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some fairly good taxes. They also have a tremendous number of scholarships which they use for poorer Maine boys and girls, an opportunity for them to have this experience. As a matter of fact, I had found a few weeks ago in the Maine Times a letter which had been sent because they had had a feature article on foster children, and the letter sent a week or two after spoke about one of the camps in Maine which is now working on a program, a full week after their program closes for foster children alone.

Over half of all of the children in Maine that go to our camps come from Maine and yet more than 85 percent of all the monies raised comes from outside the state.

The \$20,000 which we would be appropriating is being matched by the camping industry itself, and this is about as far as they can go in continuing this study which will eventually not only inventory what they have but also will point out various areas where we can do something to utilize these facilities for a greater period of time. I have had personal experience with many of them and I know it to be a fact that those 67 which are being utilized today for more than a period of 10 weeks do indeed bring in students from high schools throughout the State of Maine for periods of a week or more on such things as environmental studies, photography, all sorts of areas of concern to young people. They also open those doors to others from outside and to local civic organizations for things that they want to do, the point being that if you look at this from purely an economic point of view, it is a good investment, because if we can take a \$46 million economic activity in 1974, which is generated in a period of about 10 weeks, and turn it round so we can utilize those camps for twice that length of time, I think it is going to mean something to us in the future.

I think that this whole business of camping is just one facet of the many ways which I believe Maine has to go in the near future in utilizing its natural resources to encourage and to help industries and businesses which are indigenous to Maine. This is one way we can protect our renewable resources and increase our economic growth and certainly we need to be thinking in those areas today. So casting aside all the other thoughts of the values of boys' and girls' camps, just the one economic reason alone to me would justify some help on the part of the State of Maine to an industry which really needs help which can grow and which can produce for us a significant economic growth in the future. So I would plead with you that we pass this bill and have it take its chance on the Appropriation Table along with all the others.

Thereupon, the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Reporting of Data of Abortions Performed by an Attending Physician" (H. P. 1628) (L. D. 1831)

Tabled — June 8, 1977 by Mr. Tierney of Lisbon Falls.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

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

Mrs. HUBER: Mr. Speaker, I do have a couple of questions about this bill and apparently the gentleman who can answer them over in Human Services has been out of town. I would appreciate if it someone might table this bill for two legislative days.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Bethel, Miss Brown.

Miss BROWN: Mr. Speaker, I move this be tabled for two legislative days.

Whereupon, Mrs. Berube of Lewiston requested a division.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentlewoman from Bethel,

Miss Brown, that this matter be tabled for two legislative days pending passage to be engrossed. All those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

Whereupon, Mr. Kerry of Old Orchard Beach requested a roll call vote.

The SPEAKER: For the Chair to order a roll call, it must have the expressed desire of one fifth of the members present and voting. All those desiring a roll call vote will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken, and more than one fifth of the members present having expressed a desire for a roll call, a roll call was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentlewoman from Bethel, Miss Brown, that this matter be tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Monday, June 13. All those in favor will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL

YEA — Ault, Bachrach, Bagley, Bennett, Blodgett, Boudreau, P.; Brenerman, Brown, K. L.; Brown, K. C.; Bunker, Burns, Byers, Carey, Clark, Connors, Connolly, Cunningham, Curran, Dexter, Diamond, Drinkwater, Dudley, Durgin, Dutremble, Flanagan, Garsoe, Gauthier, Gould, Gray, Gray, Greenlaw, Higgins, Howe, Huber, Hunter, Immonen, Jackson, Jensen, Kilcoyne, Laffin, Lougee, Lunt, MacEachern, Mackel, Marshall, Masterton, McBreairty, McPherson, Moody, Morton, Najarian, Nelson, M.; Nelson, N.; Palmer, Perkins, Post, Rollins, Shute, Smith, Stover, Strout, Stubbs, Talbot, Tarr, Teague, Torrey, Tozier, Trafton, Twitchell, Tyndale, Whittemore.

NAY — Aloupis, Austin, Benoit, Berry, Berube, Birt, Boudreau, A.; Bustin, Carrier, Carroll, Carter, D.; Carter, F.; Chonko, Churchill, Cote, Cox, Dow, Fenlason, Fowlie, Gill, Gillis, Goodwin, H.; Goodwin, K.; Green, Hall, Henderson, Hickey, Hobbins, Hughes, Jacques, Jalbert, Kane, Kany, Kelleher, Kerry, Lewis, Lizotte, Locke, Lynch, Mahany, Martin, A.; Masterman, McHenry, McMahon, Mitchell, Nadeau, Peakes, Pearson, Prescott, Raymond, Rideout, Spencer, Terbell, Theriault, Tierney, Truman, Valentine, Wyman.

ABSENT — Beaulieu, Biron, Davies, Devoe, Elias, Hutchings, Joyce, LaPlante, LeBlanc, Littlefield, Maxwell, McKean, Mills, Norris, Peltier, Peterson, Plourde, Quinn, Silsby, Sprawl, Wilfong, Wood.

Yes, 70; No, 58; Absent, 22.

The SPEAKER: Seventy having voted in the affirmative and fifty eight in the negative, with twenty-two being absent, the motion does prevail.

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

Bill "An Act Establishing the Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program" (S. P. 423) (L. D. 1481)

Tabled — June 8, 1977 by Mr. Tierney of Lisbon Falls.

Pending — Motion of Mrs. Lewis of Auburn to Indefinitely Postpone House Amendment "G" (H-490) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-133)

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

Mrs. NAJARIAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hope you will not vote to indefinitely postpone this amendment to the committee amendment. I know that I have been opposed to this program and perhaps many of you are suspicious now that I am trying to offer an amendment, but I want to assure you that my motives are of the purest. I lost and now I am just simply trying to, what I think, offer improvements to the language of what is soon to become part of Title 20.

My amendment takes care of the concerns that Mrs. Lewis expressed the other day. This amendment takes care of the concerns of Mrs.

Nelson and Mrs. Mitchell. We have got a memo on this amendment from the Department of Educational Resources, and the only thing they say about the amendment is that the clause "family ties in Maine" bothers them but it could make administration difficult, the elimination of the two positions would make it difficult but not impossible to operate.

Based on that, I hope you will not indefinitely postpone the amendment.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Auburn, Mrs. Lewis.

Mrs. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am not happy with the amendment. I don't think it does exactly what I thought it did.

If you look at the Committee Amendment, which is filing S-133, and the amendment that Representative Najarian has presented, filing H-490, you will see that in the Committee Amendment the language is really very plain. I don't understand why it is necessary to clutter up the laws with language that only a lawyer can understand. I think many times a lawyer might be kind of happy to be able to read something that would be in fairly plain language.

There is the possibility, I will agree, that a child who has graduated from a school outside of the State of Maine, be it a special school for a handicapped child or whether it is a prep school, can participate in this step program. However, that child has to have a review done by the Department of Education, by the Commissioner of Education, and I don't see why that child should have to be treated differently from other children who are bona fide Maine residents. In the Committee Amendment, it says very plainly "or successfully complete a general education development examination or its equivalent outside of Maine have parents who are deemed residents of the State of Maine at the time of the student's graduation or completion of the examination." Very plain language.

This part about the close family ties does bother me. I have sisters who live in Connecticut and they have children, and I wonder if I would be considered a close enough family tie so that conceivably those children might get in on this program, and I don't think that is the intention of anybody. I think the intention is that children have to either have graduated from a Maine high school or its equivalent, or they have to have parents who reside in the State of Maine.

I have one other criticism of the amendment, and that is that according to the Statement of Fact, because you can't see it if you read the bill unless you check the statutes, this amendment also applies to older students who have been lifelong residents. Actually, this program is not for older people, it is really for young people, it is for people who have just graduated from school. There are other programs to take care of adults who want to go back to school, but this program isn't for that.

I think you all know the reason we are changing the step program is because the federal government will withhold \$220,000 if we don't have a program that is aimed at young people to take courses, to go to a school, to any kind of a college that they want to. It is a program for kids. It is not to subsidize either a private or public or a proprietary school or a religious kind of school, it is strictly for young people to be able to choose the kind of education they want.

I would hope that we could defeat House Amendment "C" and that we would accept the bill as amended by the Committee Amendment and let it pass.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Wyman.

Mr. WYMAN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Just very briefly, I