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The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Trotzky.

Mr. PRAY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: The way the Bill was written is it establishes a Board, or it expands the Board that the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cummings, has just stated. We now have a permit program where an individual sends $5 to Augusta, receives that permit under no qualifications, presently, an individual who sends their child to summer camp in Maine may say you know what type of qualifications do you people have and they say we have gone through the State through the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife to receive a permit for Camp Trip Leaders. Now, if you need it as your duty or responsibility and does not follow up and say what does that program include just saying well if the State issues a permit there must be some type of qualifications and not to show my ignorance and you know asking or continuing the conversation further along this avenue, I just accept the fact that since the State has imposed a certain type of permit, it must have some type of qualifications for it. The present statute has none, except for a $5 bill.

The PRESIDENT: Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Oxford, Senator O'Leary.

Mr. O'LEARY: I think that it was pretty clearly stated by the good Senator from Penobscot, Senator Cummings, about a parents concern on this application and it was pretty well answered by the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Pray. But there are still some people that think that this applies to the YMCA, the YWCA, to fathers who take out the neighbors children, to someone who wants to go black hunting in the marshes. It does not apply to them in any way. It applies only to those camps that belong to the Maine Camp Directors Association, and the others that are registered with the Department of Human Services here in the State of Maine. They endorse this. This is their proposal and the Committee on Fish and Game has gone over it very carefully and this is a good item for the Maine Camp Owners when they do their advertising. It is well received by the people in Connecticut and the people in Connecticut have very high qualifications and we don't image here in the State of Maine that we would try to meet the qualifications that are needed or are necessary in Connecticut.

I know for a fact, I have one place in my area that was concerned. He takes a group of boys along with him down where is called the Ellis River. There is no White Water, he cannot swim, but he wears a life preserver and he asks the others to do it. I have all the confidence in the world that this man is not covered under this Bill. I am not covered under this bill, my boy is if he is another group of about seven or eight want to go there is nothing in the Bill to inhibit them in any way. The Bill would be good for just the Directors Association and I think that it is a step forward and I just hope that you will vote not to indefinitely postpone this bill.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Somerset, Senator Redmond.

Mr. REDMOND: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: Being the Chairman of one of the Committees, I cannot sit here and let this Bill die as it seems to be doing, the direction that it has taken at the present time without making a few comments.

We have Camp throughout. The entire Committee has burned oil and spent many hours debating it. The major issue was always one that we should avoid loading our Camp owners with too much red tape and the kids going to camp with too many requirements. I think that we have overcome that. I cannot see any reason why we want to do away with this piece of Legislation. If there are any questions about this Bill, which I wish that you would feel free to ask any of the Members of the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. We would be glad to answer them. In the meantime, Senator Trotzky, if you vote not to indefinitely postpone this Bill.

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Mr. SPEERS: Mr. President, I would like to pose a question through the Chair. What is the cost?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Speers.

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The PRESIDENT: For what reasons does Senator Lovell wish to postpose the Motion of Mr. Minkowsky of Androscoggin, Senator Minkowsky, of motion to indefinitely postpose the consideration of L.D. 2157 as amended.

Mr. DANTON: Point of order, Mr. President. If the Legislature receives this Bill as it comes forth, it will make the determination as to whether the toll rates should be increased. So what this Amendment does is to have Legislative review. And that money cannot be used anywhere else except in the turnpike and the turnpike only. That is all that my Amendment does. That is all that my Amendment recommends to us. That is all I offered in this Body. That is all that my Amendment does. That is all that my Amendment does. That is all that my Amendment does to have Legislative review of what the tolls will be after the Commissioner or recommends them to us. That is all my Amendment does.

Mr. LOVELL: Mr. President, I wish to postpone this discussion to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair thanks the Senator for a motion to postpone the consideration of L.D. 2157 and moves its adoption. On Motion of Mr. Speers of Kennebec, Adjourned until 10:00 in the morning, Thursday, March 2, 1978.