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ductor of said trip shall be required to complete the trip."

Mr. FLAHERTY: I move it be adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The motion is already before the Senate.

The question being on the adoption of Senate Amendment "B" to Senate 263, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. AMES of Waldo: Mr. President, I offer Senate Amendment "C," and move its adoption.

Senate Amendment "C" to Senate 263: "Amend by inserting after the word 'in' in Section 3 the word 'Washington.'"

Mr. AMES: The amendment puts Washington county in the exceptions, as well as Aroostook and Somerset.

Mr. FLAHERTY: Without boring the senators any longer, and without any speech on this matter, I will say that this amendment is exactly similar to that offered in regard to York county, and I hope and trust that the Senate will refuse to adopt that amendment.

The question being on the adoption of Senate amendment "C" to Senate 263, a rising vote was taken, and 13 senators voting yes, and 13 voting no, the President directed that his name be called, whereupon he voted no. Thirteen senators having voted yes and 14 having voted no, the amendment was rejected.

Upon motion of Mr. Flaherty of Cumberland the bill as amended was then passed to be engrossed and sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate House Document No. 495, An Act relative to the hours of employment of women and minors.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is the adoption of Senate Amendment "A".

Senate Amendment "A" to House Document No. 495:

Amend House Bill No. 495 by striking out all of said bill after the enactment clause and inserting in the place thereof the following:

Section 1. Section 48 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1909, and Chapter 55 of the Public Laws of 1911 is hereby amended by striking out the

word "ten" where this word occurs and inserting in place thereof the word "nine," and striking out the word "fifty-eight" in the 10th line and inserting in place thereof the word "fifty-four," so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 48. No female minor under eighteen years of age, no male minor under sixteen years of age, and no woman shall be employed in laboring in any manufacturing or mechanical establishment in the State, more than nine hours in any one day, except when it is necessary to make repairs to prevent the interruption of the ordinary running of the machinery, or when a different apportionment of the hours of labor is made for the sole purpose of making a shorter day's work for one day of the week; and in no case shall the hours of labor exceed fifty-four in a week; and no male person sixteen years of age and over shall be so employed as above more than nine hours a day during minority, unless he voluntarily contracts to do so with the consent of his parents, or one of them, if any, or guardian, and in such case he shall receive extra compensation for his services; provided, however, that any female of eighteen years of age or over, may lawfully contract for such labor for any number of hours in excess of nine hours a day, not exceeding six hours in any one week, or sixty hours in any one year, receiving additional compensation therefor; but during her minority the consent of her parents, or one of them, or guardian, shall be first obtained. Nothing in this section shall apply to any manufacturing establishment or business the materials and products of which are perishable and require immediate labor thereon to prevent decay thereof or damage thereto.'

Mr. SWIFT of Kennebec: Mr. President, as a member of the committee I rise to oppose the adoption of this amendment, which in reality is not an amendment, but the substitution of another bill, which, if you have carefully followed the reading of the amendment in reality makes it more than a fifty-five hour bill, which you will note.

If you will read this Senate 371, from line 22 to line 33 inclusive, you will note