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He says that neither labor nor management is prepared. And I do refute that. Management, the State, is not prepared. But labor is prepared. Make no doubt of that.

And so he raises the question, possibly, for reasons of confusion. I wouldn't accuse him of that, but he is beginning to get me confused about budgets and fiscal years. And I just got a note here that fiscal years, budget years, really don't have any effect on this. Whenever it happens it is going to be put into a budget somewhere. So that unless there was some dire emergency that there was such a crying need in this State for action of this type that we must expedite it or accelerate it to the point of not really doing it in an orderly manner, I insist that this is a reasonable amendment to put to this bill and is not designed to kill it. If making sense out of it kills it, why let it die. But this doesn't. It is not an attempt to kill the bill. It is intended to provide for an orderly transition.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Not that the hour is late, that makes no difference to me, but I really think that this ought to be thought over. And in all fairness, and because I really want to look over the debates between 1975 and 1977, I would strongly urge that this bill be tabled until tomorrow morning so that we can know just exactly where we are on this thing.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, tabled pending the motion of Mr. McTeague of Brunswick to indefinitely postpone House Amendment "B" and tomorrow assigned.

(Off Record Remarks)

Mrs. Baker of Orrington was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mrs. BAKER: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In case anyone in the House doesn't already know it, the bill for the errors and inconsistencies is coming up soon; it will be on tomorrow's calendar. And I would like to call your attention to the

folder that I had distributed to your desk two or three days ago. And it is a brief explanation of each section in the bill. I would like to say something about the bill itself.

The original draft of the bill, L.D. 2337, was prepared by the Director of Legislative Research, Sam Slosberg. And that involves all the errors and inconsistencies that have come to his attention since the end of the regular session. Then when the Judiciary Committee held its hearing on that bill we received sixty-five amendments offered by various members of the legislature. These were considered by the Committee and the greater part of them were rejected because we considered them substantive in nature. And we have decided previously that if one member, only one member, of the Committee objected, found an amendment substantive, that we would not include it in the bill from the Committee. So many of these amendments that have been coming to your desk, were thinned out by the Committee as being considered too substantive to be in the bill. However, that does not mean that they shall not have merit. Some of these amendments do have merit. It does mean, however, that they will be exposed to the light of day, and that the legislature has a chance to know about them and decide whether or not they want to accept them. And that is what has been coming to our desks for the last day or two.

Now the bill, as I understand it, will be before us tomorrow with some thirteen amendments adopted by the Senate. And I would suggest that members of the House look this bill through with this key, and also look at the amendments before it comes before us tomorrow so you will be prepared to vote as you see fit.

Mr. Dam of Skowhegan was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. DAM: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House; The other morning when I referred to the article in the Waterville Morning Sentinel pertaining to the Town of Oakland, which my good friend Mr. Brawn represents, I tried to several times get

around mentioning the Town of Oakland, because I figured he would come right up on his feet quick, and I didn't want to excite him too much because it was the first part of the morning.

I am sure that anywhere Mr. Brawn would reside that there would be nothing illegal or irregular about a town meeting, because I don't think Mr. Brawn, knowing him as well as I do, would allow such a thing to happen. But I

would like to point out to him that there must have been problems with the town meeting, because they did have a recount. And even though they came out the same, there must have been some question.

On motion of Mr. Birt of East Millinocket,

Adjourned until nine-thirty tomorrow morning.