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

Prayer by Captain Ash of the Salvation Army, Augusta.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate
Senate Reports of Committees
Ought to Pass in New Draft**

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve Authorizing Aeronautics Commission to Conduct an Augusta-Waterville Airport Survey (S. P. 31) (L. D. 29) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 501) (L. D. 1383) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the New Draft passed to be engrossed.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence, the New Draft read once and tomorrow assigned.

**Ought to Pass with
Committee Amendment
Tabled Until Later in Today's
Session**

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve Appropriating Moneys to Town of Perry for Development of Recreational Areas (S. P. 362) (L. D. 1045) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

In the House, the Report was read.

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

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

Mr. PLANTE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This is a very unusual appropriation and I would like to give it some thought before I vote on it, and not

to delay the session I would like to table it and only until later in today's session.

Thereupon, the Report was tabled and specially assigned for later in today's session, pending acceptance.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Graves of Mt. Desert, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Williams of Hodgdon be excused from attendance for the remainder of the week because of business.

**Passed to Be Engrossed
Amended Bills**

Resolve Providing Funds for a Referral Center at Farmington State Teachers' College for Assistance to Teachers (H. P. 711) (L. D. 1016)

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

Resolve Providing Matching Funds for Federal National Defense Education Allotments (H. P. 580) (L. D. 827)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "B" and sent to the Senate.

**Passed to Be Enacted
Emergency Measure**

An Act Amending the Gasoline Tax Act with Respect to Aviation Fuel (S. P. 448) (L. D. 1301)

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 the same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Extend the Rights, Powers and Privileges of the Passamaquoddy District Authority (S. P. 498) (L. D. 1382)

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. 128 voted in favor of same and none 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 Establishing a Minimum Wage (S. P. 472) (L. D. 1337)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kennebunk, Mr. Emmons.

Mr. EMMONS: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be passed to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Philbrick.

Mr. PHILBRICK: Mr. Speaker, I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: This Bill, having had its three several readings in the House and having been passed to be engrossed and having had its two several readings in the Senate and having been passed to be engrossed, and the Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported it as being truly and strictly engrossed, is it now the pleasure of the House that this Bill shall be passed to be enacted?

Will all those who favor the passage for enactment of this Bill, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Ninety-nine having voted in the affirmative and thirty-three having voted in the negative, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act to Revise the General Laws Relating to Sea and Shore Fisheries (H. P. 174) (L. D. 255)

An Act to Revise Private and Special Laws and Resolves Relating to Sea and Shore Fisheries (H. P. 175) (L. D. 256)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be en-

acted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day, the Chair now lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Outdoor Advertising Devices on the Interstate System," Senate Paper 401, Legislative Document 1169, tabled on May 22 by the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Kilroy, pending passage to be engrossed; and the Chair recognizes that gentlewoman.

Thereupon, that gentlewoman presented House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 401, L. D. 1169, Bill, "An Act Relating to Outdoor Advertising Devices on the Interstate System."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

'Sec. 2. Legislative intent. By Title 23 U. S. Code, Section 131, Congress has passed certain legislation authorizing restrictions on outdoor advertising on that portion of the interstate system acquired after July 1, 1956, providing there is complementary state legislation. The federal funds, however, that are to be available to the states thereunder have not been provided for in the 1959 and 1960 federal budget. In addition, there are now pending in both houses of Congress bills to amend said federal law, particularly in reference to advertising in the commercial, business and industrial areas adjacent to said system. It is inadvisable that final state legislation be passed unless it conforms with the final federal legislation. It appears that federal funds will not be available to the State until the next Legislature. Pending any legislation they may be passed at the next Legislature, it is advisable that restrictions be made limiting such advertising in the rural areas adjacent to said system.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

'Sec. 3. Interim restrictions. Prior to the effective date of laws

enacted by the 100th Legislature, no person shall erect or maintain in the rural areas withing 660 feet of the nearest right-of-way boundary line of any portion of the interstate system, the right-of-way of which was acquired after July 1, 1956, any advertising sign, structure or device, except official signs and on-premise signs.'

The SPEAKER: The Chair now recognizes the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Kilroy.

Mrs. KILROY: I am presenting this amendment because I feel that this is not the time to pass this kind of legislation in Maine. It will be said that if this Bill is not passed the State will not receive any federal funds. That is not true. The present Federal Regulations say and I quote, "In order that the Federal payment may be made, it is necessary that an agreement be entered into by the States prior to July 1, 1961."

I would like to bring to your attention that on April 7 the Portland Press Herald mentioned in one of its editorials that twenty-five states had similar legislation before them this year. Now I would like to report the following states have already postponed this legislation or adjourned passing none: Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming, Alaska, Minnesota, Oklahoma and South Carolina. That is a total of twenty-two states. Evidently there are a great number of Legislators in these states who feel as I do that this is not the time to enact this type of legislation, but instead of indefinitely postponing this bill, I present this amendment which will prohibit the building or erecting of any more signs until the 100th Legislature and permit us to adhere to this pending amendment of the Federal Regulations.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will put the House at ease very briefly.

Will all the members please remain in the House.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Spaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Kilroy.

Mrs. KILROY: Mr. Speaker: I now move that we table this bill until tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Kilroy, moves that this matter be tabled and specially assigned for tomorrow pending the adoption of House Amendment "A". Is this the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Mayo.

Mr. MAYO: Mr. Speaker, I request a division on the tabling motion.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested. Would the gentleman approach the rostrum, please?

(Conference at rostrum)

Mr. Mayo thereupon withdrew his request for a division on the tabling motion, and the Bill was tabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A" and specially assigned for tomorrow.

On motion of the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act Amending the Maine Housing Authorities Act," House Paper 967, Legislative Document 1373, tabled on May 22 by the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks, pending passage to be engrossed; and the Chair recognizes that gentlewoman.

Thereupon, that gentlewoman presented House Amendment "B" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H. P. 967, L. D. 1373, Bill, "An Act Amending the Maine Housing Authorities Act."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end before the single quotation mark the following:

'After a petition for a referendum to enable an authority to enter into any contract for loans, grants, contributions or other financial assist-

ance with the Federal Government has been duly initiated in any city with a population of 50,000 or over and the majority of those voting, having voted in favor thereof, it shall not be compulsory to hold additional referenda on subsequent projects.'

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Desmarais.

Mr. DESMARAIS: Mr. Speaker, if the House will give me permission to table this bill, for this amendment, for about fifteen minutes — I only just received this amendment and I can't seem to make it out too well and I would like to talk to somebody about this amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Desmarais, now moves that this matter be tabled and specially assigned for later in today's session pending the adoption of House Amendment "B". Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item number two, Senate Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve Appropriating Moneys to Town of Perry for Development of Recreational Areas, Senate Paper 362, Legislative Document 1045, reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith, which was tabled earlier in the morning's session by the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante, pending acceptance of the "Ought to pass" Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. PLANTE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask through the Chair two questions: one, why isn't the Park Commission taking care of this matter, developing this site; and two, is this common, for us to appropriate moneys to develop recreational areas?

The SPEAKER: Is the gentleman addressing his questions to anyone in particular?

Mr. PLANTE: Yes sir. To any member of the Appropriations Committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante, has addressed two questions through the Chair to any member of the Ap-

propriations Committee who may answer if he chooses.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley.

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: In answer to the question of the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, I would say that I don't know if the Park Commission has any ideas on this or not, or if they know about it.

To answer his second question, that it is something which we do and have done, the Legislature has done, prior to this.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman consider his questions answered?

Mr. PLANTE: I do.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is on the adoption of the "Ought to pass" Report. Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the Committee Report in concurrence?

The motion prevailed and the "Ought to pass" Report was accepted.

The Resolve was then given its first reading.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 362, L. D. 1045, Resolve, Appropriating Moneys to Town of Perry for Development of Recreational Areas.

Amend said Resolve by striking out in the title thereof the word "Perry" and inserting in place thereof the word 'Robbinston'.

Further amend said Resolve by striking out in the 3rd line the word "Perry" and inserting in place thereof the word 'Robbinston'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Resolve assigned for second reading tomorrow.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item number two under Tabled and Today Assigned Matters, Bill "An Act Amending the Maine Housing Authorities Act," House Paper 967, Legislative Document 1373, which was tabled earlier in the morning's session and specially assigned for later in today's session by the gentle-

man from Sanford, Mr. Desmarais, pending adoption of House Amendment "B"; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. DESMARAIS: Mr. Speaker I want to thank you ladies and gentlemen of the House for permitting me to table this matter so I could find out what it was all about. Now I have come to the understanding, I believe that the amendment is all right with me so I will move for the adoption of the amendment.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will advise the gentleman from Sanford that the pending question is the motion of the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks, that the House adopt House Amendment "B". Does the gentleman wish to speak?

Mr. DESMARAIS: No, I so move.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? Will all those in favor of the adoption of House Amendment "B" please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

On motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade, the House voted to take from the table the eighth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act to Appropriate Moneys for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1960 and June 30, 1961," Senate Paper 461, Legislative Document 1313, tabled on May 21 by that gentleman pending adoption of House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A"

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

Mr. LINNELL: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Some two or three weeks ago we approved by vote of 78 to 46 the consolidation of the sanatorium at Hebron. The pending question, the adoption of House Amendment "A", accomplishes this with an additional grant primarily to the budget of the Central Maine Sanatorium of about \$283,000 over and above what we initially used. Since that time the arguments that have been made have done about everything but face

the issue squarely. It has been argued that the consolidation should not take place and the basis for the argument has been in terms of the Northern Maine Sanatorium. It has been argued that the consolidation should not take place and rather than give you facts and figures, the people arguing have merely tried to arouse your sympathy for a few employees currently at Western Maine. This also in my opinion does not squarely meet the issue. There are other arguments that have been made in correspondence that has been laid on some of the desks, which I believe has been done so illegally as you notice none of them have ever been signed by anybody, they just say an anonymous person or an interested taxpayer or something like that, which is of course in contravention of the corrupt practices law.

I would now urge the adoption of House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" and hope that any further attempts to delay this matter will be promptly discouraged. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is the adoption of House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A".

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I feel that this problem, if it is to be termed emotional, is of a most extreme emotional basis. I wonder how many members of the House have really visited both Hebron and Fairfield. If one would do so they would find that outside of the administration building at Fairfield, both plants are pretty near the same. Now the word that should be used here is haste. Eventually we are going to successfully combat the problem of tuberculosis. It is my thinking, and also understand the thinking of the heads of the Department of Health and Welfare, that a study of the problem should be made and it could be done very easily and not take too much time if a real effort were made. Then, if one is to be closed and centered at Fairfield; the other should be closed in the northern area and centered at Fairfield. It is the opinion of many medical men that eventually tuberculosis will be

a clinical problem. If Hebron were closed now, it would leave a great population of our state and a great area of our state without actual tubercular service. The thinking that if a survey was made successfully, it could be that a wing could be added either at Lewiston or Portland or any larger city in the area and the same thing would be in the northern area. Many, many thousands of words and letters have been written concerning this problem. I took it upon myself to again visit Hebron recently; believe you me when you use the word emotion, it is used very lightly. This thing is being thrown at them much, much too quickly. It is being tossed at the department very hastily, and I certainly hope that this amendment will not prevail and when the vote is taken, I ask for a roll call.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the adoption of House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A." The gentleman has requested a roll call.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner.

Mr. TURNER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to go on record as being opposed to this amendment. You talk about moving your equipment from Hebron over to Fairfield. Well, when you get it moved over there, you've got second-hand equipment and the cost of moving and I know about what the place would look like over there at Hebron after they had moved it out. It would look as if a cyclone probably had struck it, and if you want new equipment down to Fairfield, you can buy it and get it installed. This Hebron deal over here, I don't think we should close that until we know what we are going to do with it. You take and shut it up and you haven't got nothing there. I think we should have a study for about two years on this before we went any further.

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

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: Last Sunday I took a ride and I went up to Hebron to see how Hebron looked. I didn't want second-hand information, and I found that He-

bron was a well-equipped, and a well taken care of place. I was told that a couple of years ago that they put a new laundry in Hebron which cost the state almost \$200,000. Now they are asking to move this laundry to Fairfield with the cost of \$25,000 to move it. They just finished building a cesspool over there that cost the state over \$25,000. Now, Fairfield has no laundry service I was told. I don't know. I've never been into Fairfield. Now they have to move this laundry over there. Hebron is equipped, these patients have a single room at Hebron at present. Now if they are moved to Fairfield, they have to live in a big room. A person that has to live there for three or four or five years, they need a private room. They don't like to live in a three-bed room. Now, another thing that we have here, and I think this was given to the Attorney General, is the trust fund, the money that was appropriated for a trust fund for Hebron San. Now there is over \$105,000 that is left in the fund for that Hebron San. I don't know what could happen to this fund, and I was told that the trust fund was bought by the state in 1915. Now if anybody has any information on this trust fund, I wish they would let us know. Now the Attorney General is supposed to have this in his hands now and give us a ruling on it. I don't think it was the proper time to bring it up this morning.

Another thing, you have around eighteen persons that are in Fairfield from Lewiston. Now why couldn't these patients be taken to Hebron instead? Well, I will tell you why, because they are choking Hebron. They don't want Hebron to exist. That is one of the reasons. These patients could be taken care of at Hebron just as well as they are at Fairfield. They tell me that they have operating facilities in Fairfield. Well, I talked to Dr. Matuzel and she is a surgeon in TB cases, and she told me that two per cent of these cases, two per cent mind you, two out of every hundred are operating cases.

Now you have TB cases on the street at present that should be in a San, but no, nobody is doing anything about it. They are leaving

them around on the street, working in restaurants serving food. That is another reason that some of these patients at Hebron right now, and I talked to a lot of them last Sunday, and I found one over there that I used to deliver the newspaper to him and he grabbed me and he says: "Jacques, what are we going to do? I am certainly not going to Fairfield." He says: "None of these patients are." He says: "We're going back home, and there is nothing that you people are going to do to take us up to Fairfield because we're not going to Fairfield."

I hope that the amendment of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Linnell, does not pass.

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

Mr. MAYO: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise in support of the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Linnell, and I would like to quote the last paragraph of an anonymous letter that was in my mailbox this morning. It was not signed. It is only signed as "an interested taxpayer and voter." "For goodness sake legislators of all parties, stop serving your own interests and begin to serve the interests of the people who elected you and support you." That is why I support Mr. Linnell. My people elected me to come up here and try to save money, economize, and I certainly think this is a step in the right direction.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Yarmouth, Mrs. Knapp.

Mrs. KNAPP: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The Trudeau Group are a group of doctors that have studied TB, and we have letters in our files that recommend from the Trudeau Group that Western Maine San be closed, and I hope the amendment stands.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks.

Mrs. HENDRICKS: Mr. Speaker, as you all probably know we do not have a director of the division of tuberculosis nor do we have a director of the division of public health. Dr. Fisher is trying to act

in that capacity now, trying to do the work with all the other work he has to do. I think that the closing of the Hebron San is very, very premature. I think that first we need to get our director of the division of tuberculosis who can have an intensified program of case findings, and we could find out just what the true statistics are, and then we can talk about either building more Sans or closing those up. As it is now, the cases when they reach the San, they are so far advanced that it costs the state a lot of money. They have to be operated on, and the families have to be taken care of. They have to be rehabilitated, the persons after they get out of the San. This is very expensive, so I would say that the first thing to do would be get the director of health, a director of the division of tuberculosis and find out what the problems are and then we can find out what we want to do about them, so I hope that this amendment does not pass.

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

Mr. KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I think this has been fully discussed and I am only sorry that I don't have my notes and figures and statistics with me here this morning because I didn't suppose that this would be on the agenda this morning. However, I do believe that is time that we not be too idealistic, perhaps we should be more practical. We have heard debated that we should consider the poor sick patient at the institution. If we are to consider that poor sick patient at the institution we should have him in a good institution, and by supplementing the facilities at Fairfield we can do that, and in this appropriation there will be sufficient moneys that improvements can be made at Fairfield. Now it has been brought out that there are many people walking the streets of Maine who should be in an institution, and that is very true because they number about fourteen to one. The people in Maine never like to go to a hospital. Apparently people any place never like to go to a hospital. I am sure that I wouldn't go voluntarily. However, if the sickness was

acute enough, I would go, and I think that is true of tuberculosis.

This has become a political issue. No question in my mind about that. Do you wish to serve your people or do you wish to serve just your particular area? Now in all of the United States there are seven that die annually with tuberculosis per hundred thousand. In Maine there are five per hundred thousand. In eastern Maine there are three per hundred thousand mortality with tuberculosis annually.

I would bring it to you too that with the development of new chemicals that thirty-two hundred hospital beds were emptied in the last two years in this nation. That indicates to me that in the future we will need less hospital beds to support tubercular patients. We know what the Salk vaccine has done for polio. We are on the verge of discoveries that will eliminate tuberculosis, if not eliminate it, at least control it, reduce it from an active stage to a dormant one at least and they can be treated at home.

If we are to serve our sick people well, let's serve them in a central institution. Let's give them the proper facilities. Let's not have makeshift conditions like we have in other areas of the state. This is a day of nearness. Our automobiles today cover a couple or three hundred miles in a matter of three or four, five hours, at least in one day. These institutions were instituted of course back in the days of trains, back in the days of the horse and buggy and the stagecoach. Let's give them a good institution centrally located at Fairfield, and I do support the amendment of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Linnell.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks.

Mrs. HENDRICKS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak about some of the things that my good friend the gentleman from Milbridge, Mr. Kennedy, has mentioned. I say that according to the Governor's TB study report which was put out in 1955, it says this: "It is still too early to determine if the gain in lessening of the number of deaths is a permanent gain or merely the

postponement of death in many cases. The immediate effect of chemotherapy is demonstrated, the long-range result is unknown." So we don't know if the cases are just being prolonged and the death will eventually come as a result of TB or what, so I say that we should get all the facts together, get our director of TB and then find out what the exact facts are, then start to operate from there.

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker, before the vote is taken on this, I wish to speak briefly perhaps for the record. I shall be obliged to vote against the motion to close Hebron Sanatorium. I know nothing of the conditions. I do not speak from any knowledge of the conditions there or conditions elsewhere. My reason for voting as I shall is that I do not feel that this thing has been handled as it should have been handled. I believe that it should have been brought in at the beginning of this session; that the people in the areas affected should have had means of appearing before this body and express themselves. They had no such opportunity. I think also of the many employees, state employees, who will be told if this goes through as is now proposed, who will be told when the Acts of this Legislature become effective: "Your job is done at Hebron." To me that is altogether too abrupt an approach to anything of this nature. Briefly these are my reasons for voting as I shall vote against this.

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

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise today to more or less defend the position that I took a few weeks ago and the statement appeared in the paper where I commented that I was in favor of centralization of the TB sanatoriums. When I took that position, I was under the impression that not only were they going to close Hebron but they were going to close the other sanatorium on the other end of the state. Now somehow or other since that meeting that was held here in the

House, an amendment has appeared which I feel is more or less penny-wise and pound foolish, so therefore on the basis of the previous meeting and on the basis of this amendment, I will have to change my position now where this is not a centralization move. This is merely a move to cut out one end of the state. I am going to change my position and vote against the amendment to close the sanatorium.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Desmarais.

Mr. DESMARAIS: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It has been stated here a few minutes ago that this is a political issue. Well, I want to say as far as I'm concerned that somebody is talking through his hat. I want to ask a question here — two questions through the Chair to anybody that can answer them. What I want to find out is how many patients there are at Fort Fairfield Sanatorium, and how many personnel are employed there?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Desmarais, has addressed two questions through the Chair to anyone who may answer if he chooses.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fort Fairfield, Mr. Edmunds.

Mr. EDMUNDS: Mr. Speaker, in answer to the question, let me first state that it is not the Fort Fairfield Sanatorium, it is the Northern Maine Sanatorium located at Presque Isle. At the last count there were thirty-five patients in the sanatorium at Presque Isle, and I believe the personnel there has varied between forty-one and forty-four.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman consider his questions answered?

Mr. DESMARAIS: Thank you. I am going to vote against the amendment.

(Off Record remarks)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Poland, Mr. Dunn.

Mr. DUNN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to go on record as supporting the thinking of the gen-

tleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert. I think we are a little hasty. I think if this is an economy move we should consolidate them all three into one if we do anything.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier.

Miss CORMIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to concur very sincerely with the remarks of the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon. I think this is a very important issue and certainly it should have had a public hearing. I think that we are making haste here that we may be sorry for later. There are trust funds involved that should be looked into. I think it isn't a question of whether or not Hebron should be closed. I think eventually it will be, but I think it is a question of timing and I think it is very important that we have a study and certainly a year or year and a half or two years isn't going to affect the state to any maximum degree. I certainly hope that the acceptance of the motion will be rejected.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Berman.

Mr. BERMAN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This is an underhanded method of trying to eliminate this facility. The striking of a facility from a budget in this manner without a Bill is not cricket. As far as I can ascertain, it hasn't been done in the past and it shouldn't be done now. Eliminating the facility should have been done through a bill, there were two bills before this House involving Hebron San neither of which had anything to do with eliminating it entirely and moving people to Fairfield. The practice that we are considering under the amendment presented by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Linnell, is poor business. It is poor legislation and it is poor politics. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade.

Mr. WADE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This is a difficult question. The Western Maine San was included in this Bill L. D. 1313, the current services

bill for the next biennium which was reported out unanimously, that there was included to the tune of about \$900,000. I have believed and have been on record for some years to the effect that Western Maine San should be closed. I have said probably the only reason that it hasn't been closed is because we haven't had the intestinal fortitude to close it. However, the only real question in my mind is whether the closing should be done in this way. In other words, does the end justify the means? It is argued that if we don't do it in this way that the next Legislature would not have the courage to close it. This is one of the things that has in large measure prolonged our session and I hope very much that we here and now will settle the matter of whether we are going to do it this way or carry it on for another biennium.

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

Mr. CARON: I have been sitting back here ladies and gentlemen and listening to a few debates on this question. I have no personal interests, but I say this very sincerely, that when the welfare and the health of the people of the State of Maine are concerned we certainly should give it some consideration and study, not just go off half cocked and just close some hospital down. I think we should study this matter thoroughly and if it is necessary, close it at a later date, but not in this manner. It deserves a study. It concerns a lot of people in this state. I'm sure that if we were attempting to economize in our own families we certainly would not do it at the cost of the health and welfare of our family, so I rise in opposition to the amendment.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I merely would like to state in passing that the Department of Health and Welfare inherited the tuberculosis problem four years ago after a study by the Research Committee that it should be taken out of the Institutional Division of our State Department, and let us allow that department to get its feet wet be-

fore we hastily take this problem away from them.

I would now like to withdraw my motion for a roll call, and move the indefinite postponement of the amendment and ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, who has withdrawn his request for a roll call, that the House indefinitely postpone House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A".

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley.

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The only question that we have to decide here today is: Are we taking the best care that we can of the patients which we have in these TB hospitals? And I would submit to you that we are not doing the best job that we can.

To have a public hearing and to have a Bill before us is not necessary. This thing has been discussed for the past six years. The Trudeau Society, which in my opinion can do as good a job of studying this as anyone can, have already stated that Hebron should be closed. So there is no need of waiting another two years. In the budget, the Governor has recommended money for the Hebron Sanatorium but I don't believe that keeping the San is in the best interest of the patients or the people of the state. We have more people employed at Fairfield right now than we have patients. We have more people employed there now than we had when there were one hundred and twenty-four patients there. We can give them the service. The buildings at Central Maine Sanatorium are better than they are at Hebron. We can give them better service there than they can get where they are now, and to postpone this thing would be just postponing better care for the patients of TB. I would definitely go along with the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Linnell.

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

Mr. COTE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Yesterday afternoon I was in downtown Lewiston and I met this doc-

tor, and he was very much interested in Hebron. He and I, we talked for about twenty minutes. He assured me this. He said "I treat patients both at Hebron and at Fairfield, and that the Fairfield facilities are not one bit better than the Hebron facilities." In fact he told me that the main building at Hebron is in much better condition than it is at Fairfield, and he claims, now I don't know I always was under the impression that Fairfield was so much ahead of Hebron, it was not even funny, but from his description of Fairfield, I came to the conclusion that Hebron is in better condition than Fairfield as far as their buildings are concerned. Now he claims in treating his patients he has questioned many of them, that they will not and refuse to go to Fairfield.

Now we have talked about economy. We have talked about TB being on the way out. If TB is going to be on the way out, let us keep our people in the sanatoriums where they belong. If we send them back into society, we will only prolong the day when we can erase TB from the State of Maine because by throwing these people back into society will only increase the patient load in the future years, so please I ask you to go along with the indefinite postponement of that amendment.

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

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I think we have gone far afield with this discussion, but at the time that I was first called long before we had hearings on any of the TB bills, I was called by Mr. Kilgust, the Executive Secretary for Cumberland County T. B. Association, and when he asked for a meeting with me, the words that he used to me were that he was very much concerned that we as Cumberland Legislators had had as little interest as we had had in Hebron, and that we were willing to allow the conditions to exist that existed there. He thereafter came out to see me, we had a discussion, he asked me to hold up the Lewiston bill for hearings until the Cumberland and York Association could meet, which was done and they did meet.

As to those who seem to be concerned about the fact that there was not a public hearing, I don't know just what we did have over in Appropriations that afternoon, but we had the York and Cumberland Associations there and we had the Lewiston group in and we had the Hebron group in, and the York and Cumberland County Associations have gone on record as being in favor of closing Hebron. They have put it in writing and they are concerned about the patients over there, not the economy. The greater percentage of the patients at Hebron come from those two counties.

As to passing out 1313 with a unanimous report, it was, but with reservations as far as Mr. Stanley and I were concerned on the Hebron issue.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Union, Mr. Heald.

Mr. HEALD: Mr. Speaker, I am in favor of the welfare of the T. B. patients; I am in favor of the welfare of the State, and I am in favor of the taxpayers of the State. Therefore, I am in favor of this consolidation move.

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

Mr. KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker, due to my intense interest in this matter, I probably made a statement in my recent remarks relative to this being a political issue, and I hereby apologize. I should have said this is an area issue.

I can understand these people caring for their constituents. I too would do the best that I am able to look after my constituents, but I would point out to the members of this House that hospitals are recognized by their accreditation like a school is recognized by its accreditation. The Central Maine Sanatorium in Fairfield is the only accredited T. B. Sanatorium in the State of Maine, and I think that is rather a laudable thing to have. A sanatorium that is recognized by the other hospital associations of America as being equipped and adequately staffed to take care of its T. B. patients. I just wanted to clear the air on my thinking that this is what should be done and

that it is an area problem rather than a political problem.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lacharite.

Mr. LACHARITE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to read just a few words here from a letter issued by Dr. Carter of Northern Maine Sanatorium. A report by the Aroostook Anti-tuberculosis and Health Association last fall stated that there were eighty-one cases of active tuberculosis in Aroostook County not in the sanatorium. The same proportion probably exists over the entire state. Now it seems to me that there is need for more patient room than for less, and it seems to me inappropriate to close the Hebron Sanatorium at this time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw.

Mr. WINCHENPAW: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say one word about a condition that disturbs me here. I don't know too much about industry and labor and that sort of thing, but there has been a big cry that we can't shut this place up on account of those employees. Now one time in my life I did work for a fairly good sized outfit and as I remember when they got ready to lay us off they gave us two weeks notice, and no one came around and said you can't lay those people off, what are they going to do? They said two weeks from now you will be through.

I also right now have a contract with the Federal Government and I could receive any day in the mail a letter saying that your contract terminates tomorrow with one month's pay. Now I don't like this idea here that we can't close this up because those people are going to be out of work. I am scared, that is a dangerous growing situation here. By and by we will never be able to change a state function because it puts somebody out of work, and that bothers me, that attitude that these few people that are involved there are going to be out of work by September or maybe November. They know about it now, they will have much more notice than I would on my contract with the Federal Government. I would

only have just one month's notice. Therefore, I am much in favor of this amendment.

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

Mr. MAYO: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. MAYO: I would like to know if the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, has withdrawn his request for a roll call vote?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert may answer the question, the Chair did not hear the question.

Mr. JALBERT: I asked for a division. In answer now I will ask for a roll call, and I would like also to ask if I can ask a question of the gentlewoman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, now requests a roll call and the gentleman may direct a question through the Chair to the gentlewoman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith, who may answer if she chooses.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that I attended the hearing which was very interesting, I am wondering, could I ask if the Cumberland and York County Delegations were supporting the eventual closing at Hebron because they were so much in favor of a wing being added at the Central Maine or the Maine General Hospitals either in Lewiston or Portland, bearing in mind that those two bills have been killed?

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman may answer if she chooses.

Mrs. SMITH: At that time, at the time of the public hearing, they were recommending waiting to see what to do about the whole situation. They had no idea that we would consider closing Hebron, I think that it would be possible. I went back and spoke with them after the hearing because I wanted them definitely on record, as to what they were considering. One of the doctors was — I am sorry, I can't now name the doctor that was there at the moment. Mrs. John Ward is from Falmouth, she was there that day and is on the Cumberland

County T. B. Association, and she particularly stated that she felt that we should spend no more money at Hebron than was absolutely necessary if we were to keep them there for two years, and that we certainly should not do any new construction at Lewiston for at least two years until this matter could be studied because we did not know what facilities were needed and it was useless to spend money that we didn't know how it should be spent. Since then they have gone on record and I do not have the letter, but Mrs. Lord has in her possession which we could go and obtain, of putting them definitely in the position of wishing to close Hebron.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman from Lewiston consider his question answered?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner.

Mr. TURNER: Mr. Speaker, I have one question I would like to ask somebody whoever can answer it, what are we going to do with our investment we have over there? What are we going to do with our investment we have at Hebron?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, addresses a question through the Chair to anyone who may answer if he chooses.

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

Mr. LINNELL: Mr. Speaker, in response to the question, the amendment allows approximately \$45,000 for the biennium additional funds to go into the budget of the Bureau of Public Improvements which would become responsible for the facilities, and see that the State's investment is not stripped or wasted. What its eventual use will be I do not know, but at least it will not be allowed—the buildings will be maintained and not be allowed to run down appreciably.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: Because I have been a member of the Public Health Committee this is the fourth session, and I have visited these

places with sincerity and with an idea to do what I thought the State wanted me to do, I have opposed in my own mind the closing of Hebron at this particular time, and for these reasons, and they are not for political reasons whatsoever, and not for an area reason whatsoever, but just because of the patients there and what I thought would be best for the patients there and the patients that may be there in the coming years.

Now I have contacted the Bureau of Public Health in Washington and this is the story they give me about T.B. as they see it. There are seven million cases today in the United States known of T.B. that is either active or that has been active and closed, and they think that perhaps there will be another seven million if they took just the skin test, and they do not know exactly what it may be. Now we do know that it has been on the decline, but I think the last figures that we have for the last six months it is coming out again, breaking out more, and it is breaking out more because there are more people staying home.

I might mention just a case of a neighbor of mine who had T.B. some fifteen years ago and got better. Then his son, and they were very, very careful, he stayed home, this old gentleman did, and he finally got better and he died of something else eventually. The son I am very sure in my own mind that he had it for a year before they sent him away, because he looked it, but they eventually sent him up to — they didn't take any care because they were convinced that he didn't have T.B. but anyway they sent him up to Fairfield and he stayed there about two years and a half and died. His daughter took it and two of her children had it, and she stayed in Fairfield about two years and she got better and went home, and the children have finally gotten better.

Now we do know in all arrested cases it is liable to break out at any time and anyone who has an arrested case of T.B. they must be careful all the time, and the doctor said to me one time of a man who had had a case and got better he should thank God and take care of himself, he should thank God that

he did get better and take care of himself because it is always ready to break out again.

Now what will be saved by going down to Fairfield, taking Hebron down to Fairfield? We find if we take them down there we will have to put them in three different rooms providing they all go. I am quite convinced that there probably would be ten or fifteen that will not go and will go back home, and while there is a law I believe that could make them go it has never been put in force and probably won't be at this time. We would have to take probably half of the employees at Hebron, everybody seems to be so stirred up about the employees at Hebron, but nearly half of them will have to go down to Fairfield because they do not have room to put them in Fairfield so that the ones there could take care of them, they would have to put them in three different buildings, so the saving would be very small. I doubt very much if the saving, if it was done at this time, would be over \$100,000. Now I think it is too soon. I think Hebron will be closed eventually, but I think at this time it is not the time to close it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Poland, Mr. Dunn.

Mr. DUNN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: According to this budget document, the per capita cost at Hebron is less than either of the other two per patient.

May I ask a question through the Chair of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Linnell?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. DUNN: I would like to ask if he has visited Hebron?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Poland, Mr. Dunn, addresses a question through the Chair of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Linnell, who may answer if he chooses.

Mr. LINNELL: Not recently.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Desmarais.

Mr. DESMARAIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to thank the gentleman from Milbridge, Mr. Kennedy, for quali-

fying his statement. Whatever remarks have been said about this Legislature, let it not be said that we are fundamentally dishonest. That is the reason why I oppose it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bethel, Mr. Saunders.

Mr. SAUNDERS: Mr. Speaker, being from Oxford County, the county that Hebron Sanatorium is in, I feel I should defend it. We have heard many remarks from the Floor and I am sure you are perhaps tired of listening to them, but there are a lot of things that have not been said, and I will not attempt to say a lot but just a few.

A lot of taxation has been taken out of the little town of Hebron, and many times on the Floor of this House you have heard people say "let's be careful of our small towns." Perhaps it is an area problem, but let's stop and think for a minute if we have got a problem there, why haven't we got a problem up in Presque Isle? You have heard said that Fairfield is the only accredited one. Why close Hebron and not close Presque Isle? Let's look at this thing in a very careful way. I think we will all agree that it is time it was closed, but we certainly don't have all the facts and we certainly don't want to make a decision here today on the Floor of this House that two years from now you will be sorry for. Thank you.

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

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I just want to correct one thing, the highest per capita cost of course is at Hebron. I can't give you the exact figures because I don't have them with me, I didn't know we were going to debate this this morning, but the highest per capita cost is at Hebron, the next at Presque Isle and then Fairfield with the lowest.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state the question. The pending question is the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, that House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed and the gentleman has requested a roll call. For the Chair to order a roll call the Chair must have an expression of a desire for a

roll call from one-fifth of the members of the House. Will those who desire a roll call please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count?

A sufficient number arose.

The SPEAKER: Obviously, more than one-fifth having arisen, a roll call is ordered.

The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, that House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed on Bill "An Act to Appropriately Moneys for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1960 and June 30, 1961," Senate Paper 461, Legislative Document 1313. If you favor the motion to indefinitely postpone House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" you will say "yes" when your name is called, if you oppose the indefinite postponement, you will say "no". The Clerk will call the roll.

ROLL CALL

YEA — Aliberti, Berman, Bragdon, Briggs, Cahill, Caron, Cormier, Cote, Couture, Coyne, Curtis, Cyr, Augusta; Cyr, Fort Kent; Davis, Calais; Davis, Westbrook; Desmarais, Dostie, Doyle, Dufour, Dumais, Dunn, Edwards, Raymond; Gallant, Harris, Haughn, Healy, Hendricks, Hendsbee, Hodgkins, Jacques, Jalbert, Jewell, Johnson, Karkos, Kellam, Kilroy, Kinch, Lacharite, Lancaster, Lantagne, Lemelin, Letourneau, Lowery, Maxwell, Miller, Nadeau, Pert, Pitts, Plante, Prue, Rowe, Madawaska; Russell, Saunders, Tardiff, Trumbull, Turner, Walls, Warren.

NAY — Bacon, Baker, Barnett, Baxter, Beane, Boone, Brockway, Brown, Bangor; Brown, Cape Elizabeth; Brown, Ellsworth; Call, Carter, Carville, Caswell, Chapman, Gardiner; Chapman, Norway; Choate, Christie, Clark, Cox, Crockett, Dean, Dennett, Dennison, Dodge, Dudley, Dumaine, Earles, Edgerly, Edwards, Stockton Springs; Emmons, Ervin, Frazier, Good, Graves, Hancock, Hanson, Bradford, Hanson, Lebanon; Hardy, Harrington, Heald, Hilton, Hobbs, Hughes, Hutchinson, Kennedy,

Knapp, Knight, Lane, Lindsay, Linnell, Mathews, Mathieson, Mayo, Monroe, Moore, Morse, Parsons, Perry, Easton; Perry, Hampden; Philbrick, Pike, Rankin, Reed, Rollins, Rowe, Limerick; Sanborn, Smith, Exeter; Smith, Falmouth; Stanley, Storm, Treworgy, Wade, Walsh, Walter, Weston, Wheaton, Whiting, Whitman, Winchenpaw, Young.

ABSENT — Cousins, Danes, Dow, Edmunds, Jewett, Lebel, Maddox, Porell, Williams.

Yes 58, No 81, Absent 9.

The SPEAKER: Fifty - eight having voted in the affirmative, eighty-one having voted in the negative, with nine absentees, the motion to indefinitely postpone House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" does not prevail.

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

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of a group of twenty students from Maine Central Institute of Pittsfield, accompanied by Lyle MacCrillis. The Chair also has noted the presence in the gallery of the House of several other groups, some of whom have left because the Chair could not interrupt the debate to recognize them, but for the record and for those who are still with us, we had a group of fourth grade pupils from Dixfield accompanied by Mrs. Barlow and we have a group of Twin-County 4-H Junior Leaders Association twenty students in the gallery.

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

The gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Ervin, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. ERVIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the 99th Legislature: You have on your desks this morning a couple of packages that the Aroostook County Delegation trusts that you will thoroughly enjoy. I might stand here and extol the virtues of Aroostook County. However, you know as much about it as I do. We have got everything up there. If we could just get the gentleman from Auburn, Ben Turner, to give us some roads, we would really have everything.

There also appeared yesterday a little prematurely, a publication of which many of you are familiar with at the present time, and that is "In the Maine Woods" through the courtesy of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad. The articles in there are mostly about the county, on the hunting and fishing qualities and so on.

You will notice on the inside of this package that we call up here in our neck of the woods, this is a directors package of baking potatoes. You will notice inside also is a little booklet called the Potato Cook Book. An interesting sidelight came to our attention on this cook book this past year on the Maritime Academy Ship "State of Maine". They took some two or three hundred of these little booklets down through the Caribbean and they were passed out. People were most interested in this potato cook book and the farms up here and so on and they ran out practically after the first and second ports they attended, so it does have a very big interest. This however, is put out by the State of Maine in our own Department of Agriculture.

There is another product that is on your desks that I am going to let somebody else talk about. However, I would like to call your attention to two celebrations in the county this year, one in Caribou and one in Presque Isle. Presque Isle and Caribou are celebrating their one hundredth anniversary. We in Houlton had our one hundred and fiftieth two years ago which was a howling success. I am sure that they will have a big time in Presque Isle and Caribou. Some of the information already has gone out. The dates of the pageant shows, in Caribou July 19 through

the 25th; in Presque Isle the pageant week is August 23rd through the 29th. I cordially urge as many of you people as possible that can go to either one of those celebrations either one of those weeks to do so, and you will be very cordially received, there is fine hospitality in Aroostook County and I am sure you would have a very fine time. At this time with the permission of the Speaker, I would like to yield to the gentleman from Sherman, Mr. Storm.

(Off Record Remarks)

The gentleman from Sherman, Mr. Storm, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. STORM: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: On your desks this morning you will find packages of potato flakes, produced by the Maine Potato Processing Co. Inc. of Island Falls, Maine.

This is a new product and a new industry in Aroostook County. This processing plant was built through the combined efforts of local people, banks, railroads and the Maine D.E.D.

At present, there are about one hundred five employees and they are producing a 30,000 pound carload of flakes every sixty hours. It takes about eight carloads of bulk potatoes to produce one carload of flakes.

While volume and freight charges are decreased from about ten to one, the payroll is increased by about one to ten. This has a very great effect on the economic situation of the area. The flakes are presently marketed through the facilities of the Salada Tea Company, whose facilities are nation-wide.

We hope you will enjoy your flakes and tell your friends about this new Maine prouct.

The gentleman from Monticello, Mr. Jewell, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. JEWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to put in a little plug for Aroostook County too, and I would like to read you a letter directed to the Maine Department of Economic Development, Augusta, Maine, which was written by John J. Edmunds of Bridgewater, and it reads as follows: "Gentlemen: Recently the New York Daily News carried a

column editorial on 'Maine.' Included was the erroneous old statement that the sun hits Mt. Katahdin first. I took them to task about it and they claimed that their information was supplied by your outfit. The honor of where the sun's rays first strike the United States mainland belongs to Aroostook County from March 21 to September 21 each year. On that period of summer time it hits Mars Hill Mountain 1640 feet high located one mile from the Maine-New Brunswick border. In the wintertime it evidently strikes Mt. Cadillac 1200 feet high located on Mt. Desert Island, although in deep winter West Quoddy Head may have the honor. The reason for the change of course is due to the declination of the earth on its axis in relation to the sun at different times of the year. I went into this matter thoroughly with the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey of the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. who gave me the exact time to the minute when the sun first strikes Mars Hill, Katahdin, Mt. Cadillac and West Quoddy Head. I enclose all the papers relating to the controversy. Please read all carefully and then give Mars Hill Mountain in Aroostook County the credit due it during at least six months in the year. Please return all papers to me when you are through. Respectfully, John J. Edmunds."

The gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As Chairman of the Hospitality Division of the Presque Isle Centennial, it is my pleasure to give an invitation to every member of this House and to members of the staff of this House to attend our centennial cele-

bration during this summer. There will be several events, and the outstanding event will of course be the pageant which will be as the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Ervin has told you, the 23rd to the 29th of August. We shall be very happy to welcome any of you and we hope you will come.

The gentleman from Fort Fairfield, Mr. Edmunds, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. EDMUNDS: Mr. Speaker, seeing as my uncle from Bridgewater got into the act by virtue of Mr. Jewell's letter, I would just like to add a word of caution. I notice on this package of instant potatoes it says: "vitamins added." Now specially for the older members of the House, potatoes from northern Maine are completely chock full of vitamins to begin with. I certainly caution you to be careful of any activities you undertake after eating these because I imagine they are very, very potent.

The gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Rollins, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: We have heard quite a lot about the potatoes this morning, and of course we appreciate the gift, but I want to get in a little plug for the broiler city of the State of Maine, the City of Belfast, and many have asked me when the broiler day was, it is on July 11, and I will say this, if we are in session July 11, which it looks as though we might be, I will see that each of you gets a broiler. (Applause)

On motion of Mr. Wade of Auburn.

Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.