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not set up one-third of a particular item, because when the tax on transient rentals was instigated the State was going to receive some \$2,500,000 revenue, and as the Senator from York, Senator Lovell, has mentioned, we get roughly \$600,000 revenue from it, which is about a quarter of what we expected. So if we take one per cent of the three per cent transient rental tax it could be one per cent of \$600,000 or it could be one per cent of \$2,500,000 or some figure above that. I would be in favor of setting up moneys for publicizing the great facilities that we have in the State of Maine but I would not want to set them up in an indefinite figure.

Mr. LOVELL of York: Mr. President, I shall arise for the last time on this matter. The amendment states that one cent of the prevailing tax be used, so that would be one cent of a three-cent tax which is now the transient tax. If it should go to four per cent or three and a half per cent it would still be one cent of the tax.

I would like to call the attention of the Senate to the statement of the Department of Commerce that the six states in the United States that do the most tourist business do one-third of the manufacturing, showing that by getting tourists into a state if the tourist likes the state he can well build his plant here, so if you vote against a measure such as this you are voting against getting new industry into Maine and increasing the business not only of the hotel owner but of the farmer who supplies the eggs and the barber, all services right on down through to take care of these summer people. You are voting against more taxes going into the treasury of the State of Maine. Certainly I would not want to do that; I would not want to vote against a measure like that. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT: The question is on the motion of Senator Lovell of York to substitute the bill for the report, and a division has been requested.

A division of the Senate was had.

Ten having voted in the affirmative and eighteen opposed, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Lovell of York, the Ought not to pass report was accepted.

The President laid before the Senate, the 5th tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 42) (L. D. 102) Bill, "An Act Authorizing Municipal Construction of Industrial Buildings," tabled on April 7 by Senator Farris of Kennebec pending passage to be engrossed; and that Senator yielded to Senator Noyes of Franklin.

On motion by Mr. Noyes of Franklin, the bill was retabled and especially assigned for April 20.

The President laid before the Senate the 4th tabled and today assigned item (S. P. 362) (L. D. 1095) Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Authorizing the Construction of Industrial Buildings," tabled on April 7 by Senator Edgar of Hancock pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. EDGAR of Hancock: Mr. President and members of the Senate: If the Senate will recall, on Friday of last week I rose not in opposition to this bill but questioning the accuracy of the wording of the referendum question that was to go to the voters. I stated on Friday, and it gives me even more pleasure today in view of what has just happened, that I am in hearty approval of Senator Lovell's bill; I think it is a good bill and I shall vote for it, but pursuant to the objection which I raised on Friday I now offer Senate Amendment "A" and move its adoption.

The Secretary read Senate Amendment A which was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate the 6th tabled and today assigned item (H. P. 921) (L. D. 1269) Bill, "An Act Defining Contract of Life Insurance," tabled on April 7 by Senator Edmunds of Aroostook pending enactment; and on motion by Mrs. Christie of Aroostook the bill was retabled, and especially assigned for tomorrow.

The President laid before the Senate the 7th tabled and today