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amendment, and so presented, it will be appreciated.

Thereupon, the bill received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the third matter today assigned, joint order relative to counsel for Claims Committee, tabled yesterday afternoon by the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Kitchen, the pending question being the motion of the gentleman from Lisbon Falls, Mr. Jack, for indefinite postponement; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Kitchen.

(At this point Representative Locke of Biddeford, assumed the Chair, the Members rising and applauding)

Mr. KITCHEN: Mr. Speaker, when I tabled this order last night, I thought perhaps it might contain something of value, but I have learned on further consideration that it does not. For that reason I wish to concur with the motion of the gentleman from Lisbon Falls, Mr. Jack, to indefinitely postpone the order.

Thereupon, the House voted to indefinitely postpone the order.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair takes up the fourth matter today assigned, majority report ought to pass in new draft, minority report ought not to pass, from the committee on Ways and Bridges, on resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution for an additional issue of highway and bridge bonds, the new draft being numbered Senate Paper 700, Senate Document 394. This comes from the Senate, the majority report read and accepted and the new draft passed to be engrossed. It was tabled in the House April 11th by the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Merrill, pending acceptance of either report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. MERRILL: Mr. Speaker, this is an accompanying measure, and I move that the House concur with the Senate in the adoption of the majority report.

Mr. KITCHEN of Presque Isle: Mr. Speaker, I just want to call the attention of the House to the fact

that this is the \$20,000,000 mortgage, the real meat in the nut of the bond issue. It is the resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution relative to issue of highway and bridge bonds. Your vote yesterday indicated that you were against a bond issue. For that reason I leave the matter entirely in your hands.

Mr. CHASE of Cape Elizabeth: Mr. Speaker, I pointed out to the House this morning, in connection with the bill which accompanies this resolve, that it would expedite legislation if the House would act so that we might devise some means for getting around the impasse which exists between the two branches of the Legislature. The situation with respect to this resolve appears to be somewhat different in that this resolve has not been before the House before while the bill has; so that in order for any Committee of Conference to be appointed, the House would have to act differently from the Senate with respect to this matter in order that it could be returned to the Senate where that body would presumably insist and ask for a Committee of Conference in which the House might want to join. And in order that all these measures may maintain the breath of life so that we may deal with them when the occasion arises and we know what we want to do, I believe that we should not accept the majority report even though some of us might want to do something in favor of the \$20,000,000 bond issue, but that we should accept the minority report in non-concurrence, so that the matter may go back to the Senate and that body may have an opportunity to ask for a Committee of Conference which it would not be in order for it to do at this time. Therefore I am opposed to the motion of the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft (Mr. Merrill); and if that motion should not succeed, I would like to see the minority report accepted. I believe that would expedite legislation and that even those who are in favor of the \$20,000,000 bond issue, or even a part of it, will get farther along by voting for the minority report.

Mr. MERRILL: Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of expediting business, I ask leave of the House to with-

draw my motion for the acceptance of the majority report, making way for the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase.

Thereupon, a viva voce vote being taken, the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Merrill, was granted consent to withdraw his motion for the acceptance of the majority report.

On motion by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth, a viva voce vote being taken, the minority report ought not to pass in non-concurrence was accepted.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The House will now take up the fifth matter today assigned, resolve in favor of the State Park Commission, tabled April 11 by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Carleton, pending third reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. Carleton then offered House Amendment A and moved its adoption, as follows:

House Amendment A to Senate Paper 320, Senate Document 425.

Amend said resolve by striking out the word "six" in the third and fifth lines and substituting in place thereof the word 'three' in both places.

Mr. WILLIAMSON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I dislike to disagree with the Appropriations Committee in a matter of this kind. I do think, however, that the facts should be brought to the attention of the House. The resolve as presented to the House carries an appropriation of \$6,000 for the next two years. Two thousand dollars of this each year is required to maintain the park which lies across State Street. The balance of \$4,000 for each year was desired by the State Park Commission to make needed improvements and to carry out plans for the extension and alteration of the park which have been passed upon by landscape architects and approved, I think, by all persons. Ultimately, the State Park Commissioners hope to develop the park into such a condition that it will be proper to place there War Memorials. If funds are not provided to make the extensions and alterations needed, the time will come at a later date, if the resolve is cut from \$6,000 to \$3,000 for each one of the years, which will leave but little

over what is necessary for the maintenance. For that reason, and in order that plans for the park may go forward, I wish to oppose the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Carleton.

Mr. CARLETON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The budget for this Park Commission was \$5,000. One resolve after another has come in here changing this budget. For the previous two years this Park Commission spent \$3,175. If we allow them \$6,000, or \$12,000 in all, they will then be receiving \$8,175, more than they did before. At a conference last night with the Park Commission I think it was understood that they would accept \$3,000 each year. I hope the amendment will be adopted.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Is the House ready for the question?

Mr. JONES of Waterville: Mr. Speaker, as a member of that committee, if I am not mistaken, there was a unanimous report ought to pass and I would like to go on record as against this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Is the House ready for the question?

The question was called for.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Carleton, to the resolve in favor of the State Park Commission, amending it by striking out the word "six" and substituting therefor the word 'three.' All those in favor of the adoption of the amendment will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being doubted, A division of the House was had.

Sixty-two voting in favor of the adoption of the amendment and 27 against, the amendment was adopted.

Thereupon, the resolve had its second reading as amended, and was passed to be engrossed as so amended.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and unassigned matter, being House report ought to pass in new draft from the committee on Judiciary on bill an act relating to licensing operators of motor vehicles after their conviction of operating the same while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, the new draft being numbered House Paper 1699, tabled on April 9th by