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Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Victor P. Musk of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Hancock,

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**Paper from the House
Bond Authorization Act**

Bill, "An Act Authorize the Construction of a Causeway Connecting Cousins Island with Littlejohns Island, and a Bridge and Causeway Connecting Littlejohns with Chebeague Island." (H. P. 145) L. D. 201)

In Senate on May 27, failed of enactment.

(Failed to receive the necessary two-thirds affirmative vote.)

Comes from the House, that body having insisted upon its previous action whereby the bill was passed to be enacted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Parker of Piscataquis, tabled pending consideration and especially assigned for tomorrow.

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, the following bills.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Parking in Municipalities." (H. P. 860) (L. D. 1228)

Bill, "An Act to Construct a Bridge Between Lubec and Campobello Island." (H. P. 970) (L. D. 1379)

Which bills were passed to be enacted.

Orders of the Day

Mr. ROGERSON of Aroostook: Mr. President, it is unusual to take a bill off the Special Appropriations Table, but for the purpose of offering an amendment, I move that L. D. 1337 be removed from the Special Appropriations Table.

The motion prevailed and the Senate voted to take from the Special Appropriations Table, bill, "An Act Establishing a Minimum Wage". (S. P. 472) (L. D. 1337) tabled pre-

viously by the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Rogerson, and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Ross.

Mr. ROSS of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, in order that I may present an amendment and so that the amendment will be before us properly I would like to move that the Senate reconsider its action whereby this bill was passed to be enacted.

The motion prevailed and under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be enacted and to further reconsider its action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. ROSS of Sagadahoc: Mr. President and members of the Senate: The amendment that I have to offer deals with Section E of the bill, which is an exemption. And here we go again, because this was the part that I had the little hassle on the comma-semicolon deal. Paragraph E in that new draft had three exemptions. It exempted councillors. The intention was to exempt those attending schools and part-time workers. Two weeks ago when this was passed to be engrossed Senator Lessard presented an amendment which covered the part time workers. I agreed to cut out those part-time workers if we still could have those attending schools exempt, but, even though we were allowed to have the semicolon it has been the legal opinion of several persons in the Attorney General's office that that would not apply to those attending schools in all instances but just in summer camps. So that those who are attending schools will be exempt in all instances, I now offer Senate Amendment A to Senate Amendment F.

Senate Amendment A to Senate Amendment F was read by the Secretary.

Mr. LESSARD of Androscoggin: Mr. President and members of the Senate: This is another one of the amendments to reduce the number of people who will be entitled to the one-dollar minimum, thus making another exemption, another exception.

Now the bill read before that those boys and girls who were attending schools, secondary schools or colleges, and working for summer camps would be exempt. This amendment now says that all students attending high schools, attending colleges and prep schools are exempt. It is just another opportunity given for employers to exploit our children, another opportunity to hire these children during their vacation period and pay them anything they want to pay them, thirty cents an hour, forty cents an hour, whatever they feel like paying. I maintain that a boy or girl attending college nowadays, with the cost of attending college, surely is entitled to a dollar an hour in order to implement the money which he needs to attend his school. I think this is just another exemption, another class being cut down, so I am very serious when I say that with all the amendments, the way the law is now written, I don't know who is going to get that dollar an hour with the exemptions in it. I am against the motion of the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Ross, and when the vote is taken I ask for a division.

Mr. ROSS of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I would like to point out to the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Lessard, that in L. D. 92, which was the original bill, in Paragraph E. it states "Any individual who is regularly enrolled in an educational institution or on vacation therefrom."

Before I continue my remarks, I would like to inquire of the Senator from Oxford, Senator MacDonald, what the number of his bill was.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Ross, proposes a question of the Senator from Oxford; Senator MacDonald. The Senator may answer if he chooses.

Mr. MacDONALD of Oxford: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I forget the number of my bill, but this bill has now developed into such a monstrosity that I do not care what they do with it. They can do as they please, and what is the good of me objecting anyway?

Mr. ROSS of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, my question has been answered.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Ross, that the Senate adopt Senate Amendment A to Senate Amendment F; and a division has been requested.

A division of the Senate was had. Thirteen having voted in the affirmative and sixteen opposed, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon the bill was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Rogerson of Aroostook, the bill was laid upon the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.

Mr. Charles of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. CHARLES: Mr. President, I have been waiting for somebody to mention something about this poultry that is on our desks this morning, but apparently nobody has been delegated to make the preliminary remarks. There is a piece of literature on your desks relative to this product, and I am sure that we are all very proud of this industry and the type of poultry that we raise. However, my purpose in rising is that it bothers me a little bit to see this poultry lying around unrefrigerated. Therefore, to those of you who desire to keep it cool, I would suggest that you take it at recess or after adjournment to the cafeteria refrigerator and see George Constantine and I am sure that he will take care of you very well. Keeping it cool is sufficient, and I would probably recommend that it not be refrozen. If it is kept cool it will keep in good condition for at least two or three days.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair thanks the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Charles, for noting the fact of the distribution of this poultry. I know that the entire membership of the Senate and the Chair are very grateful for this fine contribution. I trust that we will take Senator Charles' advice and see that it is kept on ice, because we do not want to lose any of these tasty bits of poultry.