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cal Years Ending June 30, 1970 and June 30, 1971" (S. P. 643) (L. D. 1818) which was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned, pending passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Levesque of Madawaska, tabled pending passage to be engrossed until later in today's session.

The Chair laid before the House the following matter:

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Funds for School Subsidies" (H. P. 1453) (L. D. 1831) which was tabled earlier in the day and later today assigned, pending passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Richardson of Cumberland, tabled pending passage to be engrossed until later in today's session.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, the House reconsidered its action of earlier in the day whereby Bill "An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Deductions for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1970 and June 30, 1971" (S. P. 658) (L. D. 1842) was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider our action whereby the House adopted Senate Amendment "A".

The SPEAKER: The same gentleman moves that the House reconsider its action whereby the House adopted Senate Amendment "A".

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Moreshead.

Mr. MORESHEAD: Mr. Speaker, I request a vote, please.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: If you take a look at Senate Amendment "A" to Senate Paper 658 L. D. 1842 you will find that the amendment adopted by us earlier and by the other body also today earlier, provides that we add to the Supplemental Ap-

propriations Bill an additional \$49,500 for a project and materials for one major exhibit in the so-called new museum. This is additional money to be provided for the Museum Commission, and additional money, I might add, to the money that we allocated in the regular session in both the regular Appropriations Act and the Supplemental Appropriations Act.

During the time that we adopted in late July of 1969 the entire budget for the State of Maine, we allocated monies for the Museum Commission so that they would be in a position to have exhibits to some degree so that they would be able to work on some while the building was being constructed. There is at the present time serious question as to whether or not the building will be ready for occupancy when they say it is going to be.

Secondly, there is a question of whether or not we want to give them an additional \$50,000 in addition to what we gave them. Also it is interesting to note that the Appropriations Committee in its regular session during the special session two weeks ago turned down this request. And I do not feel that we should be in a position to allocate this money to the Museum Commission. So therefore I would hope that you would vote to reconsider and I will ask for a vote, and I would hope that you would vote with me to reconsider.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin, that the House reconsider its action whereby it adopted Senate Amendment "A".

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt.

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would oppose the motion of the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin, and I give you just a little bit of background. I realize that there is some question as to the exact opening date of this museum, but the background of this particular amendment was that these projects, for the museum particularly, require about a year to develop. And although exactly

when we will be going into this museum may be questionable, nevertheless, sometime next summer this museum should be ready for occupancy. And with this long built-in time to develop these projects, some funding is necessary in order to have something inside the museum building when it is opened.

Now we have authorized this building. It is an expensive building, and we certainly would be not too happy about going in there and finding it only about half filled up when they have their opening. I do believe this is necessary. If you cut down from the original request of \$78,000, I believe it is necessary and I would hope that the amendment is not indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Levesque.

Mr. LEVESQUE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In support of the motion to reconsider this amendment, I certainly hope that the members of this House know fully that if we don't reconsider this \$49,500 amendment, that the members of this House are very well aware that the money is going to be tight to provide, but we already have on the appropriations table, plus other legislation that will eventually land on the table, that this \$49,500 could very well wait until 1971 for any consideration of additional appropriation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Lund.

Mr. LUND: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise to oppose the motion of the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin, as to this amendment, and in doing so I suppose I am vulnerable to the accusation that I am supporting a local industry, because in a sense this is a local industry. But it is to the benefit of the whole State of Maine, I think, that we have a museum which serves as an attraction. There are untold thousands of people who visit the State House and see the museum in its present form. I think it is equally important that when the new museum

building is completed that we have at least one exhibit which will be somewhere near ready to be viewed.

As the gentleman from Eagle Lake is well aware, the Appropriations Committee cut very sharply into the budgetary request of the museum at the regular session. Unfortunately, apparently when the Appropriations Committee took up this item recently, as indicated by Mr. Martin, I was not there, so I was not aware of the action which the Committee had taken. However, I think the House should be concerned with the fact that the type of work which is necessary in completing the exhibits, and these are permanent exhibits, is vital work which has to be contracted for months in advance. And unless the Museum Commission does have these funds, we will be in the embarrassing position of having a museum which is completed with large areas of space unoccupied. To me this makes very poor sense, and I think we should continue as we have set out to have at least one exhibit going when the museum is completed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I feel as if the members of the committee are to some degree abandoning ship, but I won't. I don't doubt the need for exhibits in the museum. I will again point out to you that we did give them money in the regular budget last July. I agree that we did not give them everything that they asked for — but my gosh, they asked for the sky when they came in with that budget before the Appropriations Committee! I do not feel that when we are at a special session attempting to set priorities with the money that we have, that we can build another exhibit for someone to look at in a building that may not even be there when they say it is going to be there.

And the other thing I think I resent to some degree is the arm-twisting of some of the state employees dealing with this item. I do not feel that it is within their prerogative to tell us how I am

going to vote, after we have made up our mind in the Appropriations Committee. And so I would hope that you would reconsider.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Richardson.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am sure that the observant members of the House would notice that when the oil pollution control bill received final enactment in the House, I didn't speak on it and I wasn't even here, and some of my friends suggested that that is the reason it went through so smoothly. And that is the reason I am also sure that anything that I might comment on here might not be helpful; but at any rate, I feel obligated to make a comment.

During the general session of the Legislature, the Appropriations Committee spent months and months and months. They reviewed this situation. As I understand it, the timetable for completion is today the same timetable it was then. They made a decision at that time having to do with this question of how many staff people we were going to give to the museum and what we were going to give them in the way of equipment to work with.

We live in a charming, snow filled world, but I hope that we don't let any of that snow get into our brains. We just simply cannot continually pass these things which are deserving unless we do so with a sure and certain knowledge that there isn't going to be enough money to complete even the things that we all believe are top priority items. And that is the reason why at the risk of offending some of my friends I am going to vote in favor of reconsideration.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Shaw.

Mr. SHAW: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I used to have a fellow that worked for me and sometimes he would come to work in the morning and he wouldn't be much good. He would say, "I've been getting reports all night from the forty-eight states and the Dominion of Canada, and they have kept me

up and I just can't do much today." Well he went out so much with these reports that he was getting from all over the countryside, finally he jumped in the Kennebec and eliminated them.

Well I have got the latest report from the architect who is in charge of building this building, it was put out two weeks ago, and it says that the building is on schedule and will be completed on schedule.

Last winter when the Appropriations Committee gave the appropriation to work on exhibits, they gave the appropriation for the first year of the biennium and no appropriation for the second year. So this appropriation that we are talking about today is the money that should be spent for the coming year. Otherwise, the money that had been appropriated for the exhibits will be completed as of June and there will be a shut-down for a year with no more money to build any more exhibits on. So I am very much against the motion to reconsider.

The SPEAKER: All those in favor of reconsideration of adoption of Senate Amendment "A" will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

84 having voted in the affirmative and 36 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, Senate Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

The Bill was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters acted upon after recess were ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

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(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of Mr. Richardson of Cumberland,

Recessed until five o'clock in the afternoon.

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**After Recess**  
**5:00 P.M.**

The House was called to order by the Speaker.