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HOUSE

Tuesday, June 6, 1961

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

Prayer by the Rev. Alton E. Maxell of Augusta.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate
Senate Reports of Committees
Ought Not to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Appropriating Funds for Operating Expenses for University of Maine (S. P. 248) (L. D. 765)

Came from the Senate with the Resolve substituted for the Report and indefinitely postponed.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted.

**Ought to Pass
Amended in Senate**

Tabled Until Later in the Day

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties, acting by authority of Joint Order (S. P. 528), reporting a Bill (S. P. 573) (L. D. 1626) under title of "An Act relating to Salaries of County Officials and Municipal Court Judges and Recorders" and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendments "C", "D", "E" and "F".

In the House: Report was read.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the Committee Report?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In regard to these county salary bills, the Committee on Towns and Counties has worked very hard on this report. We have spent months on it. We tried to bring these salaries into line. And some of these amendments that were adopted in the other body change these salaries as much as a thousand dollars a position — they increase them by that amount.

Now it seems to me if we have a committee to work on this — we have had hearings on every single request for increases and we used our best judgment to try to bring these salaries into line. We classified the counties according to population and we considered the work load of the jobs. Now it seems to me that if the Legislature wants to set these individual salaries as such that they could do away with the Committee on Towns and Counties and let the County Commissioners and the county delegations decide about the salaries and not bring them in here and give us all this work, and then come out with amendments to change, slice and chip here and there — it really isn't slicing, it's adding to in every instance.

I would move the indefinite postponement of the amendments, Senate Amendments "C"—

The SPEAKER: The Chair will advise the gentlewoman that the time to move for indefinite postponement of the amendments is after the second reading, after the report has been accepted.

Does the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker, object to accepting the Committee Report at this time? After the second reading an action can be taken on the Senate amendments one at a time.

Is it now the pleasure of the House to accept the Committee Report?

The motion prevailed, and the Committee "Ought to pass" Report was accepted in concurrence and the Bill given its two readings.

Senate Amendment "C" was read by the Clerk as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to S. P. 573, L. D. 1626, Bill, "An Act Relating to Salaries of County Officials and Municipal Court Judges and Recorders."

Amend said Bill in that part of section 1 designated "Sec. 254." under the caption "Lincoln County" by striking out in the 2nd line the underlined figure "\$3,800" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "\$4,200"; and by striking out in the 3rd line the underlined figure "\$3,850" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "\$4,200" and by striking out in the 4th line the underlined figure

"\$3,800" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$4,200'.

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 3 the following new section:

Sec. 3-A. Effective date for register of deeds and register of probate in Lincoln County. The salaries set forth in section 1 as they relate to the register of deeds and the register of probate of Lincoln County shall become effective January 1, 1962.'

The SPEAKER: The motion now before the House is on the acceptance or rejection of Senate Amendment "C."

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker, I move the indefinite postponement of Senate Amendment "C."

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nobleboro, Mr. Hancock.

Mr. HANCOCK: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In reference to Senate Amendment "C" to Senate Paper 573, this amendment just concerns Lincoln County. Now to review our actions I think that when the legislative document 540 was presented there was a mistake—a little misunderstanding in the salary increases. These amounts on L. D. 540 were being considered without taking into consideration the fact that they are going to lose their fees, three of our officials will lose their fees as of January 1, 1962. Now to take one particular office under the bill that came out, L. D. 1626, the Register of Probate actually wouldn't be getting a ny raise, because he has been receiving \$2600 and this calls for \$3800 which would just about compensate for the \$1200 fee that he will be losing. So, to go along with that thinking, I move that the House go along with the Senate on Senate Amendment S-247.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker, that Senate Amendment "C" be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bristol, Mrs. Sproul.

Mrs. SPROUL: I would like to go on record as approving the

remarks of my colleague, Mr. Hancock. As regards to the Register of Deeds, here is an office that—the one in particular is doing an excellent job, many other counties are asking for assistance, she has not asked for any assistance; and here again the fees are going to be taken away, it means a great loss to them. It is all very well to say that if they don't like it someone else can run for the job. But that doesn't work. We have a good sound system, we like it. We made no great to-do when the fees were taken away from them, and I certainly hope that we will go along with Senate Amendment "C."

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker, we felt that increasing the salary of the Register of Deeds from \$3200 to \$3850 took care of the loss of fees and some besides, and the same applies to the Register of Probate now receiving \$2600 and under our bill would receive \$3800.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The question before the House is the motion of the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker, that the House indefinitely postpone Senate Amendment "C." All those in favor of the motion to indefinitely postpone say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, Senate Amendment "C" was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read Senate Amendment "D."

Senate Amendment "D" was read by the Clerk as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT "D" to S. P. 573, L. D. 1626, Bill, "An Act Relating to Salaries of County Officials and Municipal Court Judges and Recorders."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 254." under the caption "Aroostook County", by striking out in the 2nd line the underlined figure "\$4,000" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$4,500'; and by striking out in the 3rd line the underlined figure "\$3,000" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$3,500'.

Further amend said Bill in section 2 by striking out all of the 11th line which reads as follows: "Personal Services

(1) \$8,588 (1) \$11,450." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Personal Services

(1) \$9,588 (1) \$12,450.'

The SPEAKER: Is it now the pleasure of the House that Senate Amendment "D" shall be adopted?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Danes.

Mr. DANES: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Relative to this amendment the same arguments follow in full as were explained by my colleague on the Towns and Counties Committee, Mrs. Baker. All the counties were given an awful lot of study, time and effort put into balancing these things to make them fair on an overall picture. And for these reasons and the reasons stated before, I should now move for the indefinite postponement of Senate Amendment "D."

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Danes, that Senate Amendment "D" be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out that this bill provides for a \$500 increase in these salaries in both instances and the amendment would provide for a thousand dollar increase.

The SPEAKER: All those in favor of the motion to indefinitely postpone say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, Senate Amendment "D" was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read Senate Amendment "E."

Senate Amendment "E" was read by the Clerk as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT "E" to S. P. 573, L. D. 1626, Bill, "An Act Relating to Salaries of County Officials and Municipal Court Judges and Recorders."

Amend said Bill in that part of section 1 designated "Sec. 254" under the caption "Cumberland Coun-

ty" by striking out in the 5th line the words, punctuation and figure "deputy county treasurer, \$3,800;" and inserting in place thereof the following words, punctuation and figure 'deputy treasurer, \$2,800;'

The SPEAKER: Is it now the pleasure of the House that Senate Amendment "E" shall be adopted?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Danes.

Mr. DANES: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: There is some question in my mind about this particular amendment for Cumberland County. I cannot appreciate why the officer has been struck out. I should like to double check with the Senator from Cumberland on this and I would move to table it for a little while this morning, if I may. This has nothing to do with increase or decrease in the salaries or anything of the sort, it is just striking out the new office, and I have not been informed as to why that was done. That is the only reason. I am not trying to fight for Cumberland County and make them an exception at all.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Danes, moves that item two be tabled until later in the day pending adoption of Senate Amendment "E." All those in favor of the tabling motion say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the tabling motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of a group of eighth grade students from the Union Junior High School, accompanied by their teacher Mr. Hilton.

Also in the gallery is a group of pupils from the seventh grade of the Wiscasset Grammar School and their teacher Mrs. Helen Leadbetter.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a most hearty and cordial welcome and we hope that you enjoy and profit by your visit with us here today. (Applause)

On motion of the gentleman from Bethel, Mrs. Lincoln, House Rule 25 was suspended for the re-

mainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Joint Order relative to Interim Joint Committee Study of Employment Security Law (S. P. 551) which was recalled from the Legislative Files to the Senate by Joint Order (S. P. 562), and which was passed in concurrence in the House on May 11.

Came from the Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment "A", as follows:

"Amend said Order by striking out in the 6th and 7th lines the figure and word '2 Representatives' and inserting in place thereof the figure and word '3 Representatives' "

In the House:

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to recede and concur?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Could I ask a question through the Chair of anyone who would like to answer? I wonder on this particular committee, and we have many committees here that we seem to either set up for one reason or the other, sometimes to bypass an issue so we don't have to decide on it, we send it to another legislature or we have various reasons and we sometimes lose track of these committees and how many there are, but on this particular one, what are they going to use for money to study this? Most of them have a money bill attached to them and with this one I see no money and I see no real use for the committee.

On a lot of these commissions—and many of them I am sure I don't know how many, all have advisory committees. Now under one we have advisory committees, we have interim committees, and all the others, but I would like to know what the price tag we have on this is.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith, has asked a question through the Chair of anyone who may choose to answer.

Is it the pleasure of the House to recede and concur?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Winthrop, Mr. Thaunum.

Mr. THAUNUM: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In regard to the question of the lady from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith, the Commission does have an advisory council, nine members I believe, three representing public, three representing labor, three representing management. This advisory council receives \$20 a day for their services and expenses. That money is paid for by the federal government as is all the administrative expenses of the Maine Employment Security Commission. None of that money for that advisory council comes out of the state treasury.

I think in the proposal for the additional representatives and senators on the committee, this order calls for two of the members on the advisory council representing labor, two from the advisory council representing the public, two from the advisory council representing management, three from the House of Representatives and I believe two from the Senate.

This order was primarily to get ambiguities — there are certain conflicts in the law that need study and I think it has been said on the floor here of the House that the law needs study. I think it would be well if some of the representatives, some of the senators could look into the Unemployment Compensation Law with the advisory council. Now as to the price tag, I think there was an item of \$1,000 for the expenses of the — not the advisory council but of the added members to this committee, that would be for the two from the Senate and the three from the House. In the order I think it called for \$1,000.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I question the wisdom of the expenditure of this money and would be happy to go along with anyone if they felt as I did. But I just don't think this committee is necessary.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The question before the House, relative to Joint Order relative to Interim Joint Committee Study of Employment Security Law, Senate Paper 551, is to recede and concur. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of a group of eighth grade students, twenty-two in number, from the West Bath School, accompanied by their Principal, Mrs. Chester Merrifield, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Patterson, and Mrs. Wilson Fitzgerald. They are also accompanied by their Representative, the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Schulten.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a most hearty and cordial welcome and we hope that you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us here today. (Applause)

Orders

Mr. Haughn of Bridgton presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that all Joint Standing Committees be and hereby are discharged from further consideration of any bills or resolves not reported out by 5 P.M. on Wednesday, June 7, 1961, and such bills or resolves shall be returned to the branch in which they originated except such bills as may have for their purpose the correction of errors or inconsistencies in the laws. (H. P. 1182)

The SPEAKER: For the information of the House, the Chair would like to announce at this time that all committees are to meet this afternoon, if they have remaining bills, between the hours of one and two in their respective hearing rooms for the purpose of reporting out any bills they may have remaining.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, not being forewarned in advance that this procedure or effort was being made, but for the purpose of securing and guaranteeing it, I would still like to see this order put before the House and not to be tabled but to be acted upon, and

as you know it will take a day from here to the Senate; so therefore, I would move that this order receive passage without being placed on the table.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that this order shall receive passage?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante.

Mr. PLANTE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I highly favor this order. However, there is one question I have in mind and I would like it answered, and that is, would this prohibit us, namely the Appropriations Committee, from reporting out on the last night of the session, the so-called "catch-all" bill?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante, has asked a question through the Chair of anyone who may choose to answer, and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, for the information of Mr. Plante, I think the last phase in that order gives him that leeway, inconsistencies or changes as necessary to meet the requirements. I think that order will fulfill that request.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante.

Mr. PLANTE: Mr. Speaker, it isn't for me to determine it, but I certainly feel that the "catch-all" bill that necessarily consists of inconsistencies and errors, and this is the only reason that I doubted it, but if it is the expression of this House that this order would not prohibit the "catch-all" bill from being presented to this body, I certainly support the order.

The SPEAKER: The Appropriations Committee must be authorized to report out the so-called omnibus bill, and they will be authorized so this order would not affect them.

Thereupon, the Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to recognize the presence in the House of the Extension Group from Levant Village and we hope that you will enjoy and profit by

your visit with us here today. (Applause)

On motion of Mr. Bearce of Bucksport, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Noel of Watterville be excused from attendance for the duration of the session because of illness.

House Reports of Committees Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Constitutional State Reapportionment and Congressional Redistricting, acting by authority of Joint Order (S. P. 245), reporting a Resolve (H. P. 1181) (L. D. 1630) under title of "Resolve to Apportion One Hundred and Fifty-one Representatives Among the Several Counties, Cities, Towns, Plantations and Classes in the State of Maine" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. STANLEY of Penobscot
NOYES of Franklin
DAVIS of Cumberland
WYMAN of Washington
— of the Senate.

Messrs. CHAPMAN of Gardiner
MOORE of Casco
DENNETT of Kittery
PRINCE of Harpswell
STEWART

— of Presque Isle
KENNEDY of Milbridge
— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Resolve.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. FOGG of Madison
WALLS of Millinocket
— of the House.

In the House: Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House accept the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Baxter, that the House accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Fogg.

Mr. FOGG: Mr. Speaker, being the first signer of the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report on this Resolve, I would like to make a statement. I suppose I have a right to anticipate that the Majority "Ought to pass" Report will be accepted; however, I would like to say that I had planned some debate on this, and there are going to be some amendments prepared. However, due to the fact that we don't have the time to prepare the amendments today, I shall forego any debate today and have it tomorrow when the third reading comes up and at that time I myself and some other members of the Minority Party will present our amendments.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante.

Mr. PLANTE: In anticipation of any future amendments that would be prepared, I would like to direct two questions through the Chair of anyone who may wish to answer.

One, have military personnel and college students in each and every instance been deleted from county population totals prior to determining any base figure? This is the first question.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante, has asked a question through the Chair of anyone who may choose to answer.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Milbridge, Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. KENNEDY: That is just about true in the case of the House. It was voted by the committee to take this action.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante, who has requested to ask a series of questions apparently and may proceed.

Mr. PLANTE: The second question is, are there any communities with enough people after the deletion of military personnel and college students that have enough people to be entitled to two representatives and are being denied same under the present Majority Report? That is the second and final question today.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante, has asked a second and final question through the Chair of anyone who may choose to answer.

Is it now the pleasure of the House to accept the Majority "Ought to pass" Report?

The motion prevailed, the Resolve read once and assigned for second reading tomorrow.

**Passed to Be Engrossed
Amended**

Bill "An Act Redefining the Financial Responsibility of Children and Certain Relatives in Public Assistance" (H. P. 1179) (L. D. 1265)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and read the third time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinds.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer House Amendment "A" to House Paper 1179, L. D. 1625, filing number H-374, and I would like to speak briefly on the amendment.

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1179, L. D. 1625, Bill, "An Act Redefining the Financial Responsibility of Children and Certain Relatives in Public Assistance."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following section:

'Sec. 14. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare from the General Fund the sum of \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and the sum of \$200,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 to carry out the purposes of this act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1961-62
Legislative Appropriation	
Welfare Administration	
Personal Services	
(16) \$	30,450
All Other	11,000
Capital	4,550
	46,000
Old Age Assistance	
All Other	34,000
Aid to the Blind	
All Other	5,000

Aid to the Disabled	
All Other	15,000

\$ 100,000

1962-63

Legislative Appropriation

 Welfare Administration

 Personal Services

(20) \$ 50,260

 All Other 18,000 |

 Capital 1,740 |

70,000

 Old Age Assistance

 All Other 75,000 |

 Aid to the Blind

 All Other 15,000 |

 Aid to the Disabled

 All Other 40,000 |

\$200,000 '

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinds.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to explain this amendment to the House briefly. First of all, I don't believe — I would like to give a brief explanation of the redraft of the relative responsibility law. As you know the new title of this is "An Act Redefining the Financial Responsibility of Children and Certain Relatives in Public Assistance." Now the only three changes in the present law are as follows, I know a number of members have asked me about this, and so I thought I would briefly explain it.

If you want to look at the L. D. 1625, on the first page the major change is it allows the department to obtain information from any source about relatives whether or not they are financially able to support or not, that's the first major change.

The second is, the only responsibility that has been removed by this redraft is that of grandchildren and grandparents. The liability to support of our spouse, parents and children is still involved if a person is financially able to do so.

The third main change is the Commissioner has been empowered in the past and the present laws to bring proceedings in the name of the state against people who will

not support their relatives. This change strikes out the Commissioner which is on the second page of the document and allows the Attorney General to bring these proceedings, which the Committee on Welfare felt would be more profitable because the commissioner hasn't been able to do it in the past.

Now this amendment, the Welfare Committee agreed there was a price tag attached to this bill, even though it is not in the bill, Dr. Fisher, the Commissioner of Health and Welfare, gave Mr. Berry, the Budget Officer, an estimate if this bill were enacted, it would cost approximately \$600,000. Now the Committee on Welfare felt that, at least the majority of them felt, that this could be done with \$300,000 because of this new redraft. Now that's what this House Amendment "A" is, it is just setting up according to how the department wanted the money a sum of \$300,000. Mr. Berry already has on file the sum of \$600,000, but this is just to attach it to the bill so there would be an amendment.

Now this isn't the total amount of aid that would be granted under this because all of this money is federally matched by sixty-five percent federal funds, so this \$300,000 in this amendment would be federally matched again by sixty-five percent or an additional probably \$350,000 or somewhere in that vicinity.

So, I would move the adoption of this amendment to L. D. 1625.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Representative Hinds an explanation perhaps of just what he said, because what I have here don't add up. Of that \$600,000 it was \$550,000, \$250,000 the first year for the biennium but the federal government was going to match it with \$406,000 and \$300,000 for the second year of the biennium and the federal government would match it with \$565,000. He says that they'd only match with sixty-five percent, that isn't the study that I have arrived at, and I would like to table this until later in the day.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, moves that the House table item one, Bill, An Act Redefining the Financial Responsibility of Children and Certain Relatives in Public Assistance until later in the day pending the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinds, that the House adopt House Amendment "A." Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

The SPEAKER: All those in favor of the tabling motion, say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinds, that the House adopt House Amendment "A."

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Patten, Mrs. Harrington.

Mrs. HARRINGTON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As you all know the Welfare Committee has put a lot of work into this bill, and although we are not giving what we hope to give towards these people, these old people that need help, I hope that you will go along with this amendment and this new redraft.

We have elderly people in this state that need help, and this is little enough for us to do for them.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: The point that troubles me is that if the federal government will give us two dollars for one dollar, that why we go to work and put on an amendment whereby the author of it says they are only going to give us sixty-five cents or \$65,000 for the hundred thousand. I just can't add it up the way they've added it up. So, I move indefinite postponement of the amendment.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that House Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed.

Will the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinds approach the rostrum please?

(Conference at rostrum)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinds.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my motion to offer House Amendment "A." This should have been House Amendment "B" because there was an error in the first amendment and the Clerk is going to have a new amendment prepared.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinds, withdraws House Amendment "A" due to an error in the amendment. The Clerk is now having another amendment produced. Therefore, the Chair understands the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinds, moves the House recess for seven minutes or until the sound of the gong, whichever is the sooner.

After Recess
12:10 P. M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Mr. Hinds of South Portland offered House Amendment "B" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "B" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H. P. 1179, L. D. 1625, Bill, "An Act Redefining the Financial Responsibility of Children and Certain Relatives in Public Assistance."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following section:

'Sec. 14. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare from the General Fund the sum of \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and the sum of \$200,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 to carry out the purposes of this act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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Aid to the Blind	
All Other	5,000
Aid to the Disabled	
All Other	15,000
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	\$ 100,000
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	1962-63

Legislative Appropriation	
Welfare Administration	
Personal Services	(20) \$ 50,260
All Other	18,000
Capital	11740
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	70,000

Old Age Assistance	
All Other	75,000
Aid to the Blind	
All Other	15,000
Aid to the Disabled	
All Other	40,000
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	\$200,000 '

House Amendment "B" was adopted, the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that unless previous notice is given to the Clerk of the House by some member of his or her intention to move reconsideration, the Clerk be authorized today to send to the Senate thirty minutes after House recesses for lunch, all matters passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and all matters that require Senate concurrence, and that after such matters have been sent to the Senate by the Clerk, no motion to reconsider shall be in order.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that the unanimous consent request of the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Baxter, be granted?

The motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield,

Recessed until 2:00 o'clock this afternoon.

After Recess**2:00 P. M.**

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The following matters which appeared on Supplement Number One were taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Conference Committee Report

Report of the Committees of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1962 and June 30, 1963" (H. P. 1165) (L. D. 1606) reporting that the Senate recede and concur in passing the Bill to be engrossed as amended by House Amendments "C", "E" and "J".

(Signed)

WHITMAN of Woodstock

FOGG of Madison

WELLMAN of Bangor

— Committee on part of House

DAVIS of Cumberland

NOYES of Franklin

BROWN of Hancock

— Committee on part of Senate

Report was read and accepted and sent forthwith to the Senate.

House Report of Committee Ought Not to Pass

Mrs. Baker from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Disposition of County Fees and Charges" (H. P. 36) (L. D. 70) which was recommitted.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is in receipt of a note stating "most happy to be here" from the eighth grade from Baldwin Consolidated School, accompanied by their teacher Mrs. Ida Ward. The Speaker understands that this is the eighteenth consecutive time that Mrs. Ward, a teacher, has brought her class here to observe the operations of the Legislature over a period of thirty-six years.

And the Chair on behalf of the House extends to you a most hearty

and cordial welcome and we hope that you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us here today. (Applause)

**Passed to Be Enacted
Emergency Measure**

An Act Creating the Fort Kent Utilities District (H. P. 1155) (L. D. 1593)

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 division was had. 124 voted in favor of same and 1 against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Operating Business on the Lord's Day and Certain Holidays (S. P. 552) (L. D. 1599)

An Act Revising Laws Relating to Barbers and Hairdressers (S. P. 556) (L. D. 1603)

An Act to Apportion Representatives to Congress (S. P. 574) (L. D. 1627)

An Act to Create the Bureau of Maine Archives (H. P. 539) (L. D. 737)

An Act Changing Fort Kent State Normal School to Fort Kent State Teachers' College (H. P. 586) (L. D. 807)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act to Amend the Employment Security Law (H. P. 603) (L. D. 862)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Fogg.

Mr. FOGG: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table item seven until later in the day.

The SPEAKER: In reference to item seven, L. D. 862, the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Fogg, moves that this be tabled until later in the day pending passage to

be enacted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

A viva voce vote being doubted, a division of the House was had.

Fifty-eight having voted in the affirmative and fifty-eight having voted in the negative, the motion to table did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Enactor

Tabled Until Later in the Day

An Act relating to the Amount of the Annual Excise Tax on Railroads and Study by Department of Economic Development (H. P. 1176) (L. D. 1622)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon.

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of the House to item eight. This carries a fairly substantial price tag, \$731,000 approximately for the biennium. Now you are all aware that such bills have been previously placed upon the Special Appropriations Calendar. However, due to the fact that it is getting late in the session and this bill has been here a long while, I serve notice on the House at this time that I do not intend to ask to have this bill placed on the House Appropriations Calendar.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett.

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, I notice there is an amendment here that is being presented by the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, and Mr. Haughn is not here at this particular time and I believe it is no more than right to give him time to present it, and I know he's around here somewhere.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman wish to table it until later in the day?

Mr. CROCKETT: Later in the day, yes sir.

The SPEAKER: In reference to item eight, L. D. 1622, the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, moves that this item be tabled until later in the day pending pas-

sage to be enacted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

A viva voce vote being doubted by the Chair, a division of the House was had.

Eighty-one having voted in the affirmative and thirty-six having voted in the negative, the motion to table did prevail.

Finally Passed

Resolve Providing Funds for a Referral Center at Farmington State Teachers' College for Assistance to Teachers (S. P. 274) (L. D. 875)

Resolve Authorizing the Setting Out of Buoys in Moosehead Lake (H. P. 8) (L. D. 27)

Resolve Appropriating Funds to Public Utilities Commission for Water Resources Investigation (H. P. 379) (L. D. 554)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, Bills passed to be enacted, Resolves finally passed, all signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

The Chair laid before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter:

An Act Establishing a Medical Care and Services Program. (S. P. 558) (L. D. 1605) — Engrossed in Both Branches.

Tabled — June 5, by Mr. Whitman of Woodstock.

Pending — Passage to be Enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, this being a companion item with the supplemental budget, I move that it be tabled until the next legislative day.

Thereupon, the Act was retabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for tomorrow.

The Chair laid before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter:

An Act Exempting Certain Aircraft from Sales Tax. (H. P. 850) (L. D. 1164)

Tabled — June 5, by Mr. Whitman of Woodstock.

Pending — Passage to be Enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Danes.

Mr. DANES: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: First I would like to thank the House for being kind enough to table this on several occasions for me. I have an amendment for this L. D. 1164 and move suspension of the rules for the purpose of reconsidering the House action whereby we passed this bill to be engrossed.

Thereupon, the House voted to suspend the rules and to reconsider its action whereby on March 1 it passed this bill to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Danes.

Mr. DANES: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish to offer House Amendment "A" and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Danes, now offers House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 850, L. D. 1164, Bill, "An Act Exempting Certain Aircraft from Sales Tax."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following amending clause:

"R. S., c. 17, Sec. 10, sub-Sec. XXIII, additional. Section 10 of chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection XXIII, to read as follows:'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the underlined subsection XXIV.

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" was adopted, the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter:

An Act Appropriating Moneys to Effectuate Compensation for State Employees. (H. P. 565) (L. D. 785)

Tabled — June 5, by Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield.

Pending — Passage to be Enacted.

On motion of Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield, the Act was tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will take up at this time a matter which was tabled earlier in the day being Item two on the first page of your House Advance Journal entitled An Act relating to Salaries of County Officials and Municipal Court Judges and Recorders, Senate Paper 573, Legislative Document 1626, it was tabled pending adoption of Senate Amendment "E."

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Danes.

Mr. DANES: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: It is my feeling that this amendment is not actually necessary insofar as this setup is concerned and I would at this time move for the indefinite postponement of Senate Amendment "E."

The SPEAKER: Is it now the pleasure of the House that Senate Amendment "E" be indefinitely postponed?

The motion prevailed.

Senate Amendment "F" was read by the Clerk as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT "F" to S. P. 573, L. D. 1626, Bill, "An Act Relating to Salaries of County Officials and Municipal Court Judges and Recorders."

Amend said Bill in that part of section 1 designated "Sec. 254." under the caption "Androskoggin County" by striking out in the 2nd line the underlined figure "\$4,700" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure "\$6,000"

The SPEAKER: Is it now the pleasure of the House that Senate Amendment "F" shall be adopted?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. BAKER: I move the indefinite postponement of Senate Amendment "F."

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentlewoman from Orrington, Mrs. Baker, that Senate Amendment "F" be indefinitely postponed.

Is it the pleasure of the House that Senate Amendment "F" shall be indefinitely postponed?

(Cries of "No")

The SPEAKER: All those in favor of indefinite postponement of Senate Amendment "F," please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed.

Thereupon, the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House a matter tabled earlier in the day, being item eight under enactors and the title of that is An Act relating to the Amount of the Annual Excise Tax on Railroads and Study by Department of Economic Development, House Paper 1176, Legislative Document 1622.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: First, I want to thank the ladies and gentlemen of the House for the courtesy extended to me, I was in the Governor's office when this bill came up.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman has reference to item eight under Enactors, L. D. 1622.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, as I say once again may I thank the House for the courtesy extended me by the temporary tabling of this bill in my absence because I had a very important bill with the Governor at the time. But this particular bill does concern me, as you all know I have over the past four years debated this bill and its merits; but I do think that after the House acted as they did it seemed to be the desire of many, at least the majority of the votes up to this point, but I do say that we should in some manner bring this down to a head whereby we should know what is going to be done with this money. Because of that, I have drafted up an amendment which I hope this House will allow me to offer for the protection and interest of the people and taxpayers of the State of Maine. This amendment which I will present in just a moment does as you will note say that they shall properly serve or give satisfactory service for the pre-

ceding year and it says except that the tax payable shall not be diminished unless the railroad shall have provided reasonably satisfactory service for the preceding year. That means just what it says, not to hand them out these dollars of taxpayers' money without first tying it down to a specific reason or purpose of what it was intended to be used for and to be used for that only. As you know we have no passenger service in the State of Maine from Portland up to northern counties, it would be very simple and very able for them to add at least one car for passenger service between Portland and Bangor with no additional cost to them to give some service of some sort to the needs of the transportation of the State of Maine. So, with this in mind, I hope this House will allow me to make this motion to reconsider our action whereby we passed this bill to be engrossed for the purpose of offering this amendment on its third reading. I so now move and ask the House for that right.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, moves that the rules be suspended in order that the House may reconsider its action of May 31, 1961 whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed.

Is it the pleasure of the House that the rules be suspended?

Mr. BAXTER of Pittsfield: Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Baxter, that the motion to suspend the rules is not debatable.

Mr. BAXTER: I would request a division.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested. All those in favor of the suspension of the rules, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned their count.

A division of the House was had.

Fifty-six having voted in the affirmative and fifty-seven having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, now as I understand it our next move

will be to enact this bill. I wonder how many in this House stopped to analyze the tax reduction there is involved. \$700,000 for this '61 year, \$1,000,000 thereafter every year continually until such time as this law is changed if you enact this bill. You, the ladies and gentlemen of this House, have tried to economize and save money, you are opposed to a sales tax, which I am myself and I shall fight against, and I shall fight just as hard to keep the revenue within the State of Maine without harming anybody. You have been deprived of all transportation services from the railroads within the State of Maine. You have men laid off and unemployed because of the activities of the railroads, you have fattened the pocketbooks of all the executives of these railroads, not only in Maine but all through the New England States; but once again I will have to commend the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad for the fine management because they have done an outstanding job; but that's the only one I can within the State of Maine of an operating railroad, which by the way is the only railroad of full operation within the State of Maine. The rest of them go in and out of the state, other states have given money for relief, but they still have public transportation available to them for that money spent. Now you are advocating to give money to the railroads for transportation of freight only which their revenue is sufficient if they operate efficiently as management and do the proper job that they should do and not rely on tax dollars to do it for them. If you desire to take the taxpayers' dollars from the State of Maine to fatten the pocketbooks and the wallets of certain officials, then you will certainly vote for this bill; but if you want their reduction of taxes which you will have to make up through some sort of tax for revenue needs within the State of Maine to fulfill the services, then you will vote against the bill. When the vote is taken, I do request a roll call.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, requests a roll call on the vote of passage to be enacted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to make one small correction in the statements of the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, and that is with regard to the amount of tax the first year which he said was \$669,000 the first year; that is of course six sixty-nine in the first biennium. As you know this bill came from the Taxation Committee unanimously ought to pass, we do feel that it is a much needed area of tax reform, that it does not have to do with passenger traffic or employees' salaries or executives' salaries, we merely feel that is a proper thing to do in connection with one of the most important industries in our state. I hope that when the roll call is taken, the bill is passed to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, I was opposed to this bill in the original draft, but if this amendment had gone through we would more or less have had them over a barrel. Now I am opposed to the measure.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House has to do with item eight under Enactors, An Act relating to the Amount of the Annual Excise Tax on Railroads and Study by Department of Economic Development, House Paper 1176, Legislative Document 1622. The pending motion is the motion to enact this bill, and a roll call has been requested.

For the Chair to order a roll call, it must have an expression of a desire for a roll call by at least one-fifth the members present.

Will those who desire a roll call, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned their count.

Thereupon, twenty-five having arisen and one hundred thirty-one being present, and twenty-five being less than one-fifth the members present, a roll call is not ordered.

Mr. Haughn of Bridgton then requested a division on the passage for enactment.

Thereupon, ninety-two having voted in the affirmative and thirty-eight having voted in the negative, the Bill was passed to be enacted.

(Conference at rostrum)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Lane.

Mr. LANE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: I was out a few minutes ago and my good friend, Representative Fogg tried to table this bill for a few minutes, and I would like to have your help on this by letting me just to reconsider this. I now move—

The SPEAKER: Will the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Lane, approach the rostrum please?

(Conference at rostrum)

The SPEAKER: The House will be in order. Since the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Lane, stated that he was out of the hall at the time the vote was taken on this, he could not possibly have been on the prevailing side. Therefore, he cannot make a motion to reconsider.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante.

Mr. PLANTE: On behalf of the gentleman from Waterville, I move that we reconsider our action whereby we passed to be enacted item seven, L. D. 862.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante, in reference to item seven under Enactors, L. D. 862, An Act to Amend the Employment Security Law, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it passed this bill to be enacted today.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Woodstock, Mr. Whitman.

Mr. WHITMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I can see no constructive reason for reconsideration of this measure. On two occasions now we have had roll calls which have obviously been partisan, and the bill has succeeded in passage on both of those occasions; I cannot imagine what the constructive purpose of reconsideration at this time would be. Furthermore, no reasons have been stated;

and for obvious reasons, I now ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested on the motion to reconsider. The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante, in reference to item seven under today's enactors, L. D. 862, that the House reconsider its action whereby it passed this bill to be enacted.

All those in favor of reconsidering that action, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned their count.

A division of the House was had.

Forty-six having voted in the affirmative and eighty-three having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Smith of Strong presented the following Order out of order by unanimous consent and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee is directed to study the problem of motor vehicle excise taxation in this State with respect to the need or desirability for change in the provisions of the Revised Statutes, chapter 91-A, section 126, subsection III, which determines the place where the excise tax shall be paid; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Committee shall report the results of its study to the 101st Legislature. (H. P. 1183)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Strong, Mr. Smith.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Sometime ago you very graciously permitted me to recall from the Legislative files, where it had been buried by a leave to withdraw report, a bill entitled "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Excise Tax," this is L. D. 741.

Now the bill has reference to the place of payment of excise taxes by home corporations, corporations within the State of Maine and the bill would put the home corporations on the same basis as

foreign corporations as they now exist. This bill it seems to me to be fairly necessary; there seems to be some change that ought to be made. However, I have spent a lot of time studying into this and I find that there is more here than is possible to solve in any short period of time. For instance, as of now, a corporation with headquarters within the State of Maine having equipment in other towns in the State, pays all excise taxes on all its equipment in the town where the home office is located. The other towns have the snow removal jobs, have the road maintenance jobs, have all of the upkeep of the roads for these vehicles to operate on, and yet they receive not one penny of excise taxes from those corporations. Now as far as the proper collection of excise taxes are concerned, there would be no great problem here due to the fact that if we can collect our excise taxes from our foreign corporations without any great problem, we could certainly collect them that way from our home corporations.

I thought this matter needed something done about it. However, as I study this, I find it is too huge a study on which to come to any quick conclusion. Therefore, after consulting with many on this, we felt it was a matter for interim legislative committee study, and I would ask and hope that this would be referred to the legislative committee for study to be presented at the next session of the legislature. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterboro, Mr. Bradeen.

Mr. BRADEEN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This particular bill along with many others, had its day in court. The proponents and opponents had an opportunity to come and present their various arguments to the Committee on Taxation. The Committee on Taxation gave the bill very careful consideration, and we arrived unanimously at the conclusion that it would be best and in the public interest to let the present law remain in full force and effect. We therefore suggested that this bill be withdrawn, which was done, and it seems to us that any

further consideration or explanation of the subject at this time is unnecessary. I therefore move indefinite —

The SPEAKER: The Chair assumes that no further consideration will be made of the bill at this time. The matter under discussion is the passage or non-passage of the order. The bill is not before the House.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterboro, Mr. Bradeen.

Mr. BRADEEN: Mr. Speaker, so far as a matter of investigation and report to the next legislature, I have no objection to that.

Thereupon, the Order received passage on a viva voce vote and was sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Strong, Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Excise Tax," House Paper 544, Legislative Document 741, was returned to the files.

Upon request of Mr. Bragdon of Perham, the following matter was called up for consideration on the Special Appropriations Calendar:

Resolve Providing Funds for Thayer Hospital, Waterville, to Aid its Rehabilitation Program (S. P. 223) (L. D. 628)

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

Mr. DRAKE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This is a bill which would, in effect, invite every hospital in the state to turn to the Legislature for financial assistance in any number of projects.

The bill, specifically, calls for the appropriation of \$40,000 for the rehabilitation program in Thayer Hospital in Waterville.

My objection to this proposal is not the nature of the service or the institutions which might benefit. It is the principle. If for this biennium the Legislature appropriates \$40,000 for a rehabilitation program, future Legislatures may be asked to support any number of programs in any number of hospitals.

The rehabilitation program at Thayer is a fine and necessary service privately operated. It should

remain that way. Therefore, I move that this bill and all its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Drake, that this Resolve be indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence. All those in favor of the motion to indefinitely postpone please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being doubted by the Chair, a division of the House was had.

Sixty-five having voted in the affirmative and forty-eight having voted in the negative the motion did prevail. Sent up for concurrence.

Upon request of Mr. Bragdon of Perham, the following matters were called up for consideration on the Special Appropriations Calendar:

An Act Amending the Christmas Tree Law (H. P. 265) (L. D. 379)

An Act Increasing Number of Justices of the Superior Court (H. P. 840) (L. D. 1155)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Upon request of Mr. Bragdon of Perham, the following matter was called up for consideration on the Special Appropriations Calendar:

An Act Continuing the Committee on Aging (H. P. 1116) (L. D. 1538)

On motion of Mr. Bragdon of Perham, the House voted to suspend the rules and to reconsider its action of May 12 whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

Thereupon, Mr. Bragdon of Perham offered House Amendment "C" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "C" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H. P. 1116, L. D. 1538, Bill, "An Act Continuing the Committee on Aging."

Amend said Bill in section 6, under the caption "COMMITTEE ON AGING", by striking out the line:

"Personal Services 7,500 7,500" and inserting in place thereof the line:

'Personal Services

(1) \$7,500 (1) \$7,500'

House Amendment "C" was adopted, the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Upon request of Mr. Bragdon of Perham, the following matter was called up for consideration on the Special Appropriations Calendar:

An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Etna and Plymouth to Form a School Administrative District. (H. P. 1156) (L. D. 1597)

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 division was had. 126 voted in favor of same and one against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would recognize the presence in the gallery of students from the eighth grade of I believe Union 96 in Hancock County. We realize you have travelled some distance to be here and we welcome you here, and their visit today is sponsored by all the Representatives of Hancock County. On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a most hearty and cordial welcome and we hope that you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us here today. (Applause)

(Conference at rostrum)

(Off Record Remarks)

The SPEAKER: There will be a caucus of the Republican members of the House in this House this evening at 7:30.

On motion of Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield,

Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.