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Bill "An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Ten Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine to Build State Highways" (S. P. 662) (L. D. 1857) — In Senate, passed to be engrossed.

Tabled — June 18, by Mr. Wood of Brooks.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: Is it now the pleasure of the House that this be passed to be engrossed?

(Cries of "Yes" and "No")

The SPEAKER: The Chair will order a vote. All in favor of this bill being passed to be engrossed will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 39 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

Sent to the Senate.

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

JOINT ORDER — Re Secretary of Senate's duties and responsibilities when Senate is not in session. (S. P. 654)—In Senate, passed.

Tabled — June 18, by Mr. Porter of Lincoln.

Pending — Passage in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Porter of Lincoln, retabled pending passage in concurrence and tomorrow assigned.

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

JOINT ORDER — Re Interim telephone privileges (S. P. 655) — In Senate, passed.

Tabled — June 18, by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

Pending — His motion to reconsider passage.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, retabled pending his motion to reconsider passage and tomorrow assigned.

The Chair laid before the House the seventh 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 18, by Mr. Bragdon of Perham.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

Mr. Ross of Bath offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-493) was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This is the bill which entirely changes the method of taxation of wildlands, something that the legislature has been trying to do for years. There are those who want to kill the bill or suggest further study, or suggest that it be referred to the next legislature. In my opinion, it has been studied to death already. Most recently it was a recommendation of the Governor's latest Task Force Committee.

The original bill, 1667, was presented by the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon. The idea contained therein was considered sound, but we could see in the Taxation Committee that it did need changes. So several persons spent a great deal of time before the Taxation Committee came out with L. D. 1837.

Now last Friday I mentioned that our Tax Assessor, Mr. Ernest Johnson, after a thorough study of this redraft, found several technical errors or conflict with other laws. This amendment, though it is long, does just that, and nothing more. And the Statement of Fact is self-explanatory. I move that it be adopted.

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

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have no qualm with the arguments of the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, saying that these are technical amendments. I recall two years ago when we were working on the Land Use Regulation bill that we adopted technical amendments. When we got through with the amendment we found that we were going to regulate through the

Land Use Regulation bill or commission two per cent of the forest land of this state.

Until I have someone look at this amendment, I have no intentions of supporting it. And I certainly hope that someone might table it **until later in today's session.**

I note, for example, that one of the amendments says that one of the laws passed in 1967 is repealed. Now I don't even know what that is and I don't know if anyone here can explain it. But I can assure the gentleman from Bath that I have no intentions of supporting this amendment at this time.

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be tabled until later in today's session.

Whereupon, Mr. Susi of Pittsfield requested a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon, moves that L. D. 1837 be tabled until later in today's session, pending the adoption of House Amendment "A." A division has been requested. All in favor of tabling this matter until later in today's session will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

67 having voted in the affirmative and 46 having voted in the negative, the motion to table did prevail.

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

Bill "An Act Revising the Implied Consent Law for Operators of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 1027) (L. D. 1422) — In House, Committee Amendment "A" (H-460) adopted.

Tabled — June 18, by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

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

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am never sure how I get myself involved in some of these things. Last week, as you recall, we were arguing this bill and the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr.

McTeague, suggested some amendments. On the day that this was supposed to arise, that was one of the problems that we had, as you recall, debating whether or not we were going to take it up on that day; and we did not.

I finally ended up preparing the amendments under my name in order to make sure that they would be in a position to be introduced. The gentleman from Brunswick is here but the amendments are still under my name, so I would now offer House Amendment "F" and if anyone wants an explanation they can ask the gentleman from Brunswick.

House Amendment "F" (H-486) was read by the Clerk.

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

Mr. McTEAGUE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The purpose of House Amendment "F" is to provide that when a blood test is used that the person arrested should have the right to choose his own physician to make the blood test if his physician he is choosing is reasonably available. This is a provision which is in our current law.

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

Mr. LUND: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have looked at House Amendment "F" and it appears to me to be a reasonable provision and one which will not hinder or hamper the administration of the law, and I plan to vote in favor of the adoption of House Amendment "F".

Thereupon, House Amendment "F" was adopted.

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

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, for reasons previously stated and those being the same, I now offer House Amendment "E" to L. D. 1422.

House Amendment "E" (H-485) was read by the Clerk.

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

Mr. LUND: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hope that some proponent of the bill will