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HOUSE

Tuesday, June 22, 1971

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Jack E. Shankel of Augusta.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Orders Out of Order

Mr. Kelley of Machias presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Kirby Davis of Cherryfield be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

The Order was received out of order by unanimous consent, read and passed.

Mr. Bartlett of South Berwick presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Christi-Le Shankel of Augusta be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

The Order was received out of order by unanimous consent, read and passed.

On request of Mr. Susi of Pittsfield, by unanimous consent, unless previous notice is given to the Clerk of the House by some member of his or her intention to move reconsideration, the Clerk be authorized today to send to the Senate, thirty minutes after the House recesses for lunch and also thirty minutes after the House adjourns for the day, all matters passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and all matters that require Senate concurrence; and that after such matters have been so sent to the Senate by the Clerk, no motion to reconsider shall be in order.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Order:

WHEREAS, the private and special laws of 1941, chapter 69 created the Maine Turnpike Authority for purposes of providing an expressway from a point at or near Kittery to a point at or near Fort Kent, Aroostook County; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government and the State of Maine have set up a system of interstate highways; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Act an expressway was built between Kittery and Augusta; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Maine Turnpike has been designated for inclusion in said interstate highway system; and

WHEREAS, payment of tolls on said highway places a burden on users of that section of designated highway; and

WHEREAS, existing tolls create congestion on Route No. 1 and other alternate routes; now therefore, be it

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee be directed to study, review and analyze the operations of the Maine Turnpike Authority, its financial structure and the feasibility of reverting the Maine Turnpike to the State of Maine; and be it further

ORDERED, that the committee report its findings and recommendations at the next special or regular session of the Legislature; and be it further

ORDERED, that all departments and agencies of State Government shall cooperate with the committee and are directed to provide such technical and other assistance as the committee deems necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this Order, including but not limited to personnel and staff as a part of their regular employment; and be it further

ORDERED, that there is allocated to the committee from the Legislative Appropriation the sum of \$3,000 to carry out the purposes of this Order; and be it further

ORDERED, that the committee shall have the authority to employ professional and clerical assistance as they deem necessary within the limits of funds provided. (S. P. 291)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Order: