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HOUSE

Wednesday, February 12, 1969

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. H. Francis Cox of Orono.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

Bills and Resolve from the Senate requiring reference were disposed of in concurrence.

**Reports of Committees
Leave to Withdraw**

Report of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act relating to Interest on Certain State Bond Issues" (S. P. 72) (L. D. 194) reporting Leave to Withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Appropriating Monies for Salary and Wage Accruals for University of Maine Personnel" (S. P. 76) (L. D. 234)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence.

**Ought to Pass
Recommitted**

Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Weight Tolerance on Building or Construction Materials" (S. P. 78) (L. D. 240)

Came from the Senate with the Report and Bill recommitted to the Committee on Highways.

In the House, the Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Shaw of Chelsea, tabled pending acceptance in non-concurrence and specially assigned for Wednesday, Feb. 19.)

**Ought to Pass with
Committee Amendment**

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Increasing Entry Fee under Small Claims Law" (S. P. 90) (L. D. 252) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice. Committee Amendment "A" (S-9) was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence, and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the bill.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Powers of Sale in Mortgages" (H. P. 453) (L. D. 590) which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in the House on February 5.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Providing for the Outlawing of Contests and Games by Establishments Selling Motor Vehicle Fuel" (H. P. 474) (L. D. 628) which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in the House on February 5.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in non-concurrence.

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

**Petitions, Bills and Resolves
Requiring Reference**

The following Bills and Resolves were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Agriculture

Bill "An Act Authorizing Harness Racing Commission to Employ

a Veterinarian" (H. P. 591) (Presented by Mr. Hall of Windham) (Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act relating to Guarantees by Corporations" (H. P. 592) (Presented by Mr. Heselton of Gardiner)

Bill "An Act relating to Bank Holidays" (H. P. 593) (Presented by Mr. Shaw of Chelsea) (Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve to Reimburse Calvin Clark of Jefferson for Well Damage by Highway Maintenance (H. P. 594) (Presented by Mr. Clark of Jefferson)

Resolve to Reimburse Kermit Sanborn of South Portland for Damage by Escapees from Boys Training Center (H. P. 595) (Presented by Mrs. Morgan of South Portland)

Resolve to Reimburse Irving M. Greenleaf of Rome for Well Damage by Highway Maintenance (H. P. 596) (Presented by Mr. Sahagian of Belgrade by request) (Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act relating to Highway Advertising Control" (H. P. 597) (Presented by Mr. Kelley of Southport)

Committee on Reference of Bills suggested that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Highways and printing.

On motion of Mr. Kelley of Southport, referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Bill "An Act relating to Weighing of Trucks" (H. P. 598) (Presented by Mr. Keyte of Dexter) (Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Industrial and Recreational Development

Bill "An Act Amending the Municipal, Industrial and Recreational Obligations Act" (H. P. 599)

(Presented by Mr. Heselton of Gardiner) (Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Hospitalization for Mental Illness of Inmates of County Jails and During the Pendency of Criminal Proceedings" (H. P. 600) (Presented by Mr. Heselton of Gardiner)

Bill "An Act relating to Release of Persons Found Not Guilty of Crime by Reason of Mental Disease or Mental Defect" (H. P. 601) (Presented by same gentleman)

Bill "An Act relating to Termination of Human Pregnancy by Therapeutic Abortion" (H. P. 602) (Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Transcripts of Evidence Furnished by Official Court Reporters" (H. P. 603) (Presented by Mr. Wight of Presque Isle) (Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act Establishing the Policemen's Arbitration Law and Amending the Fire Fighters Arbitration Law" (H. P. 604) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston) (Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Granting a Council-Manager Charter for the Town of Bucksport" (H. P. 605) (Presented by Mr. Cushing of Bucksport)

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Property Abutting Throughways in Certain Cities" (H. P. 606) (Presented by Mr. Emery of Auburn by request)

Bill "An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Incorporate by Reference the Provisions of Nationally Known Technical Codes Prepared by State or Regional Agencies" (H. P. 607) (Presented by Mr. Heselton of Gardiner)

Bill "An Act relating to Reporting of Motor Vehicle Accidents" (H. P. 608) (Presented by Mr. Keyte of Dexter)

Bill "An Act to Grant a Charter to the Town of Pittsfield" (H. P.

609) (Presented by Mr. Susi of Pittsfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Auburn Sewerage District" (H. P. 610) (Presented by Mr. Drigotas of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Scallop Drags in Gouldsboro Bay" (H. P. 611) (Presented by Mr. Bunker of Gouldsboro)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Bill "An Act relating to Regional Planning" (H. P. 612) (Presented by Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Health and Institutional Services

Bill "An Act to Create a Hearing Aid Dealer Board and Provide for Licensing of Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters" (H. P. 613) (Presented by Mr. Soulas of Bangor)

Committee on Reference of Bills suggested that the Bill be referred to the Committee on State Government and printing.

On motion of Mr. Soulas of Bangor, referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Grant Adult Rights to Persons Twenty Years of Age and to Reduce the Voting Age to Twenty Years" (H. P. 614) (Presented by Mr. Cottrell of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act Providing for a State Income Tax" (H. P. 615) (Presented by Mr. Cottrell of Portland)

Bill "An Act Repealing Law Requiring Proof of Payment of Poll Tax Before Motor Vehicle Operator's License is Issued" (H. P. 616) (Presented by Mr. Crosby of Kennebunk)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Provisional Motor Vehicle Operator's Licenses" (H. P. 617) (Presented by Mr. Keyte of Dexter)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Ross of Bath, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. EUSTIS of Dixfield be excused from attendance for the duration of his illness.

On motion of Mr. Thompson of Belfast, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. David K. Montgomery of Belfast be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, March 13, 1969.

Mr. Dennett of Kittery presented the following Joint Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Secretary of State is authorized and directed upon application by any member of the 104th Legislature, pursuant to the Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 193, to issue in a corporate name specially designed number plates and certificate of registration for one designated motor vehicle upon satisfactory proof that said vehicle is assigned to and personally under the control of such member. (H. P. 618)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett.

Mr. DENNETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Several days ago I presented an order before this body that was subsequently tabled, for good reason. It appears that the Secretary of State made a ruling that those members of the Legislature that were driving cars that were registered in corporate names were not entitled to the legislative plates.

He made this finding upon the decision of the Attorney General who had ruled accordingly. Well, this left many members of this and the other body in somewhat of a dilemma, as they were operating cars owned and registered in the names of corporations, in which in some cases they were majority stockholders, in some cases minority stockholders, and in other cases just simply operating company cars—corporation cars for which they had complete control.

The original order read that they would issue these plates to members of the Legislature who were majority stockholders in corporations. This left quite a number of members out in the cold. So consequently this morning this order has been revised. This will grant the right of members of this and the other body to obtain legislative plates for cars which are owned by corporations of which they are either the majority or minority stockholders or have sole control of a corporate car. I believe that this will make everyone happy.

There is presently, and will be before us today, on assigned matters the original order, and which when the moment presents itself I will ask leave to withdraw.

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

**House Reports of Committees
Ought to Pass in New Draft
New Draft Printed**

Mr. Benson from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve Appropriating Funds for Ramp and Docking Facilities at Long Island Plantation (H. P. 132) (L. D. 154) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 589) (L. D. 731) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted, the New Draft read once and tomorrow assigned.

**Ought to Pass
Printed Bills**

Mr. Bragdon from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Appropriating

Funds to Office of Chief Medical Examiner" (H. P. 403) (L. D. 514)

Mr. Sahagian from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Nonlapsing Funds for Armory Construction" (H. P. 2) (L. D. 2)

Mr. Porter from the Committee on Election Laws reported same on Bill "An Act to Clarify Absentee Voting under the Charter of the Town of Kittery" (H. P. 276) (L. D. 352)

Mr. Soulas from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services reported same on Bill "An Act Providing for Clinical Treatment and Rehabilitation of Alcoholics" (H. P. 280) (L. D. 356)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned.

**Referred to Committee
on Towns and Counties**

Mr. Birt from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Increasing Payments to Hancock County Law Library" (H. P. 259) (L. D. 335) reported that it be referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

Report was read and accepted, the Bill referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties and sent up for concurrence.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing Funds for the Official Observance of the 150th Anniversary of the Formation of the State of Maine" (H. P. 83) (L. D. 83) reporting same in a new draft (H. P. 590) (L. D. 732) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DUNN of Oxford
SEWALL of Penobscot
DUQUETTE of York
— of the Senate.

Messrs. JALBERT of Lewiston
SAHAGIAN of Belgrade
LUND of Augusta
BRAGDON of Perham
BENSON of Southwest Harbor
— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BIRT of East Millinocket
MARTIN of Eagle Lake
— of the House.

Reports were read.

Mr. Bragdon of Perham moved the acceptance of the Majority Report "Ought to pass" in New Draft.

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

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I feel that the services of the Appropriations Committee is probably well justified in making such a report and recommendation to the Legislature at this time regarding the celebration of the 150th year of our statehood. Somehow or other I fail to see or understand the reasons why the Appropriations Committee has come up with a report of allocating in the vicinity of \$49,000 for the celebration of the Sesquicentennial.

I also fail to understand the reasons behind their thinking in several areas, of why having established a Commission two years ago that the Commission finds itself completely in the background without absolutely no consideration being given to the tremendous amount of work that they have done.

Now I ask myself a few questions as to possible reasons why. Is it because that the 150th anniversary of the State of Maine falls in a gubernatorial year of which both parties would have access to the facilities of the Sesquicentennial for promoting their own campaign as well as other local area campaigns? Is it because of individuals selected as members of the staff that will promote the Sesquicentennial? Is it because of certain companies that have been hired to do some of the public relations work by the Commission, of which we find that there are distinguished members of this House as well as the other branch that have served on this Commission, that the Appropriations Committee comes out with a recommendation that the 104th Legislature should accept the

recommendations of \$49,000 in the promotion of a Vacationland which is going to celebrate a 150 year anniversary?

Now if this was the intent of the Committee to kill any kind of celebration they could not have done a neater job then by allocating \$59,000 for a year long celebration which we are trying to tell the rest of the people of the country that we are welcoming them into our doors because we have reached 150 years of statehood. Now there are a tremendous amount of people that were influential in this Commission and I feel that their work is being circumvented entirely and completely.

And another question, is it because the facilities that may be used for handling of the Sesquicentennial, because of its location of the headquarters, is it because part of headquarters have been used and granted to the Commission for six months without cost to the Commission? There are a lot of reasons why we should have the 150th birthday of the State, but I fail to see where \$59,000 allocated to the different county chairmen is going to do relatively nothing but to scuttle the entire Sesquicentennial celebration.

Now if we're going to try to promote the State of Maine we should not be trying to do it through somebody else's back door. Either we are going to celebrate the Sesquicentennial in the State of Maine and advertise it nation-wide to the people of the country that we are celebrating our Sesquicentennial or else we're just going to forget about it. Because I would be of absolutely no part of a measure such has now been reported before us to give the people of the State of Maine a slap on the back and say, well, we're going to celebrate the statehood of the State Sesquicentennial by giving to each county a sum of \$1,000, a sum of two or three thousand dollars and say—you promote the State of Maine to the rest of the country on a county-wide basis.

Now if this is one way of advertising the State of Maine I fail to see its merit. So for that reason

and many other reasons that have not been brought before the Floor of this House, I move that this document and all its accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As a member of the Appropriations Committee that signed the Minority "Ought to pass" Report on the original bill along with the gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt, I do wish to explain my position and my reasons why I signed an "Ought to pass" report on the entire measure.

Two years ago the 103rd Legislature created the Maine Sesquicentennial Commission and requested that the Commission direct a study of what it would cost to properly plan and to fund a birthday party, as some of the Legislators have referred to it, of the 150th anniversary. And that report was to be made to the 104th Legislature. This was done. This report was submitted to the Legislature by twenty people on supposedly a bi-partisan Commission.

We find ourselves today embroiled in a controversy as to whether or not we should appropriate \$49,000 for the total cost of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the State of Maine. It is argued that the State of Maine does not have sufficient money to put such a celebration into a proper perspective. I would remind the members of the House that we spent almost half a million dollars in New York at the World's Fair and a like amount in Canada, at Expo, a few years ago, to celebrate or to promote the State of Maine.

And yet we find ourselves today saying that we cannot spend the same amount of money to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the State of Maine. We as Legislators complain every day that our young people do not understand the heritage under which we live, and they have reasons to, because we don't tell them what it is. If we do not

want to do a good job, then we're better off doing nothing at all. If we are going to embarrass the State of Maine with a project that will make us look stupid in the eyes of the other states that have conducted such celebrations, then there is no reason for us to spend any money whatsoever for such a celebration.

I am sure most of you have read the article by Don Hansen in today's Portland paper, which says that the Sesquicentennial Commission has asked that if this money for \$49,000 is approved by the Legislature, that a bill or an amendment be presented that the Commission be wiped off the books. They feel that it is a slap in the face, and I agree.

I hope that the members of the House will agree with this thinking; apparently I could not convince the other members of the Committee, but I do feel that if we are going to do any type of celebration at all, let's do it well or let's not do it at all.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lund.

Mr. LUND: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It has been interesting to listen to the comments of the two gentlemen who have spoken about this rather difficult question that has been presented to your Appropriations Committee and to the Legislature, and I have a feeling I detect what has been called in some quarters the Washington, D.C. syndrome; and that is when a problem arises and is identified you throw money at it and you hope that somehow it will go away.

The previous Legislature appropriated, as I recall it, \$10,000 for a study, and you all have had the benefit of the detailed report of the Sesquicentennial Commission outlining their proposal for the appropriation of approximately \$450,000 for this celebration. I don't want to be critical of the very careful and thoughtful work that was done by members of the Commission, but I think it is fair to say from an assessment of the sentiment exhibited not only here in the Legislature but elsewhere in

the State, that it is generally felt that there are other matters of higher priority that merit money of this amount rather than spending the sum of \$450,000 on this particular worthy cause.

So that your Appropriations Committee was faced with the problem of working out a compromise, and incidentally I might add that had the figure of \$450,000 been quoted at the time this order was originally proposed in this body, with a price tag then of \$10,000, I am sure that order wouldn't have passed if the members had realized what they were bargaining for in terms of a report. And incidentally the Commission ran out of the \$10,000 that was appropriated to them and had to go to the Governor and Council and get another ten and the word is as suggested that they have overspent the second ten.

Your Committee made an effort to sit down with the Chairman of the Sesquicentennial Commission to try to explore areas of compromise. At the hearing the Chairman had said to the Committee that if any serious reductions were contemplated in the requested appropriation he would rather see the whole thing killed. The Committee had difficulty believing this at face value and so we talked with the Chairman in executive session and we found that that was exactly what he meant—if you wanted to take a few dollars off here or there that might be acceptable, but completely unacceptable to make any serious reductions in this total amount.

Your Committee then consulted with members of the Department of Economic Development, and we wrote a request to the Department asking whether the talents of the DED might be applied to carrying out with the existing services, with the existing personnel, this worthwhile program. A written reply was received from the Department of Economic Development, and I think the members of the Legislature received a copy of this, which said in substance that despite the sparkling galaxy of talent that lies within that Department they did

not want to undertake this project and had no interest in it.

So your Committee was faced with a problem unresolved still. It came to our attention that through the efforts of the Commission in each County there have been County organizations built up, volunteer efforts have been gathered, and that it would be a serious slap in the face to the people of the State of Maine if a bonafide effort were not made to carry out, not an extravagant program but a thoughtful one, and it was the feeling of your Appropriations Committee that the new draft that you see before you represented a thoughtful effort to carry out a prudent program within the means of the State of Maine, and it would seem a very regrettable move indeed if this Legislature were to turn its back upon the people that have devoted a substantial time to try to work out a program and to kill this entirely.

I therefore would support the motion for passage of this bill in its new draft.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Benson.

Mr. BENSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The question of a sesquicentennial celebration has taken much more of the Appropriation Committee's time than has the current services budget. We have had numerous executive sessions; we have considered numerous proposals all the way from the proposed \$445,000 down to nothing. I think that we have come out with a new draft report which deserves the consideration of this Legislature.

I would like to address myself for a moment to the fiscal condition of the State of Maine. This has not yet been mentioned in debate. We received a report yesterday that the revenues for the month of December were substantially underestimates, which means that the State of Maine has less than \$200,000 in the till at this time. We have passed along a bill requiring \$525,000 as the State's obligation for overtime pay to state employees. If my figuring is correct, this means there is nothing in the till. As a matter of fact we have

got to use red ink. I do not understand how we can consider the passage of a \$137,000 emergency measure when we already have a deficit balance. There has been no suggestion, or at least I hope there has been no suggestion that this is a Party matter. I find that gentlemen from both sides of the aisle have signed both reports.

There has been no criticism of the work of the Commission by the Appropriations Committee, nor any suggestion of it. We feel that the Commission has carried out its responsibility and has presented to this Legislature a report that they felt was necessary and what we feel is a little bit more than adequate.

There is very little justification for us to enter into a nearly half million dollar celebration of our 150th Anniversary when we cannot afford it at this time. If I read this Legislature properly, it is a conservative Legislature, and I hope I do read it properly. I just cannot justify in my own mind an expenditure of this magnitude when we can do the job, I feel, just as well through facilitating the New Draft Report that is presently before you for acceptance, and I hope that you will look with favor upon that report. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is with some chagrin that I rise and oppose the remarks and the motion of the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque. I am happy that later on in the day's session I will give vent to my true friendly feelings towards this gentleman in other remarks that I intend to make.

I signed this report which would give each county, according to approximately 3c per population, sums of money, meager sums, to put their program over. It would give my county \$3,000. And incidentally, I happen to be the Chairman of my own County Sesquicentennial Committee. It would be perfectly all right with me if this measure were amended and the \$3,000 for my County was stricken out of it.

However, in substantiating the remarks that I will make, I must say there are times we must settle for less. I must wholeheartedly agree with the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Benson, to the effect that this is to a degree a conservative Legislature, and certainly let me be part of that area at this time.

Now giving publicity to the State of Maine, good or bad, is not new to me. I recall having been Chairman, at the direction of my very good friend from Lewiston, Mr. Cote, of having been Chairman of the Public Relations Program concerning itself with an International Snowshoe Congress. The amount budgeted for the parade on that Sunday was some \$300 for placards to be made stating the names of all the clubs, over 150 in numbers, from all over the Country, from all over Canada. We had at the beginning of the Congress on Friday some twenty Press, Radio and Television people on the scene. On Sunday morning when the Press, Radio and TV people recognized the mammoth operation, we found ours lves with the International Press,—and I thought this measure was coming before us tomorrow, I understood it was, and that is the reason why I did not bring with me a paper from France, a paper from England, a paper I hate to say at the time from friendly Cuba on the front page showing the Governor of our State in a snowshoe contest, showing pictures of these beautiful groups in parade.

Now these were the days before color television, and this does not mean that I take sides more with the radio or the press, but the facts are there. These were the days before color television. This International Snowshoe Congress is coming to our community Lewiston under the direction of again Representative Cote of Lewiston in 1970, and I know that the television camera color people will be licking their chops when they land in Lewiston to see over 150 clubs in parade, not one costume of the same color, in all costumes of three or four different colors. I assure you now that we will get publicity not only in this Country

in color, but all over the world in just that one area again, and I am sure that the budget for the parade might step itself up again now that we have the color TV people around, it might mean a few more added donuts and coffee for their pleasure before and after the parade, and that is all that will be spent for that operation.

I also have started to work on a program, my community being of high Canadian ancestry, a program of arts and humanities concerning what we would call an Old Canada program. I have got people from all walks of life, people from both political parties, and that party that I don't consider too heavy if you are not enrolled, participating with me in this program. I intend to launch a program of a book and also some participation plaques. It is my intention to call in the Chairmen of both political parties and alert them of the facts and allocate to them so many pages for the program and after the printing cost, distribute these funds to them, for them and also to the committee. Anyone would like to have the program as put forward, it is just a question of we cannot afford it. As far as the Chairman of the Commission is concerned, it certainly is a well known fact that my friendship with Dana Childs, the Chairman of the Commission, dates back to my childhood, and I don't want to be facetious, but it seems that sometimes I am as yet to be forgiven for having cast a primary vote for Dana.

Now politics enters into the picture with men when it comes to the fact of a big square in some areas like that which are to me nonsensical anyway, but when it comes to money, I shed that title that I am so proud of. Now I want to see something done. Something will be done in my county. I know something is being done in other counties, and in order to do it we have taken the point of least resistance, at least pocketbook-wise. We are giving the Commission \$18,000 for their meetings to advise our groups. I am sure that is fair enough. We are giving in

proportion minor sums for each county.

I recall attending a beautiful affair that got publicity for us all over Canada in Old Orchard under the partial direction of several people, including the gentleman from Old Orchard, Mr. Danton, and I know the budget for that proposition was very small. I know that thousands and thousands of people enjoyed themselves on that day in Old Orchard, and the budget wasn't too large. It just involves itself around the point that we want to do something; we will do something, we just do it according to what our pocketbook says.

I certainly hope that the motion of the gentleman from Madawaska, my very dear friend, Mr. Levesque, will not prevail, so that we can accept the motion of the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon, ought to pass, and when the vote is taken, so that there be no thought that I don't want to show my hand, I move there be a roll call.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will interrupt proceedings for just a short time to perform a necessary duty of the presiding officer, and the Chair would appoint the gentlewoman from Guilford, Mrs. White, the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson and the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque to escort the elected representative from Dover - Foxcroft, Mr. Meisner, to the suite of the Governor to subscribe and take his oath of office. Will the Committee assemble in the Well of the House and be escorted with the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Meisner, to the Executive suite for performing this duty.

Subsequently, Mrs. White for the Committee reported the Committee had discharged the duty assigned to it and that Representative Meisner had subscribed the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon his official duties.

The SPEAKER: The House hears the message and the Chair thanks the Committee. The Chair will assign seat number 36 to the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft,

Mr. Meisner, and we wish you good health for the remainder of the year. (Prolonged Applause, the members rising)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eastport, Mr. Mills.

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: There appears to be one item in this thing that hasn't been discussed here and I'd like to call the attention of the House for a few moments to the fact that Perry, Maine celebrated their sesquicentennial last summer. Now this had more far-reaching effects in the area and for the State of Maine than could be suspected at the time that this group of sincere citizens there decided to put on a celebration. To make a long story short, the impact on travel coming into the area increased by a very large percentage, which the State Highway Commission has a recording of, but the kicker was that these people who came there to the sesquicentennial liked what they saw in Washington County and now we have a small land boom going on in deserted places that these people from out of state are buying up at four to five times the assessed valuation. This has created a problem in the area there for forty miles across and the town fathers called me and there was nothing I could do to set their valuation for them and then the State came in and did it for them. They have jumped forty to fifty and one place sixty percent in their increased valuation over this influx of buying.

Also, on the Bureau of Taxation sales return report there was a jump of 28.6. These two items from the effects of that celebration contributed heavily to Washington County getting the valuation it did. I think we should consider this thing and I am against indefinite postponement for the very simple reason that when we put that on up in Perry, and it was not my own idea, I helped them a little bit, but it was the dedicated work of the people up there who are the long time citizens to put this on to show something. They have now established

a museum in the Town of Perry, they have established a Division of Indian Artifacts there. These people that are doing this thing are very dedicated people and the effects have been of far-reaching consequences clean through to the National Archives in Washington. I think it should be considered. I thank you.

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

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I seem to be of the opinion that this House doesn't feel like going along with the full amount of this piece of legislation, so I support the motion of the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque, that if we are going to have a party and we can't have a good one, we may as well not have any at all. And I don't believe frankly that we can afford a good one either. I am one of those that has the position that at this time with all the things that are facing us, the income of this State on the drop rather than on the incline, I don't feel as though that honestly we can afford it. The people that I represent here, they can't afford parties and they don't think we can or we should, so I certainly would support the motion before the House which is indefinite postponement.

I think if we did have a little money that I would rather spend it to advertise something new, not old. I am at the age where I don't think I gain much from advertising age. I think we would do better if we advertised youth, that if we advertised our resources, our coastline and things of this nature, and when you young people in this House become my age, you too may feel that it is not well to advertise age, you would rather advertise something new.

Let me point out to you that the Chairman of this Committee spent much time, and I might also say much money, and he says that in his opinion, he has told this Committee, that even in his opinion that if we couldn't afford this amount he has asked for that we should kill the whole bill. I agree with him. He knows more about it than I do, he has been working

on it. In other words, if we can't throw a good party, let's not throw any at all, and if we do have any spare money, let's advertise as I say something new that we have got, something that is beautiful, not something that is old and has been. I hope the motion prevails that we indefinitely postpone the whole business.

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

Mr. FORTIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to pose a question to any member of the House who wants to answer or who can. It is my understanding, or is it my understanding that the money that will be appropriated to the county will be treated as other revenues of the county are treated, and would the county then be able to apply its contingent fund to this appropriation thereby expanding their celebration however they see fit?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Fortier, poses a question to any member who may answer if they choose. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Benson.

Mr. BENSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I don't know that I can do justice to the question. As I understand this bill, the amounts of money allocated to the individual counties may be used in any way that the County Committee on Sesquicentennial Celebrations sees fit. What they do with other sums of money that they might have in their possession of course is also up to them.

If I might elaborate for just one moment. As I envision the Sesquicentennial celebration as it is put forth in this New Draft document, it is a coordinating effort, a coordinating effort of all of the various commissions, societies, counties, towns and cities throughout the state who wish to indulge themselves in the celebration of our 150th Anniversary. I don't think that it is necessary to spend huge sums of money to have a good celebration of our birthday. I have celebrated some of my birthdays on very meager sums of money and had a very excellent time, and I hope that the

State can see fit to do the same. I really would feel badly if this sum of money was knocked out and we didn't have anything, if we didn't have anything at all left.

I feel a little bit for the Commission because they worked long and hard. The Appropriations Committee did the same, but not quite as long.

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

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have absolutely no qualms with the Commission or the feeling of some members of this House as to how they feel, whether they feel conservative or liberal about any given matter that comes before this House is probably more a matter of individuality. If it is for my area, I feel very liberal, but if it is for some other area, they can forget about it. This is the type of conservatism that seems to be going on in the House here this morning. If it comes to me, it's got to be liberal; if it goes to anybody else, it's not so good. So I believe as was pointed out we spent almost three-quarters of a million dollars in New York which some people seem to think was unjustifiable; we spent half a million dollars in Montreal at Expo. The returns they tell us from these different projects have returned a considerable amount of money in Vacationland, Maine, and will probably continue to do so by its advertisements.

Somehow or other I feel if we are going to advertise the Sesquicentennial for the State of Maine, to do it justice of any kind, at 3c a head, I don't think we can afford it, I am pretty sure that the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Benson, when he celebrated his birthday or his anniversary, had he spent 3c for himself and 3c for his wife, the end result might have been quite different. A municipality that celebrates its incorporation I am sure would not even think of spending 3c per head in their community. And then again, if the State of Maine is so much in red ink now, so much more that we should forget about the \$49,000, no matter

what kind of red ink you use, if you are in red ink you are in for \$49,000 or \$400,000. So if this is the philosophy that the Legislature is going to adopt to eliminate red ink then you eliminate starting out \$49,000.

I don't think that I would want to belabor the question too much longer because the members have all seen the different avenues that have been presented in the last month or so. Nothing that I am going to say here this morning is going to change one vote one way or another. The only thing, I want to make my position very clear. I even advised the members of my own party that we would not take this matter up in caucus because I did not feel that it was a thing that needed to be made a party issue of any kind, so we deliberately took it out entirely of our caucus so that there would be no comeback as far as trying to make an issue out of it on a political basis.

So for those reasons, and many more that are not written this morning, I hope that the motion to indefinitely postpone, and if some good county in the State of Maine wants to celebrate somebody's 150th Anniversary, then good luck and God bless you.

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

Mr. FORTIER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to further expand on my question which hasn't been answered incidentally, that my county is appropriating \$50,000 for a contingent fund, and all of you here who are members of a county delegation I think have been through this proposal yourselves, and I think the law allows under line budgeting that the county can appropriate a certain percentage of its total budget for a contingent fund. Now if those who are serious in cutting back this program, I am sure with a little imagination, can see that the cost of the Sesquicentennial celebration could run far beyond a half a million dollars under the present proposal, I suggest that there is a serious question here that should be answered because if you think it is partisan now, and you turn around and

leave it to the county organizations to spend what they feel should be spent, and to control the activities the way they think they should be controlled, you have got a real Pandora's box.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, before I answer the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Fortier, I would like to ask him to explain one point, and that is this. He said under this proposal that the county could spend way beyond what the proposal states. Would he explain to me how this could be done legally?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, poses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Fortier, who may answer the question if he chooses, but the Chair would remind the gentleman that he has spoken twice and may only answer the question.

Mr. FORTIER: Mr. Speaker, in answer to the question from the gentleman from Lewiston, I don't think it would be illegal for them to spend the money since it is a contingent fund, and contingent funds are to take care of whatever overdraft or whatever contingency occurs during the biennium or the the period of time that we are talking about, and if they see fit to spend more money in this category, I would say that the contingent fund is for this purpose. Whether it is legal or not—I don't think it is illegal.

Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston was granted permission to speak a third time.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think possibly the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Fortier, might find himself a little bit confused. Under this measure the money in his county which I believe is near \$3,000 would not be allocated to the County Commissioners or the County budget, it would be allocated to the Commission Chairmen of the various counties. That is the first thing.

The second thing I might tell him while I am on my feet that might possibly save him and his county some money, because this

time is still now where you can cut county budgets, the county contingency fund, and I am speaking now in the area of the county budget, says by law, up to \$50,000. It further says in the law that any sums of money as expended out of the contingency account, and I am not speaking about the Sesquicentennial now, I am speaking about the county budget, any money spent out of the contingency account must be done for an emergency reason only. That is the law that he and I voted upon at the last session. I might further suggest to the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Fortier, that if his county is allocating \$50,000 in a contingency account, they are allocating a great deal more money than we are allocating or we intend to allocate. We have for years allocated \$15,000 because we have been under line budgeting, up to \$15,000 in our county. They ask for more now. I hope at least with my vote I might be able to cut them back and still what we have given them they have still come up with a fairly sizeable surplus, so it afforded me an opportunity at least to possibly suggest to the Kennebec County delegation that the amount of money says up to \$50,000 to be spent on contingencies to be expended for emergencies only.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque that both Reports and Bill "An Act Providing Funds for the Official Observance of the 150th Anniversary of the Formation of the State of Maine," House Paper 83, L. D. 83, be indefinitely postponed. A roll call has been requested. For the Chair to order a roll call it must have the expressed desire of one fifth of the members present and voting. All of those desiring a roll call will vote yes; those opposed will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

More than one fifth of the members present having expressed the desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr.

Levesque, that both Reports and Bills be indefinitely postponed. If you are in favor of this motion you will vote yes; if you are opposed you will vote no. The Chair opens the vote.

ROLL CALL

YEA — Bernier, Binnette, Boudreau, Bourgoin, Brennan, Burnham, Carey, Carrier, Carter, Casey, Clark, H. G.; Couture, Cox, Crommett, Croteau, D'Alfonso, Dam, Drigotas, Dudley, Faucher, Fecteau, Fortier, M.; Fraser, Gaudreau, Gilbert, Kilroy, Lawry, Lebel, Levesque, Martin, McKinnon, McTeague, Mitchell, Rochelleau, Santoro, Sheltra, Starbird, Tanguay, Vincent, Watson, Waxman.

NAY — Allen, Baker, Barnes, Benson, Berman, Birt, Bragdon, Brown, Buckley, Bunker, Chandler, Chick, Clark, C. H.; Corson, Cote, Crosby, Cummings, Curtis, Cushing, Danton, Dennett, Donaghy, Durgin, Dyar, Emery, Evans, Farnham, Finemore, Fortier, A. J.; Foster, Gauthier, Giroux, Good, Hall, Hanson, Hardy, Harriman, Haskell, Hawkens, Henley, Heselton, Hewes, Hichens, Huber, Hunter, Immonen, Jalbert, Jameson, Johnston, Jutras, Kelleher, Kelley, K. F.; Laberge, Lee, Leibowitz, LePage, Lewin, Lewis, Lincoln, Lund, MacNally, Meisner, Millett, Mills, Moreshead, Mosher, Nadeau, Norris, Noyes, Ouellette, Page, Payson, M. W. Porter, Pratt, Quimby, Rand, Richardson, G. A.; Richardson, H. L.; Rideout, Ross, Sahagian, Scott, C. F.; Scott, G. W.; Shaw, Snow, Soulas, Stillings, Susi, Temple, Thompson, Trask, Tyndale, White, Wight, Williams, Wood.

ABSENT — Bedard, Coffey, Cottrell, Curran, Eustis, Kelley, R. P.; Keyte, Morgan, Payson, G. F.; (Deceased); Wheeler.

Yes, 41; No, 99; Absent, 10.

The SPEAKER: Forty-one having voted in the affirmative and ninety-nine in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone does not prevail.

Thereupon, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report in New Draft was accepted, the New Draft read twice and tomorrow assigned for third reading.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Fishing in Narraguagus River, Washington County" (S. P. 39) (L. D. 122)

Bill "An Act Requiring Reconstructed Public Buildings be Made Accessible to the Physically Handicapped" (S. P. 100) (L. D. 310)

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Deer in the Town of Southport to Conform with Lincoln County" (H. P. 121) (L. D. 137)

Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of City of Bath Councilors and School Board Members" (H. P. 152) (L. D. 178)

Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Laws to Municipalities" (H. P. 154) (L. D. 180)

Bill "An Act Providing Preservice and In-Service Educational Activities for Teachers of General Adult Education" (H. P. 223) (L. D. 273)

Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain Bag Limits on White Perch" (H. P. 233) (L. D. 289)

Bill "An Act relating to Taking of Alewives in Damariscotta River" (H. P. 295) (L. D. 371)

Bill "An Act relating to Remedies Against Gas Companies and Natural Gas Pipeline Companies for Violations of the Public Utilities Law" (H. P. 587) (L. D. 707)

Resolve Authorizing Germaine P. Guerette and Edmund Guerette to bring Action Against the State of Maine (S. P. 108) (L. D. 319)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, Resolves read the second time, all passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Amended Bills.

Bill "An Act Clarifying Certain Milk and Milk Products Laws" (H. P. 52) (L. D. 54)

Bill "An Act relating to Tree and Shrub Seeds under the Maine Seed Law" (H. P. 53) (L. D. 55)

Bill "An Act to Remove Debt Limit of Jay Village Water District" (H. P. 69) (L. D. 69)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Banking Laws" (H. P. 159) (L. D. 198)

Bill "An Act Extending the Territory of Brunswick Sewer District" (H. P. 176) (L. D. 215)

Bill "An Act relating to Methods of Sale of Commodities and Liquefied Petroleum Products" (H. P. 207) (L. D. 257)

Bill "An Act Increasing Borrowing Capacity of Mars Hill Utility District" (H. P. 241) (L. D. 296)

Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale the Interest of the State in Certain Lands in the Unorganized Territory (S. P. 34) (L. D. 92)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, Resolve read the second time, all to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed in Non-Concurrence

Bill "An Act relating to Workmen's Compensation Third-Party Actions" (S. P. 42) (L. D. 125)

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

Mr. Hewes of Cape Elizabeth offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-16) was read by the Clerk and adopted, and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

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

HOUSE JOINT ORDER—re Issuing in a Corporate Name Specially Designed Number Plates.

Tabled—February 11, by Mr. Ross of Bath.

Pending—Passage.

Thereupon, Mr. Dennett of Kittery withdrew his Joint Order.

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

An Act relating to Settlement with Joint Tortfeasors (S. P. 41) (L. D. 124)

Tabled—February 11, by Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor.

Pending—Passage to be enacted.

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

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Before I go into the depth of my remarks, I would comment from a newspaper from my city of this morning, showing a beautiful picture of the Lincoln Day dinner celebration, at which time the Speaker and other dignitaries within the Republican Party were in attendance. I also am quoting from the story in the report concerning the national holiday in which the remarks were made that it was noted that this was the Speaker, Mr. Kennedy's birthday. The gentleman from Madison, Mr. Corson, made the comment that if we sing — this was at Happy Jack's on the other end of Lewiston, and I live near the Bates College area about three miles away, the young man made the comment that if we sing loud, very loud, perhaps we can shake up up Louis Jalbert a bit.

Now number one, I didn't have the pleasure of hearing it because the reporter who called me about it later on in the evening told me this was in the area of about 9:15, and at that time I was brushing the suit I was going to wear today with a soft brush, so I couldn't hear the loud hurrahs for Dave. And I know I would have done this yesterday, but these last two days being somewhat mournful days for some of us who knew the gentleman from Union were not quite apt to go into celebrations. However, I know that the House joins me, now that I can hear the sound of my own applause, in wishing the humble Speaker, the gentleman from Milbridge, Mr. Kennedy, a very Happy Birthday. (Applause)

Several areas, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, have prompted me to make the remark that I will make this morning. The Sunday newspaper rightfully, and I might say that today in great part I come to praise the Caesars and not to bury them. The Sunday paper indicated very apropos remarks concerning our two very affable leaders. It talks about, rightfully so, the quiet legislator from Madawaska, Mr. Le-

vesque. I would say that I would tack on one or two more titles on the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque, and in order to do so, I would refer back to the reasoning for my tabling of the measure that he proposed, namely, the income tax measure last week. I did so for two reasons. The first reason was that I felt that at least in a caucus before my party that I wanted to display to the members to tell the membership that Mr. Levesque had not only displayed a mammoth amount of courage in my opinion, but had displayed true leadership in presenting this measure that is so highly controversial. I think that for that reason alone I wanted to table the bill, and I so informed the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque. He does, none the less, mention that he can't see where anyone got the ninety percent figure of those who might be opposed to his proposal. I might consider myself among that ninety percent category and possibly the percentage might be a little bit higher should we decide to flick the lights. In any event, I think that his praise is certainly justified and I commend him and his family for the fine article in the newspaper.

I also come to an article wherein it concerns his counterpart, the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson, and I might say in passing that I have read the record of the Legislature, and certainly any remarks that might be made by me certainly as a gag or partly in jest, in any event, reading the report would not be attributed to him anyway, because he knows that he has a strong personal feeling—I have a strong personal feeling for him and I am very proud and happy that he has for me, as he has told me and displayed to me on several occasions. His remarks were more in the ways of how we could improve the Legislature, and I think that in a great deal of sense possibly we might look to this as somewhere along the line a guideline. I am sure that in that the remarks were very well spelled out, very well put in order, I am sure that in some areas the gentleman from Cum-

berland, Mr. Richardson himself would admit that some of the thinking is not original necessarily altogether, but they are put, in my opinion, under one roof.

I think when he talks about the reviewing of programs, it is something that interested me very, very much. He talks also of the straightening of the governmental operations and he talks of better budgets and more forecasts.

Now some two weeks ago I told, I directed—I requested the Legislative Finance Officer, Mr. Gar-side, to send a memo—I wish the Doorkeeper would shut the door or leave it open, Mr. Speaker,—to send a memo to all departmental heads and instruct them to take out of the current services budget all of the unfilled positions. To also take out of the current services budget all of the items that were not strictly of the keep the store open area, so that these would not necessarily be eliminated, but these would be placed in the Part II budget with the number one priority. This in my opinion would give us a truer picture of what the current services budget is and until that is done, I don't see how we could fail to do otherwise. I am happy for whatever reason it was done in other areas that the Governor today has instructed all departmental heads to even go further in cutting out conventions and cutting out travelling. I think this, I think that easily that this current services budget could be cut from the keep the store open from the \$32,000,000 easily to at least \$28,000,000 which is a good sum of money, and then we could pick up what we have to pick up back in Part II.

The gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson, also talks about strengthening the Governmental Operations Committee. I happen to be the Vice-Chairman of this Committee which is headed by the capable gentleman from Manchester, Mr. Rideout, and I say this just in one area alone, in one informal meeting that Mr. Rideout and I held with the Department of Education, they informed us that they were cutting out programs in an area of the State that needn't

be implemented any more, which indicates in itself a saving of about \$45,000 to \$46,000 for the biennium. I feel very, very strongly that this Committee should be kept in operation; I feel very strongly that it should be kept in operation the minute we adjourn on a year 'round basis and that somebody in our Finance Office, if we even have more personnel if we have to, would go from one area of the State to the other to see where we could improve on programs where we needed to improve, or we could cut down on programs where we needed to cut down, and cull out programs where they should be cut down. This pertains to industry and certainly it should pertain to us, and I think the remarks as made in this report are very well put down.

We come to the better budgets and more forecasts. A few years ago I happened to be honored by being on what was then called the Governor's Budget Committee. This committee was made up of three people, two of the majority party and one chosen by the two of the majority party and would meet immediately—these are the days incidentally of the September election—would meet and then go over in public hearing the entire budget. It gave certain key members an insight and certainly gave the Governor an opportunity to spell out and understand from the public what areas they wanted to have beneficial to them. I think that possibly the revival of this Committee might be in order, maybe within the Legislative Research Committee function, maybe within the Governmental Operations Committee function, or maybe to set up the Committee all over again I think would prove to be very beneficial.

I think possibly one area why some possibly might have slightly disagreed with the present budget is because we didn't understand it, maybe we didn't fully realize the impact of the program.

It brings me to my remarks now that I might make comment on. Insofar as I am concerned, and it is well known both in my own party caucus, on the Floor of this House, and publicly, that I cannot

at this time go with such a program of such magnitude, and I am not casting any aspersions or reflections on anybody, certainly not upon his Excellency, the Governor of the State of Maine. I would make this comment and I would make this suggestion here. When we start a session, in my opinion, by taking pot shots at one another publicly, without sitting down and discussing the problems, I don't think we stand to get too far. Now had I been one of those who would have been talked to wherein it concerns this budget in its magnitude by the Governor of my party, I would have reacted in the same way then as I react now. I would have reacted in the same way as I did a few minutes ago up against a program of \$445,000 concerning itself with a program that we approved of \$50,000 with the very same reason, fine, but we cannot afford it, and those are the facts.

However, I must say on the other side of the ledger that if we would look on page 5 of our budget which calls for comments on unappropriated surplus, we would see that wherein it concerns itself with the item of appropriations from unappropriated surplus, we would see for the years '68 and '69 an amount of \$1,995,000. Now true what happened on this budget is this. We took a dip of \$450,000. We appropriated money on an emergency basis and so that we find ourselves now in a position of having to retrench. Certainly, the blame for this cannot be laid completely to the door of the Governor. He signed the appropriations bill; he signed the tax programs after we passed it, and it was passed and voted upon in the affirmative by the leadership of both parties. It is my opinion that if now the Appropriations Committee after having heard the current services budget will seriously cut out what should be cut from it, will seriously then hear Part II, wrap up the package, then submit it after the Taxation Committee has done its work, then submit these programs in their sums to the leadership of both parties, then and only then can they sit down, and they should sit down, in an area of compromise.

We find ourselves now in a position of possibly sometimes criticizing where possibly we might not criticize, because after all, it is all of us who voted to kill the half cent at the special session, the half cent at the regular session that is, was killed under the gavel finally after a bad defeat of some 115 to 21 with a few stalwarts staying with me, and I must say, and I know that I am repetitious, I must say that when we did that, we did exactly what I said we would do, we came back seven months later and what happened? We lost \$8,000,000 by not having it passed in June, by coming back in January, we lost the revenue for the summer and the revenue for the Christmas business, \$8,000,000. We did this, the membership of both parties, so we are to blame in that area, and insofar as the cutback as set up this morning by his Excellency, there are only three ways that we could now meet the obligations that we are faced with of an emergency nature, and it would be for the Legislature to immediately raise revenues by taxation to meet this program; it would immediately mean that we might go into deficit financing which we do not want to do. It would mean the third thing, some economy in government, which means the freeze they had put on. And then I praise his Excellency. I hope, as far as I'm concerned, it will continue to the day that we adjourn.

I do not intend to vote for programs within my area that I don't think fit the pattern. If we do not have the money, I intend to kill my own project in my own bailiwick and I want the gentleman from Madawaska, my very dear friend from Madawaska, to hear this. However, when it comes to a program of spending, I will vote the tax in the area that I feel I should vote for. However, when things come to pass in the last waning hours I might suggest that you might not put too much seasoning on a certain sliver of the pie. Thank you very kindly, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair will appoint the official committee to attend

the services of Grevis Payson our departed member, and that committee will consist of the Knox County delegation plus Representative Donaghy of Lubec. Of course I hope that many of the members and friends of this departed member will be in attendance at the

service tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Burnham of Naples,

Adjourned until twelve o'clock tomorrow noon.