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The PRESIDENT: A roll call has been requested. Under the Constitution, in order for the Chair to order a roll call, it requires the affirmative vote of at least one-fifth of those Senators present and voting. All those Senators in favor of ordering a roll call will rise and remain standing until counted.

Obviously more than one-fifth having arisen, a roll call is ordered. The pending question before the Senate is the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry, on Bill, "An Act to Provide for the Interception of Wire and Oral Communications," that the Bill be substituted for the Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee. A "Yes" vote will be in favor of substituting the Bill for the Report; a "No" vote will be opposed.

The Secretary will call the roll.

#### ROLL CALL

YEAS: Senators Berry, Dunn, Greeley, Hanson, Hoffses, Logan, Moore, Peabody, Stuart, Wyman and President MacLeod.

NAYS: Senators Anderson, Barnes, Beliveau, Bernard, Boisvert, Cianchette, Conley, Duquette, Gordon, Katz, Kellam, Letourneau, Levine, Martin, Mills, Minkowsky, Reed, Sewall, Tanous and Violette.

ABSENT: Senator Quinn.

A roll call was had. Eleven Senators having voted in the affirmative, and twenty Senators having voted in the negative, with one Senator absent, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Ought Not to Pass Report of the Committee was Accepted in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the eighteenth tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Revising the Motor Vehicle Dealer Registration Law." (H. P. 1185) (L. D. 1506)

Tabled — May 26, 1969 by Senator Hoffses of Knox.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes.

Mr. BARNES of Aroostook: Mr. President and Members of the

Senate: I wish to make a few remarks regarding this L. D. 1506. I realize the hour is getting late and I am going to be very brief. In referring to this bill I also want to call your attention to one we considered earlier in the day, Item 8 on Page 8, L. D. 1505. Both of these bills are very comprehensive, both of these bills are basically good, both of these bills have exactly the same title, both of these bills are designed and have the same objective, namely, to correct the abuses on the dealer plates.

Now, earlier in our treatment of 1505, this was in non-concurrence, and we moved to insist. As I say, these bills are basically the same; they differ only in two or three small areas — and I think those two or three small areas can be resolved and we can come out with a good piece of legislation which will be beneficial to all people in the State of Maine. But if we persist in working with both of these bills we are going to end up with nothing. What I would like to see with this L. D. 1506 is that it also be placed in a position of nonconcurrence, and we could get a committee of conference to consider both bills. I am sure that we could get together on a couple or three very minor — and they are very minor — differences, and compromise those differences and come up with a basically good bill.

Now, these two bills are sponsored respectively by two members of the other branch. Both of them have worked very hard on these bills and both of them are very sincere. As I say, both of them are basically good bills, and they only vary in a couple of small minor areas. We had these two bills in our Transportation Committee all winter and we studied them, restudied them, researched them and, as I say, they are good, they are both good, but we don't need both of them. So, in order to get this 1506 in a position of non-concurrence, where we can consider both of them at the same time, I hope, with the same committee of conference, and resolve these two or three minor things, I would, therefore, move the in-

definite postponement of L. D. 1506 and all its accompanying papers.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes, moves that L. D. 1506, Bill, "An Act Revising the Motor Vehicle Dealer Registration Law," be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Gordon,

Mr. GORDON of Cumberland: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I don't want to belabor this. I just want to perhaps clear the issue and merely say that I couldn't agree more with the Senator from Aroostook. I think this is the only solution and the manner in which to handle these two bills, and I think that the good Senator from Aroostook has laid it right on the line just as it should be. I have confidence that a committee of conference could solve this problem.

The PRESIDENT: Is it now the pleasure of the Senate that Legislative Document 1506, Bill, "An Act Revising the Motor Vehicle Dealer Registration Law," be indefinitely postponed?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was Indefinitely Postponed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the nineteenth tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Providing for a Legislative Program Evaluation Division." (S. P. 385) (L. D. 1297)

Tabled—May 26, 1969 by Senator Hoffses of Knox.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Thereupon, the Bill was Passed to be Engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the twentieth tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Comparative Negligence in Civil Actions." (S. P. 89) (L. D. 251)

Tabled—May 26, 1969 by Senator Berry of Cumberland,

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

Thereupon, the Bill was Passed to be Engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

(See action later in today's session.)

The President laid before the Senate the twenty-first tabled and specially assigned matter:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Short Term Permits for Trucks to Haul Loads." (H. P. 631) (L. D. 819)

Tabled—May 26, 1969 by Senator Hoffses of Knox.

Pending—Enactment.

Thereupon, the Bill was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary on May 29 presented to the Governor for his approval.

The President laid before the Senate the twenty-second tabled and specially assigned matter:

SENATE REPORTS — from the Committee on State Government on Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Pledging Credit of the State for Guaranteeing Portions of Certain Home Mortgages and Housing Development. (S. P. 390) (L. D. 1315) Majority Report, Ought Not to Pass; Minority Report, Ought to Pass.

Tabled—May 26, 1969 by Senator Wyman of Washington.

Pending — Motion by Senator Katz of Kennebec to Accept the Minority Ought to Pass Report.

Thereupon, the Minority Ought to Pass Report was Accepted, the Resolve Read Once and tomorrow assigned for Second Reading.

The President laid before the Senate the matter tabled earlier in today's session by Mr. Reed of Sagadahoc:

The Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Establishing the Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources Within the Forestry Department." (H. P. 944) (L. D. 1205) reports that the same Ought to Pass.

Comes from the House, the report Read and Accepted and the Bill Passed to be Engrossed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Reed.

Mr. REED of Sagadahoc: Mr. President and Members of the Sen-