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ever in what we are doing here today because there is a risk in whatever we do. There is a risk in some of us driving home tonight; we face the risk of perhaps being involved in an automobile accident. But for the potential which is involved here the risk is certainly a minimal one. We are talking about increasing the payroll from some \$22,000,000 a year to approximately \$50,000,000 if this award goes to the Bath Iron Works, as we hope will be the case. So this is a risk which is very, very minimal, and if the State would not be willing to take this kind of a risk for an industry that has established itself over these many, many years for the State of Maine then I really don't know what kind of a risk we would be willing to take. So on behalf of the minority party in the Senate and the minority leaders throughout the State, members of the Democratic Party, I want to say that we give this proposal our wholehearted endorsement, and we believe it will receive favorable consideration and trust that it will receive favorable consideration by the people of Maine when they vote upon it in November.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Johnson.

Mr. JOHNSON of Somerset: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I would like to heartily concur with Senator Harding's remarks, and I would like to say that as far as the Republican Party in this State is concerned I feel that this is an area in which we reach agreement that we can do something. It is not like giving something away for nothing. We have a certain amount of risk involved here, but it is like a group of many people putting together their fifty dollars or their ten dollars to guaranty something that will be in the long run for the good of all of us. I feel that we have had a good session here today and I hope this will pass unanimously.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from York, Senator Farley.

Mr. FARLEY of York: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I know that this is going to go through, and there is no reason for my objecting to it strongly to it. I made my remarks in my own caucus. I know they are going along with it, and there is nothing else for me to do.

I do represent a county of people who came to me who are vitally interested in recreation and parking and this. It is true we are going to have a bill to be voted upon by the people in the State of Maine of an \$8,000,000 bond, I think. The main question of a great many of them that came to me was if theirs was defeated would they be able to come in under this act. The Governor spoke to us this morning and I asked the Governor a question, along with my Minority Leader — as I say, I represent at the time being people in York County who are vitally interested in recreation and this and that. I also told the Governor and the rest that politics to me is only a hobby. I follow Washington like a hawk.

You all know that Congress is going to cut six billion dollars. It has got to be done. Only recently what the Bath Ship Yards is after, that in itself has been cut, but still we are going to ask the people to vote upon this \$80,000,000.

I assure each and every one of you that I will vote for it and I will speak for it. That is one of the main troubles with us on bonds: the Legislators, when they go home, and I have said it here on the floor when I thought that we should be voting upon these questions by a bill that came through here, people don't thoroughly understand the issues. We do, but there are not enough of us to explain it for the simple reason that everybody wants to get elected, and the more you can forget the better off you are.

With my Minority Leader and the rest of you, I came here and I thought it was Sagadahoc Day, but it looks to me like it is Andros-

coggin Day too. I am going to vote and go along with my Minority Leader. It has always been my way that if I had a principle I would stand for it. This time the principle I am standing for, it is just like going into a filling station and having your car oiled and greased and you pay for it when you go out, but just the same, I am going to vote for it. I thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Cope.

Mr. COPE of Cumberland: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: today is of historical significance. This is the first in the annals of legislative history whereby the Legislature was convened for the express purpose to bestow aid and comfort on Maine private enterprise. I am proud to be a participant to the purpose for which we assemble today. Maine is involved in the well-being of the private enterprise sector. We must continue to sow the seed so the people of Maine will reap its harvest, a harvest of social and economic growth and sustenance. May the people of Maine reaffirm their faith in our action today.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question?

Thereupon this Resolve, being a constitutional amendment, and having received the affirmative vote of 33 Senators, was finally passed and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Order

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Somerset,

ORDERED, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that body that the Senate has transacted all the business before it and is ready to adjourn without day.

Which was Read and Passed.

The President appointed the Secretary to deliver the message.

Subsequently the Secretary returned and reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

A Message was received from the House of Representatives through Representative Richardson of Cumberland that the House had transacted all business before it and was ready to adjourn without day.

Mr. Farley of York was granted unanimous consent to briefly address the Senate.

Mr. FARLEY of York: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: As a retiring Senator from York County, I am not a candidate for any office in the State Senate. As that fine leader of the Republican Party mentioned about us having a great many leaders, I am not a candidate.

But I, as one, have had a lot of pleasures here in the State Senate. Irregardless of your political party, I figured you were all my friends and I was a friend of yours.

By an act of the United States Supreme Court by a man whom I know, Chief Justice Warren, I have been relegated out. But I knew when it happened that it was for the best. I have great admiration for him and I always will, although I was only in his company one-half hour. So to all of you, and those who work here, as age creeps on it may be my last battle, and I want to thank each and every one of you, regardless of what political party, for the kind consideration you gave to me because I am only a truckdriver and I don't know it all, and I have respect and love for each and every one of you here.

I know that each and every one of us that have been by reapportionment put out of here are perfectly satisfied that the law was right, and we go along with it, but that doesn't shake any one of us from our political affiliations to the party we belong to. Thank you. (Applause)

Joint Order

On motion by Mr. Ross of Piscataquis,

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with