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many years, having a full-time district attorney system, so to speak.

However, I think the way this has come out to us here, I have got to agree with Mr. Lund, that this is not the answer. This would simply aggravate the problem that we have now by extending these to four-way terms. Having worked with this problem for a number of years, I never felt that we could get the people we needed in these county attorney positions by election. The only way we are going to get highly qualified people with real interest in what they are doing is to have these people appointed by the Attorney General's office.

I would hope that we could go along with the indefinite postponement until such time as we can develop a more profound study on this matter and get a real effective measure in.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I spent some time working on this bill, and unfortunately the one executive session of the Committee on State Government that I missed was the one where this was signed out. I had hoped to send out an amendment to the original L. D. 701. I am opposed to the present bill before us and I hope it is indefinitely postponed, and perhaps sometime in the future I feel certain that another legislature, or another session of this Legislature, will be able to provide a good solid system of court arrangements.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will order a vote. The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lund, that Bill "An Act to Provide for Full-time County Attorneys in Certain Counties and Four-year Terms for all County Attorneys," Senate Paper 657, L. D. 1845 be indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence. All in favor of indefinite postponement will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken. 97 having voted in the affirmative and 9 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

Sent up for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, the two items that were passed to be engrossed and the four items that were passed to be enacted were ordered sent forthwith.

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

Bill "An Act to Encourage Improvement in Forest Growth by Creating a Method of Taxation Based upon the Productivity of Various Classes of Forest Lands" (H. P. 1419) (L. D. 1837)

Tabled — June 17, by Mr. Susi of Pittsfield.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: First of all I want to remind you that I am in favor of this bill changing the method of taxing wildlands.

Wednesday the House passed it in its first two readings. The State Tax Assessor, Mr. Ernest Johnson, when he realized that we were indeed serious in our intention, found that he had to have several very important minor amendments. These are being prepared now and I would suggest that somebody table this for one legislative day.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Bragdon of Perham, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Monday, June 21.

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

An Act Increasing the Gasoline Tax (H. P. 403) (L. D. 516)

Tabled — June 17, by Mr. Susi of Pittsfield.

Pending — His motion to reconsider failure of passage to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Collins.

Mr. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hope that you would reconsider whereby this