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what is going to happen, as Representative Manning said, even two or three years from now. I think it would be inappropriate and unwise at this time for the legislature to act when the land is under no jeopardy and can remain in the present position without any trouble at all. I would urge this body to vote against the pending motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Cumberland, Representative Dillenback.

Representative DILLENBACK: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am not going to drag this out any longer but I just want to make a point.

This property is across the road from where the reform school is on the other side of the road and, being an old farmer, I am telling you you could put three of the prisons in Thomaston over there. There must be several hundred acres on the other side of the road that isn't involved in this in any way. If we ever get to the size of a tremendous large prison complex, I am sure this land will stay undeveloped other than the old farm buildings that are on it. They want to use this for the horses to pasture, for the birds and things. We will condemn the land and then through eminent domain, we would take it back. So don't worry about the land, that is the least of your worries, there is ample property there.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Michael.

Representative MICHAEL: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to speak in favor of this bill. I would like to speak as an endorsement of the Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals. I have been to their facility in Windham. I have seen the work that they do. I have gotten to know a few of the people over the years because sometimes they come before our committee. I would like to support the status quo in one sense meaning that they have used that land for many, many years. I would hate to think that we would hold back from them.

They are a group that knows what it is to serve. They are a very unselfish organization and I would just like to vouch for the work that they are doing. The state could use a few more outfits like this group who do not have their attention on themselves and look to see how they can actually serve the community. So, we would really be missing the boat and using the wrong example to hold back from these folks.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is adoption of House Amendment "A". Those in favor of adoption will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

72 having voted in the affirmative and 21 in the negative, House Amendment "A" was adopted.

Subsequently, the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter:

An Act Relating to Boards and Commissions (H.P. 1614) (L.D. 2269) (S. "A" S-446; S. "B" S-448)

TABLED - April 3, 1986 by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

PENDING - Passage to be Enacted.

On motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, retabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Monday, April 7, 1986.

The Chair laid before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Providing for the Lease of Unused Space or Facilities Owned by the State" (S.P. 917) (L.D. 2291) (H. "A" H-636)

TABLED - April 3, 1986 by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

PENDING - Passage to be Engrossed.

Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield offered House Amendment "B" (H-645) and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "B" (H-645) was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Fairfield, Representative Gwadosky.

Representative GWADOSKY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This bill sets up a policy for the lease of unused space in our facilities owned by the State of Maine. Specifically, the amendment is to allow for some exclusions of those departments that would be adversely affected.

Let me read into the Record the Statement of Fact. "This amendment allows the Department of Transportation, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Baxter Park Authority to lease space in buildings under their jurisdiction. These agencies have some unique facilities and situations which prevent the efficient application of this bill to those agencies. Railroad facilities, cargo port facilities, public land facilities and other types of buildings and facilities may not be leased in an efficient or easy manner under the bill. In addition, federal rules and laws governing the use of federal funds that are allocated to these agencies contain provisions that conflict with the bill."

Subsequently, House Amendment "B" was adopted.

The Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and "B" in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The following items appearing on Supplement No. 1 were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

FINALLY PASSED

Emergency Measure

RESOLVE, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Kennebec County for the Year 1986 (H.P. 1637) (L.D. 2306)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure, a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a total was taken. 105 voted in favor of the same and 2 against and accordingly the Resolve was finally