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Cumberland, Senator Porteous, does not prevail.

Mr. MAYO of Sagadahoc: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I had not intended to get into this debate in any way until I continued to read Section 3, and as I read Section 3 I have to agree with the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Porteous. I feel that the committee is definitely necessary, I think Casco Bay has a problem, I think possibly this committee will be able to search into some of the problems and come up with a solution; but I am very reluctant to pass on a bill which gives any committee this authority. If my memory serves me properly, in the few times I have been in the Legislature I do not remember of any committee being set up and granted this type of authority. I think that the word that Senator Porteous used, "witch-hunt" and other such words are very appropriate, because I do not think that any member of this committee that shall be named should have the powers that are granted to our courts and to our esteemed judges and so forth, the power of subpoena. I will vote against this bill because of that Clause 3 being in there. If that Clause 3 were amended I would vote for it, but I will not vote this type of power to any legislative committee.

Mr. EDMUNDS of Aroostook: Mr. President, I think the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Mayo, makes a very good point, and I would say that the committee very reluctantly endorsed the idea of giving this committee subpoena powers. Very frankly, the only reason that the committee did do this was that from our association with the problem all through the last session, from our contacts with it all through the summer through the press, and from the hearings that were held here a good part of the day on Tuesday, we are in our own mind I think convinced that the type of individual that we are dealing with in this particular case necessitates that the committee have this power. I say very reluctantly did we include subpoena powers in this bill, but, very frankly, some of the individuals who are involved in this — I do not

want to name any names — have left the impression on our committee that they are not men of good faith. And that, Senator Mayo, is the reason.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Porteous, that this report and accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed. A division has been requested by the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Brooks. All those in favor of the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Porteous, will rise and remain standing until counted.

A division was had.

Seven having voted in the affirmative and twenty-three in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail.

Thereupon it was voted to accept the "Ought to pass" report of the committee, the bill was given its first reading and, under suspension of the rules, its second reading, and was passed to be engrossed.

Second Readers

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following Bills:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Salary of Register of Deeds of Franklin County." (H. P. 1225) (L. D. 1685)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws." (S. P. 615) (L. D. 1692) as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which was read a second time.

Mr. ERWIN of York: Mr. President, because this is the so-called omnibus bill, I crave the indulgence of the Senate and ask permission to table the bill from day to day.

Thereupon, the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed and was especially assigned for the next legislative day.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Noyes of Franklin, the Senate voted to take from the table Bill, "An Act Repealing Law Creating a Lien on