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title law from the time it went into effect until the time, which was probably June 1st, which I could check but which I don't know definitely—I do not know whether there was any estimate of it come from the title law between the time of June 1st in that estimate.

Mr. MacNICHOL: The point I was coming at, Mr. Speaker, with a \$446,000 surplus, there was \$41,000 estimated loss in the Automobile Title Law, which left \$401,000, so there is the difference between the \$331,000 and the \$401,000, and I was wondering where the other \$60,000 was.

Mr. HINMAN: Mr. Speaker, I think it is the \$60,000 expense in the administration of the title law.

Mr. BURGESS of Limestone: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question through the Chair of the gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Hinman.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may ask his question through the Chair.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask this question: Whether or not the \$121,000 surplus railroad tax was not required by law to be apportioned back to the several towns.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may answer if he chooses.

Mr. HINMAN: Mr. Speaker, I could not answer. I think the information might be obtained in the next five minutes.

The SPEAKER: The question is on the acceptance of the committee report.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, might I ask for that information before I am asked to vote on this matter?

The SPEAKER: A motion to table would be in order.

Mr. VARNEY of Berwick: Mr. Speaker, might I suggest to the gentleman from Limestone, (Mr. Burgess) that this Bill has not yet had its several readings and been passed to be engrossed. After it is engrossed it will still have to be passed to be enacted. I think perhaps it would be a better course of procedure for the gentleman to check up on the information that he desires before it is passed to be enacted.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, I might state I have no desire to table or delay in any way, but it is not yet clear to me in regard to some of these matters, and I do not wish to vote on them without understanding more about them than I do now.

I will try to find out before the Bill is passed to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question is on the acceptance of the "Ought to pass" report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Overdrafts already Incurred due to Insufficient Appropriations and Anticipated Overdrafts and other Obligations for which no Legislative Appropriations have been made (S. P. 718) (L. D. 1221) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 747) (L. D. 1242) under same title.

All those in favor of the acceptance of the report will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the report of the committee was accepted in concurrence, and under suspension of the rules the Bill had its two several readings.

Senate Amendment "A" read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence. The Bill then had its third reading as amended under suspension of the rules.

Mr. HINMAN: I would like permission, Mr. Speaker, to answer the question.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman has the floor.

Mr. HINMAN: The item of return to towns on the railroad stock tax is in the general fund.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the passage of the Bill to be engrossed. Is the House ready for the question? All those in favor of the passage of the Bill to be engrossed, as amended and in concurrence, will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and the Bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. Bubar of Weston, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BUBAR: Mr. Speaker, I wish to explain, just as briefly as I can, the difficulty that arose over the Bill that I presented this afternoon. It seems that the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Cowan, has withdrawn his objection that he had, and I have here a Resolve which is a Siamese Twin to that Bill, and the Bill would scarcely survive without the Resolve. This will save the State, I believe, a considerable sum of money and do away with yards and yards of red tape that now has to

be contended with, and I understand there is very little objection to it. At this time, under suspension of the rules, I present a Resolve to accompany the Bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Weston, Mr. Bubar, moves that the rules be suspended to permit the introduction of a Resolve out of order at this time. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the title of the Resolve.

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution, Abolishing the Office of the Treasurer of State.

Thereupon, the Resolve was received, and on further motion by Mr. Bubar, was referred to the Joint Select Committee for the Study of State Departments, and sent up for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate, out of order and under suspension of the rules:

From the Senate:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Monday, July 22nd, 1940, at three o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time.

Comes from the Senate, in that body read and passed.

In the House:

Mr. VARNEY of Berwick: Pending such time as we have advanced to the proper point, I move that the Order lie on the table.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Berwick, Mr. Varney, moves that the Order lie on the table. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the Order was tabled, pending passage.

On motion by Mr. Varney of Berwick, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be directed to reserve and continue available Room 62 and small office adjoining thereto for the exclusive use of the Clerk of this House during any recess of this special session of the Legislature.

House at Ease (Out of order)

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law relating to Employer Liability and Coverage" (S. P. 739) (L. D. 1245) (New Draft of (S. P. 717) (L. D.

1222) which was passed to be engrossed in the House as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence earlier in today's session.

Comes from the Senate, that body voting to adhere to its former action whereby the original Bill (S. P. 717) (L. D. 1222) was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House:

Mr. WEATHERBEE of Lincoln: Mr. Speaker, this is, I feel, a very important matter. I have just been informed that the Auditor has stated that one of the features incorporated in this Bill would result in a saving to the State of Maine of about \$10,000 a year in the matter of check-writing, and I feel, although the hour is late, that this House should insist and ask for a Committee of Conference, and I so move.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. Weatherbee, moves that the House insist and ask for a Committee of Conference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on its part:

Messrs, Weatherbee of Lincoln, Grua of Livermore Falls, Churchill of Brewer.

Passed to be Enacted

(Emergency Measure)

An Act relating to Fees of Wardens of the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries (S. P. 736) (L. D. 1232)

The SPEAKER: This is an emergency measure and requires for its passage the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire elected membership of the House. As many as are in favor of the passage of this Bill to be enacted will rise and stand in their places until counted and the Monitors will make and return the count.

A division of the House was had.

One hundred and four having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, one hundred and four being more than two-thirds of the entire elected membership of the House, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.