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Bill, "An Act Establishing a Minimum Wage." (S. P. 472) (L. D. 1337)

Mr. ROGERSON of Aroostook: Mr. President, I move that this bill be laid upon the Special Appropriations Table.

Mr. HILLMAN of Penobscot: Mr. President, I would like to ask a question through the Chair of any member of the Appropriations Committee. What is this act going to cost the State of Maine?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Hillman asks a question and any member who wishes may answer.

Mr. ROGERSON of Aroostook: Mr. President, the figure which the department has given to the Appropriations Committee is \$6700 a year.

Thereupon, the bill was placed upon the Special Appropriations Table.

#### Emergency

Bill, "An Act Amending the Gasoline Tax Act with Respect to Aviation Fuel." (S. P. 448) (L. D. 1301)

Which bill, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 28 members of the Senate and one opposed was passed to be enacted.

Mr. MacDONALD of Oxford: Mr. President and members of the Senate, the reason I voted against L. D. 1301 and will vote against the next one L. D. 1382, is because of the Emergency clause which in my opinion, is simply abuse of the Constitution.

#### Emergency

Bill, "An Act to Extend the Rights, Powers and Privileges of the Passamaquoddy District Authority." (S. P. 498) (L. D. 1382)

Which bill being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 27 members of the Senate, and one opposed, was passed to be enacted.

#### Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the first tabled and today assigned item being bill, "An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Causeway Connecting Cousins Is-

land with Littlejohns Island, and a Bridge and Causeway Connecting Littlejohns with Chebeague Island." (H. P. 145) (L. D. 201) tabled on May 21 by the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Charles pending enactment.

Mr. CHARLES of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I believe that we have reached the critical moment in making our decision as to whether or not we shall have a bridge from the mainland to Chebeague Island.

First of all, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Senate, all of you who gave to us who are supporting this bridge to Chebeague Island, the right of reconsideration in order that we might try to gather our facts and figures together and give another look-over, or a "look-see" so to speak, as a slang expression. You gave us that privilege, and I am sure that not only the people of Chebeague but the people of the State of Maine who like development of our state are very appreciative of that privilege.

The only thing I can say at this time relative to this bridge is to present this to you in a matter of summary of activities and to point out to you that this has received full consideration by your Committee on Highways. It has received a majority "Ought to pass" report; it has received a two-thirds majority in the House, and it nearly received a two-thirds passage in the Senate last Thursday, lacking two votes.

This has been the work of six years of hard study. In the past two years there has been a survey, a professional survey, done by Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, a very reliable professional engineering firm that has given us the figures to substantiate that the bridge will pay for itself in a period of fifty years. Facts and figures have also predicted that this might possibly be paid for in thirty-five years, however, they are certain, from scientific findings, that the bridge would pay for itself in fifty years. We have pointed out in our arguments that the bridge would be of substantial benefit to our lobster industry, it would substantially increase the residential develop-