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you can read it later, that our estimates are going to be wrong. Because we're in an election year, because the economy of this Nation in my opinion in March will make a turn that won't be good and it will probably stay that way on through until midsummer, and probably we will have it bad again in the fall.

Now this is my opinion and sometimes my opinion is not wrong but a good many times in my life it has been right. I also would say that in case the draft should end any day the need for the University of Maine's expansion would be nowhere near as great. I am around there some and I see great evidence of a lot of people being there on account of the draft. So we may be upping the estimates there quite a lot, what they will need. And I just want you to know that I feel as though that any man doing business as long as I have and if he was to up estimates this much he would be out of business in thirty days. I hope the State of Maine prevails longer than that and I think this is a very poor document and I am going along like the rest, reluctantly.

Thereupon, the Committee Report on Bill, "An Act to Appropriate and Provide Moneys for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1968 and June 30, 1969," Senate Paper 815, L. D. 1885, was accepted in concurrence and the New Draft read twice. Under suspension of the rules, the New Draft was read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate. By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith.

The Chair laid before the House a matter tabled earlier and assigned for later in today's session:

Bill "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws," S. P. 756, L. D. 1867, tabled earlier by Mr. Richardson of Cumberland, pending assignment for third reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Southwest Harbor, Mr. Benson.

Mr. BENSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Although Senate Amendment "A" to L. D. 1867 has been adopted, a question was asked relative to what this amendment did. It refers to the — the only change proposed in this amendment is a reference to the formula used for the road construction aid, town road construction aid. It changes the figure \$500,000 back to \$400,000. The change was made in the last session of the Legislature from \$400,000 to \$500,000 and this is merely putting it back where it was prior to that session of the Legislature. I hope this is a sufficient explanation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freedom, Mr. Evans.

Mr. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, the bill that was put in, was put in by Senator Greeley to raise the snow removal to five hundred and there was a mistake made which included state aid, and this was discovered here just this week, and I happened to be over to the Highway Department when it was, and this is just to correct that error.

The SPEAKER: This matter was tabled pending suspending the rules for the purpose of giving this bill its third reading.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Solon, Mr. Hanson.

Mr. HANSON: Mr. Speaker, would a question pertaining to this bill be in order at this time?

The SPEAKER: A question is in order.

Mr. HANSON: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I am a little concerned about Senate Amendment "C" under filing number 367. Prior to the adoption of the amendment I inquired as to whom this — to what commissioner, the commissioner of what agency this referred, and the question was answered that it pertained to the Commissioner of Real Estate, and recognizing the fact that real estate values vary greatly throughout the State from county to county depending on the economics of the individual counties, and the possible benefit derived from commissioners coming from various areas of the State, they would be more

easily reached by people with a problem in real estate, I would inquire through the Chair of anybody, any member who might answer if they wish as to just what is the need for removing this from the statutes? What will we gain by doing this?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Solon, Mr. Hanson, poses a question through the Chair to any member who may answer if they choose. The Chair understands the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson, moves that the rules be suspended. Is there objection? The Chair hears none. The rules are suspended.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker, I must say, that if there is no one in this House that can tell us why we are making this change in the law, I am going to rock the boat, and I will not accept it. I would inquire of the Chair if a motion to indefinitely postpone this amendment is in order?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire what amendment the gentleman is referring to?

Mr. RICHARDSON: I am referring to Senate Amendment "C" under filing S-367.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman that a motion to reconsider the adoption of Senate Amendment "C" would be necessary.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that we reconsider our action in adopting Senate Amendment "C".

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson, now moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it adopted Senate Amendment "C". Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker, I move that Senate Amendment "C" be indefinitely postponed and that in taking this action the House serve notice that it doesn't want to have it down here again.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson,

now moves that Senate Amendment "C" be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Gill.

Mr. GILL: Mr. Speaker, perhaps to clarify this, and I will go along with the motion of the gentleman from Cumberland, and this is just something that occurred in relation to this matter. This was so they could put a gentleman back on the Real Estate Commission from Cumberland County that had been on it before. There has been another appointment made and this individual wanted to get back on it and evidently this is the means of which he took. And as I state, this is something that I heard, I don't know for a fact.

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "C" was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence, the Bill given its third reading, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A", Senate Amendments "A" and "B" in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence forthwith.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

Conference Committee Report

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature, on Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Education Laws," H. P. 1259, L. D. 1765, reporting that the House recede from passage to be engrossed, adopt Senate Amendment "D" (S-360), and pass the bill to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" House Amendments "B" and "D", and Senate Amendment "D"; that the Senate recede from passage to be engrossed, that the Senate recede from its action whereby it indefinitely postponed House Amendment "B"; that it adopt House Amendment "B"; that it recede from its action whereby it adopted Senate Amendment "C"; that it indefinitely postpone Senate Amendment "C"; that it pass the Bill to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A", House Amendment "B", House Amend-