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available. Of course if this bill is accepted here in the Senate, and should go back to the House and be treated favorably, it would go on the Special Appropriations Table, and I am sure it is every bit as worthy as some of the items that are already on that Special Table and for that reason, I would hope that this motion to indefinitely postpone would not prevail, and when the vote is taken I would ask for a division.

The PRESIDENT: The question is on the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Davis, that this bill be indefinitely postponed, and a division has been requested.

A division of the Senate was had.

Nineteen having voted in the affirmative and twelve opposed, the motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, the Senate voted to take from the table Item 7-1, bill, "An Act Revising the Election Laws". (H. P. 1169) (L. D. 1614) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. WYMAN of Washington: Mr. President and members of the Senate, as most of you know, I intended to attempt to put an amendment on this bill, which I think is very worthwhile. However, there appears to be some question regarding the Constitutionality of the amendment and those who have put a great deal of work on the bill are very much concerned for fear that if it goes back to the other branch with an amendment on it, other amendments might be put on, which are very much opposed and perhaps add to the bill. For that reason I am not going to attempt to put on my amendment and I move the pending question.

The motion prevailed and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, the 8th tabled item (H. P. 451) (L. D. 651) House Report, Ought to pass in new draft, same

title (H. P. 1165) (L. D. 1606) from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on bill, "An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government and for other purposes for the Fiscal Years ending June 30, 1962 and June 30, 1963"; tabled on May 26 by Senator Davis of Cumberland pending assignment for second reading.

Mr. DAVIS of York: Mr. President, I move that the bill have its second reading.

Mr. ERWIN of York: Mr. President, I present Senate Amendment B and move its adoption. Before a vote is taken on Senate Amendment B, I would like to briefly address the Senate if I may, and I would like to point out that now we have come down to the place in our proceedings where it is important to define terms.

This is known as the supplemental budget. As I read the dictionary, a supplemental budget, or a supplemental anything is "that which is in addition to something else". Now, the "something else" is of course the current services budget which has been passed and is awaiting final signature. At the time the current service budget was passed, it was my understanding at least that all of the essentials of government were there in the so-called balanced budget. Now the supplemental budget has a great many desirable things in it. The time has come now to talk ways and means, and although there are a great many desirable things and perhaps all of the things in the supplemental budget we could agree are desirable. When we talk ways and means, I think it is eminently clear now that we cannot have the whole supplemental budget without an increase in the sales tax, and therefore those of us who feel that an increase in the sales tax is not an advisable procedure for this legislature, have the burden of making amendments and for trying to offer acceptable solutions to the problems that confront us here in the State of Maine.