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following Joint Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the State Departments of Health and Welfare and Labor and Industry be authorized and directed to investigate and study sanitation, food handling and the employment of minors under existing law, as they relate to the operation and working conditions in summer camps of both profit and nonprofit corporations; and be it further

ORDERED, that said departments report the results of such investigation and study to the 106th Legislature (H. P. 1435)

The Joint Order was received out of order by unanimous consent, read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Susi of Pittsfield,

Recessed until two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

After Recess
2:30 P.M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Orders of the Day

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

SENATE JOINT ORDER — Re Creation of Joint Interim Committee to study financial impact upon State of Maine of (S. P. 524) (L. D. 1519) "An Act relating to Payment of Expenses of Supreme Judicial Court and The Superior Court by the State." (S. P. 667)

Tabled — June 21, 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 second tabled and today assigned matter:

SENATE JOINT ORDER — Re Speaker of House and not exceeding 4 members of the House, President of Senate and not exceeding 4 members of the Senate; also Law

and Legislative Reference Librarian Edith L. Hary, attend conferences of National Legislative Conference during 1971 calendar year. (S. P. 648) — In Senate, read and passed. — In House, passed as amended by House Amendment "A" (H-470) in non-concurrence.

Tabled — June 21, by Mr. Porter of Lincoln.

Pending — Further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Porter of Lincoln, retabled pending further consideration and tomorrow assigned.

The Chair laid before the House the third 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 21, 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 fourth tabled and today assigned matter:

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

Tabled — June 21, by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

Pending — His motion to reconsider passage.

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

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

An Act Providing for the Taxation and Preservation of Farm, Forest and Open Space Land (H. P. 1418) (L. D. 1834)

Tabled — June 21, by Mr. Susi of Pittsfield.

Pending — Passage to be enacted.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Freedom, under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its action

of June 15 whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

The same gentleman then offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" (H-494) was read by the Clerk.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This entire bill, as you well may remember, is the enabling legislation under current use law passed by the people in referendum. The original bill was L. D. 14. A great deal of time was spent in the redraft of L. D. 1834, but it is in conflict, certain parts of it, with the forest productivity tax. This amendment solves these problems.

Now our friends in the Third House with their Brooks Brothers suits, their fancy words, their suave method of persuasion, are not putting it over on us in this amendment, I will guarantee. And as House Chairman of Taxation, I am in favor of the amendment.

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

Mr. COTTRELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I haven't seen the amendment, and I would like to have someone explain just—maybe it came out, I guess, yesterday, but I would like to know in brief just what the amendment does. I thought we had worked this bill up to its final form, and I wish someone would explain.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freedom, Mr. Evans.

Mr. EVANS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would explain that this amendment corrects a few errors that the Attorney General's office wanted and removes the taxation of forest lands because it was in conflict with 1788, which we passed a few days ago, and one other bill. And that is the exact thing that actually this does. There was a few things in it that the Attorney General's department wanted worded differently, and we changed it so that it would be worded according to what they required, and took the forest lands out of it. Otherwise

than that it is practically the same bill that we had before.

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

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

An Act relating to the Board of Registration in Medicine" (H. P. 1378) (L. D. 1798) — In House, passed to be enacted — In Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Tabled — June 21, by Mr. Gill of South Portland.

Pending — Further consideration.

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

Mrs. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: We have occasionally in the state doctors who should not continue to practice medicine until they can straighten out their own lives. Either because of ill health, drug addiction or alcoholism, they are threatening the lives of their patients.

This bill is aimed at providing protection for the public through a board against these dangerous doctors. I believe we have an obligation to allow the resolution of the small legal disagreements so we the public can have the protection we need. The doctors want this bill; the public needs it, and the disagreement can be easily compromised.

I therefore move that we insist and ask for a Committee of Conference.

Thereupon, the House voted to insist and ask for a Committee of Conference.

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

An Act to Establish Stepparents Responsibility to Support Stepchildren (S. P. 640) (L. D. 1833)

Tabled — June 21, 1971 by Mr. Shaw of Chelsea.

Pending — Passage to be enacted.