in the proclamation of the Governor for the meeting of the One Hundred and Third Legislature in a third extra session, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in their hall at one o'clock in the afternoon and were called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Douglas H. Robbins of Augusta.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem.

The following Proclamation:

STATE OF MAINE  
PROCLAMATION  
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, legislative leaders have agreed that it is advisable that the Legislature of this State should meet in a special session limited to consideration of the following emergency legislation:

A resolve to amend the Constitution of the State of Maine to increase the loan guarantee capacity of the Maine Industrial Building Authority;

An act to appropriately amend that agency's law;

An act to appropriate money to the Secretary of State for increased election expenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNETH M. CURTIS, Governor of the State of Maine, by virtue of the power vested in me as Governor, convene the Legislature of this State, hereby requiring the Senators and Representatives to assemble in their respective chambers at the Capitol, at Augusta, on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of September, 1968, at one o'clock in the afternoon in order to receive such communication as may then be made to them and to consider and determine on such measures as in their judgment will best promote the welfare of the State.

GIVEN at the office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this eleventh day of September, One Thousand and Nine Hundred and Sixty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-third.

(Signed)

KENNETH M. CURTIS  
Governor

By the Governor

Joseph T. Edgar  
Secretary of State

A true copy.

(Signed)

Attest: Stanley F. Hanson Jr.

Deputy Secretary of State

The Proclamation was read by the Clerk and ordered placed on file.

A roll call was taken. 142 members answered to their names and accordingly a quorum was found to be present.

Those who were absent were: Messrs. Cote, Healy, Martin, Miliano, Mrs. Payson, and Messrs. Scribner and Sullivan.

(Mr. Philbrook of South Portland and Mr. Waltz of Waldoboro, deceased)

On motion of Mr. Richardson of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, that a Committee of seven be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of the House of Representatives is assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

The Chair appointed the following members to the Committee:

Messrs. RICHARDSON  
of Cumberland  
DENNETT of Kittery  
SNOW of Caribou  
Mrs. WHITE of Guilford  
Messrs. LEVESQUE  
of Madawaska  
Mrs. CONLEY of Portland  
WHEELER of Portland

Subsequently Mr. Richardson of Cumberland reported that the Committee had attended to its duty.

At this point, a message was received from the Senate borne by Senator Johnson of that body, informing the House that a quorum was ready to transact such business as might properly come before it.

On motion of Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor, it was

ORDERED, that a message be conveyed to the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives is present for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

Thereupon, Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor was appointed to convey the message and subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned to him.

The following Communication:  
 STATE OF MAINE  
 DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 AUGUSTA, MAINE

September 17, 1968  
 To Bertha W. Johnson  
 Clerk of the House of Representatives  
 of the One Hundred and Third  
 Legislature:

In compliance with Section 1 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes of 1964, notification is hereby given of four vacancies in the House of Representatives.

In the City of South Portland a vacancy has been created by the death of Wilbur W. Philbrook of South Portland.

In the Class Towns of Jefferson, Nobleboro, Waldoboro, Whitefield, Plantations of Monhegan and Somerville a vacancy has been created by the death of Stanley G. Waltz of Waldoboro.

In the City of Portland a vacancy has been created by the resignation of Rodney L. Scribner of Portland.

In the City of Portland a vacancy has been created by the resignation of Joseph J. Healy of Portland.

Copies of the letters of resignation from Mr. Scribner and Mr. Healy are attached hereto.

Respectfully,  
 (Signed) JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
 Secretary of State

The Communication was read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file, and the names stricken from the rolls of the House.

The SPEAKER: It is the sad duty of the Chair at this time to remind the membership of the loss of these dedicated Representatives during this period of time. It behooves me to ask you to join with me in standing in a moment of silence and retrospection in memory of these deceased members. Will you please rise.

Thereupon, the members stood for a moment in silent tribute out of respect to the memory of the deceased members of the House, Mr. Philbrook of South Portland and Mr. Waltz of Waldoboro.

The Speaker announced the membership of the House to be 147.

**Petitions, Bills and Resolves**

Bill "An Act Appropriating Funds to Carry out Duties of the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State." (H. P. 1347) (L. D. 1887) (Presented by Mr. Richardson of Cumberland)

Bill "An Act relating to Insurance of Mortgages under the Maine Industrial Building Act." (H. P. 1348) (L. D. 1888) (Presented by Mr. Levesque of Madawaska)

The Bills were read three times under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed without reference to any Committee and sent up for concurrence.

By unanimous consent ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

At this point, a message came from the Senate borne by Secretary Speers of that body, proposing a Joint Convention to be held forthwith in the Hall of the House for the purpose of listening to an address by His Excellency, Honorable Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of Maine.

Mr. Richardson of Cumberland was appointed to convey a message to the Senate informing that body that the House concurred in the proposal for a Joint Convention and he subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

Mr. McMann of Bath presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, on September 14, 1968, the House of Representatives of the One Hundred and Third Maine Legislature, lost a faithful friend and valued public servant in the death of Mr. Paul Mason of Bath; and

WHEREAS, his devoted and conscientious efforts as a subordinate House Officer carries a special meaning of appreciation by its membership long to be remembered; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, that the members of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred and Third Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in its third special session extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased and direct the Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this Order to the immediate family forthwith.

The Order received passage.

The Speaker announced the appointment of John Pye of Small Point as Sergeant-at-Arms for this special session.

At this point, the Senate entered the Hall of the House and a Joint Convention was formed.

#### In Convention

President Campbell of the Senate in the Chair.

On motion of Senator Johnson of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Honorable KENNETH M. CURTIS, Governor, and to inform him that the two branches of the Legislature are in Convention assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives, and extend to him an invita-

tion to attend the Convention and present such communication as he may be pleased to make.

The Chairman thereupon appointed as members of the Committee on the part of the Senate:

Senators:

JOHNSON of Somerset

ROSS of Piscataquis

HARDING of Aroostook

and on the part of the House:

Representatives:

CROCKETT of Freeport

DICKINSON of Mars Hill

HANSON of Lebanon

WATTS of Machias

ROBINSON of Carmel

KILROY of Portland

CARSWELL of Portland

Subsequently, Senator Johnson for the Committee reported that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned to it, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he would attend forthwith.

#### Convention at Ease

Called to order by the Chairman.

Thereupon, the Honorable Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor, accompanied by the Executive Council, entered the Hall of the House of Representatives amid applause, the audience rising.

Governor Curtis then addressed the Convention as follows:

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Honorable Councillors, and Members of the 103rd Legislature:

The promotion of the general welfare through an effective partnership between government and industry is the goal of our modern private enterprise system.

Beginning with Alexander Hamilton's treatise on manufacturing and ending with today's sophisticated and complex programs to assist agriculture, transportation, financial institutions and other industries, we have, perhaps more than any other nation, recognized the inherent interrelation of a good business climate and the public interest. We all know the mutual dependence of a healthy industry, good wages and an efficient labor force.

We, in Maine, understand that economic growth is a keystone upon which our other institutions — both private and public — must depend for adequate support. The quality of our schools, our social services, our hospitals and our correctional institutions derive directly from our economic base.

So, it is in this American and Maine tradition of promoting industrial enterprises, that I and your elected legislative leaders, agreed to call this third special session of the 103rd Legislature. The extraordinary nature of this occasion stems from the need to expand an existing historic shipyard to support the application to the United States Navy by the Bath Iron Works and cooperating concerns for the DX Destroyer contract.

If the Department of Defense awards the full contract to Bath Iron Works, their current employment would increase to over 10,500 workers. Including the present salaries, Bath Iron Works would expect a yearly payroll of over \$50 million sufficient to support a community of forty to fifty thousand. This is big business by any standard, and the State of Maine has been asked to help. In Bath Iron Works' own words, "To be competitive, the State's guarantee is a must."

A competitor for the DX program now has a \$130 million shipyard being built by the State of Mississippi using tax exempt industrial bonds. One state agency, the Maine Industrial Building Authority, will be asked to assist in this contract, by using the credit of the State to guarantee loans by private investors to Bath Iron Works, for approximately one-half of the fifty million dollar cost of expansion.

Direct State funds are not involved.

To accomplish this will require a constitutional amendment which will be voted on at the November 5 election, and a removal of the statutory restriction of eight million dollars for a single project guarantee.

As you know constitutional changes can only be voted on at the November election every other year. If we do not place this question before Maine voters this November, we would not have another opportunity until November, 1970.

Also for your consideration is a bill which would provide the necessary costs to include this legislation on the November 5 ballot.

I wish to respectfully acknowledge the bipartisan manner in which planning for this session has been undertaken, both in the process of preparing the proposed bills and in the willingness to sponsor and support the legislation.

Furthermore, I wish to convey my hope that the legislation as drafted will prove acceptable, for I believe it represents a great demonstration of faith by Maine state government in the future of one of our oldest and most respected industries. But the benefits of the measures before you today will not be confined solely to one region of the State nor to the industry which most immediately plans to make application.

The significance of the proposed legislation goes farther than the specific project of Bath Iron Works. For it recognizes that economic development by corporations of increased size and number is a real factor in the future of Maine.

If you act favorably on these measures today, you will have demonstrated to every industrialist in the nation that the State of Maine stands ready to do everything possible to provide the economic climate that modern technology and plant location desires and requires.

It is my hope that this is just a beginning. I believe that we can and must pursue economic development aggressively. Today's action is another step in that direction.

At the conclusion of the address, the Governor and Council retired, amid applause of the Convention, the audience rising.

The purpose for which the Convention was assembled having been accomplished, the Convention was dissolved and the Senate retired to its Chamber.

#### In the House

The House was called to order by Speaker Kennedy.

Mr. Crommett of Millinocket presented the following Order out of order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to report out a bill to repeal the law regulating snow traveling vehicles (Title 29, Chapter 14).

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

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: It is with some reluctance that I get up to speak on this order, knowing very well that my good friend from Millinocket, Mr. Crommett, and colleague as a member of this House, is very much interested in seeing that this be adopted by this special session of the Legislature, and of course Mr. Crommett knowing that we have been able to come to an agreement with the Executive Office and both leaders of both political parties as to what the purpose of this special session was going to be for.

Now I know that Mr. Crommett and the rest of the members of this House understand that the purpose of this special session must only be for this special session for these three bills that have been introduced, and knowing very well that an agreement is an agreement and certainly we don't want to prolong this session for any other than emergency measures, I feel that I must indefinitely postpone this order.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque, now moves that this order be indefinitely postponed. Are you ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley.

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I realize I'm not taking up much time because we're not holding you up, but I too am in favor of the order, but I am going to go along to indefinitely postpone it because I understand the situation as it is today.

I did want to tell the House that nothing has irritated the people that we could have done in the 103rd Legislature that would irritate the people from where I come more than this particular bill and it has caused more confusion in the area, and I hope the next Legislature will see fit to do something to correct this injustice, and I remember it was said by a member of this House that they just wanted to put something on the book and they sure put something on the book all right. Thank you.

Thereupon, the Order was indefinitely postponed on a viva voce vote.

The SPEAKER: The House will be at ease pending papers from the Senate.

#### House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

#### Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Resolve Proposing Constitutional Amendment Increasing to \$80,000,000 the Limitation on Legislative Authority to Insure Payment of Loans to Industrial, Manufacturing, Fishing and Agricultural Enterprises for which Payment the Legislature May Appropriate Moneys or Issue Bonds, or both, on Behalf of the State. (S. P. 821) (L. D. 1889)

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed without reference to any Committee under suspension of the rules.

In the House, under suspension of the rules, the Resolve was given its two readings.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: We consistently talk in platitudes favoring progress and a return to our rightful motto "Dirigo". However, we seem to confuse this with increased welfare, higher salaries without regard for merit, and things like more unemployment benefits. We only fool ourselves with these conceptions. True progress should encompass innovations which will create jobs and help us return to fiscal sanity.

These are times of high pressure selling, glamorous advertising, public relation schemes, generalities in equality and general public distrust. All but forgotten seem to be the qualities of conscientiousness, workmanship, honesty, ingenuity and integrity. However, these were the traits that over the years set Maine people apart. These are the qualities which still earn for the Bath Iron Works the reputation for building the finest ships afloat.

Although I come from Bath, if this were an out and out state loan I would oppose it. If it were only intended to increase jobs locally I would oppose it. If it were any sort of an inflationary measure or an outright government grant, I would not approve of it.

Nevertheless, here we have a very extraordinary situation. The Bath Iron Works has always been able and willing to finance its own normal expansion programs. However, now they are competing against two industrial giants for the largest government contract in the history of our State. It involves hundreds of millions of dollars and the possible employment of thousands of workers throughout Maine.

It does not appear logical that any one Yard will get this entire program, but at this point plans must be made as if this were a certainty. New facilities are but one item in the complex financial picture. Multi million dollar withholdings could be anticipated, and the successful shipyard would have to guarantee satisfactory comple-

tion. These items alone could involve hundreds of millions of dollars.

The competition does not have to worry about the costs of expansion. The State of Mississippi is building a new shipyard for Litton Industries and General Dynamics has the Quincy Yard in Massachusetts which is already of adequate size. The government now wants the assurance that Maine is willing to back up its faith in the future with a guarantee on this valid industrial loan. Although faith is almost a lost commodity, it is still the stuff upon which our Country and State were built.

Shipbuilding was the first industry in the United States. Over the years Maine has been one of the leaders in this field. For many reasons the industry is now at a low ebb. Of course the passage of this bill will not guarantee its resurrection. Neither would it insure the ultimate success of this one contract in question. However, its defeat would indicate our lack of confidence and probably guarantee that the other competing states be given top priority.

Thereupon, the Resolve was passed to be engrossed without reference to any Committee in concurrence.

By unanimous consent ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

(Off Record Remarks)

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring that the Legislative Research Committee is hereby directed to study the functions of the Maine Industrial Building Authority and report to the next regular session of the Legislature its findings and recommendations with respect to ways and means by which the Legislature may more closely oversee the practices and policies of said Authority. (S. P. 824)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair calls attention to Supplement number 1, a communication.

The following paper from the Senate was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

The following Communication: (S. P. 822)

STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE

March 21, 1968

Honorable Joseph B. Campbell  
President of the Senate  
103rd Legislature  
State of Maine  
76 Willow Street  
Augusta, Maine  
Dear Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication received by this Office from the Honorable Robert B. Williamson, Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

You will note that the attached communication clarifies the senatorial district in which the Penobscot Indian Reservation is to be included.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) JOSEPH T. EDGAR  
Secretary of State

The Communication was read and with accompanying paper ordered placed on file.

#### House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair calls attention to Supplement number 2.

#### Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act Appropriating Funds to Carry out Duties of the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State (H. P. 1347) (L. D. 1887)

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. 133 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by

the Speaker and sent forthwith to the Senate.

#### Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Insurance of Mortgages under the Maine Industrial Building Act (H. P. 1348) (L. D. 1888)

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. 134 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent forthwith to the Senate.

#### Finally Passed

#### Constitutional Amendment

Resolve Proposing Constitutional Amendment Increasing to \$80,000,000 the Limitation on Legislative Authority to Insure Payment of Loans to Industrial, Manufacturing, Fishing and Agricultural Enterprises for which Payment the Legislature May Appropriate Moneys or Issue Bonds, or both, on Behalf of the State (S. P. 821) (L. D. 1889)

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Belgrade, Mr. Sahagian.

Mr. SAHAGIAN: Mr. Speaker, first I want to apologize for not being here at our caucus, and when I got here it was late and I am not well informed about this important bill that we are about to enact here, and if I may, I would like to pose a question through the Chair to anyone who cares to answer.

Without any doubt, it is not probably probable, but it is possible, in the event that this order was taken by the Bath Iron Works and six months or a year afterwards something went wrong and Bath Iron Works couldn't furnish the necessary money, do we as a co-signer as the State of Maine have to pick up the tab if there are any losses?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Belgrade, Mr. Sahagian, poses a question through the Chair to any member who may answer if they choose. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker, in answer to the gentleman's question, I think it is important to recognize that we are merely guaranteeing a loan to be privately financed by private lending institutions acting on what I believe has in the past been conservative, good judgment, so that in the extremely unlikely event that there were a default and the Bath Iron Works were unable to pay, the question would then become, what would be the obligation of the State of Maine?

First of all, I believe the State of Maine would become a primary creditor; we would have recourse to the assets of the Bath Iron Works in a preferred creditor status and able to go against those. If all of those assets which I believe—I know, total well in the millions and millions of dollars were insufficient, then and in that event only, would the State of Maine be faced with the necessity of making up the difference, but I consider it so unlikely, a remote situation, that I don't think that it should impede the action we take today which I think has been correctly described as an act of faith, an act in support of this great industry.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Belgrade, Mr. Sahagian.

Mr. SAHAGIAN: Mr. Speaker, would there be any coordination between the, or liaison between the Legislature and the authorities who are going to make this advance and the State of Maine so that we can be informed?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Belgrade, Mr. Sahagian, poses a further question through the Chair to any member who may answer if they choose, and the Chair recognizes the same gentleman, Mr. Richardson of Cumberland.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The order entered in the Senate and passed a few moments ago by the House, calls upon the Legislative Research Committee to immediately examine and report to the next general session of the Legislature on the question of liaison between the Maine Industrial Building Authority and its procedures and the Legislature's participation and a concern for lending procedures and policies. It should be clear that the Maine Legislature is not passing judgment on the wisdom of the private financing package to be put together. This is a judgment that rested by law, and I think properly so, with the Maine Industrial Building Authority. It is their decision to make whether or not the financial package is a sound one, and that is an authority which they have and I think they should have, but the order that we have in is designed, in answer to your question, to allow the Legislature to really go into this and to re-examine the whole situation. It was prompted by remarks in the Republican caucus this morning by the gentleman from Lubec, Mr. Pike.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Truman.

Mr. TRUMAN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have a few questions in my mind before I vote on this important document.

Don't we set a precedence here or don't we open the door in the future for any other industry in Maine to come before us and ask us how about us, can't we borrow a little money here? You did it for Bath. This is something that has been on my mind, and I would like to know if anyone else could answer that.

What do we do here, do we go in the banking business? I realize we are just guaranteeing this, but it is an important document. Also, this increase in this eight million limitation. I didn't get a chance to read the intent of the M.I.B.A.

but isn't this mostly for small businesses in Maine? If we get a big industry that comes in and gobbles this up, what's left for most of your small businesses here in Maine? May I have that answered?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Truman, poses a question through the Chair to any member who may answer if they choose. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker, I would personally hope that the Maine Legislature would be asked many times to approve soundly financed ambitious industrial projects such as the one that it is being asked to approve today.

I want to make it absolutely clear that the eight million dollar single project limitation is not being removed by this legislation. The project limitation of eight million dollars remains in effect except as to the specifically designed exception designed to handle this problem. If we are establishing a precedent, it is that when the authority of the M.I.B.A. has to be exceeded in order to underwrite a major project, those people must come to the Legislature and secure legislative approval and I, for one, hope that there are many, many such instances.

Thereupon, this being a Constitutional Amendment and a two-thirds vote of the House being necessary, a total was taken. 138 voted in favor of same and one against, and accordingly the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent forthwith to the Senate.

**House at Ease**

Called to order by the Speaker.

A message came from the Senate borne by Secretary Speers of that body informing the House that the Senate has transacted all business before it and was ready to adjourn without day.

Mr. Richardson of Cumberland was appointed to convey a message to the Senate informing that body that the House had acted on all matters before it and was ready to adjourn without day, and he subsequently reported he had performed the duty assigned him.

Mr. Carey of Waterville was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. CAREY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Regardless of our politics, the events of the immediate past should not go unheralded in this body. One man has brought great honor upon himself, his family, his home town of Rumford, his adopted town of Waterville, and of the State. I speak of a former member of this body, a former Governor of our great State and a dedicated United States Senator.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the Clerk of the House be instructed to offer the congratulations of this House to Vice Presidential nominee Edmund S. Muskie, the junior Senator from Maine.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman that his motion is not in order because there isn't any preparation for it, it must be done through formal House order. However, the gentleman's remarks are a matter of record.

(Off Record Remarks)

Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I had distributed on your desks or to you this morning several of our brochures that the committee in my area has had printed. I speak of this measure again because it is coming before us November 5 one, and secondly, I speak again because since we have adjourned here the situation has now become to an almost intolerable point, and to attest to this, I have had several of those who had either used a laissez faire attitude towards this

measure before since we have met here or some who have actually opposed it have informed me that they are now for it. It is not my thinking to belabor the issue at all other than the fact that this is your highway, it is a United States highway as well as a Maine highway. This is now becoming for our people an intolerable situation.

We do not ask much money for our highways because we have not great miles of highways in our area, but we do just the same supply the necessary funds to go into your areas out of our gasoline tax and also out of our motor vehicle taxes, in that I urge you to support this one bond issue, number four. I would urge you also to think seriously of the chaotic situation that would exist if we did not pass the \$12,800,000 highway bond issue; the heartaches and hardships that would be created if we did not pass the bond issue that calls for a program for the mentally retarded in the garden spot of Maine, in Aroostook County, and also we should protect in the Park Commission bond issue the investment that we have now in our State parks.

Restricting myself again to number four, I hope that you will see fit to distribute the material that I have given you and see fit to cast your vote in the affirmative as you did in the Legislature. Thank you very kindly.

Mrs. Carswell of Portland was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mrs. CARSWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: When my term ends in January I will have served twelve years. Those twelve years have been very rewarding to me. I have met many wonderful friends, I have had a great deal of support for the many legislative proposals I have presented, and I feel that I have received a great deal of education from this experience.

When I was ill, I received a great deal of support and I rallied back here. I appreciate everything that you as members of this House,

and the other body, have done for me. As I said, I am not running for the next term. I don't know if I will be back again, but a big thank you all. (Applause)

The following paper from the Senate was taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that both branches of the Legislature have acted on all matters before them, and are ready to receive any further communication he may be pleased to make (S. P. 823)

Came from the Senate read and passed, with the following members appointed on its part:  
Messrs. HILDRETH

of Cumberland  
REED of Sagadahoc  
Mrs. SPOUL of Lincoln

The Order was read and passed in concurrence, and the Speaker appointed the following members on the part of the House:  
Messrs. BENSON

of Southwest Harbor  
SUSI of Pittsfield  
Mrs. CORNELL of Orono  
Messrs. LEWIN of Augusta  
HENLEY of Norway  
BRENNAN of Portland  
CONLEY of Portland

Subsequently, Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor for the Committee reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged, and that the Governor transmitted herewith the following message:

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AUGUSTA, MAINE

September 18, 1968  
To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the 103rd Legislature:

The hour of adjournment of this third special session is upon us, and it is my duty to submit to you a tabulation of the results of your action this afternoon.

There were 2 Acts approved.

There was 1 Resolve approved.

I am pleased by the approval which you have given to my request for a special session. Necessary legislative revisions have been made to assist an industry vital to the economic welfare of the State of Maine.

May I respectfully thank you, and wish you a safe return to your homes.

Respectfully,  
**KENNETH M. CURTIS**  
 Governor

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Meisner.

Mr. MEISNER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The Bible says, it says a good many things, but one thing is appropriate today, it is good for

those to dwell together in unity, and I am sure that today this has been a very pleasant day when we have all been together in unity; we worked together in spirit, but I could not declare to you that we have been all of the same mind, but I hope that we might be all of the same mind on November 5th, especially my mind. (laughter)

This special session of the 103rd Legislature having completed the business that was assigned to it, I therefore move that it be adjourned without day.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Meisner, moves that the House adjourn sine die. Is this the pleasure of the House? God speed you all.

The motion prevailed and the House adjourned without day at 3:19 P.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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