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bill is financed for the last six months of the biennium. In other words it will go into effect January 1st. You are funding it for a portion of the biennium. It is adequate funding to that extent.

Now you could fund it for one year, but we just don't have that kind of money. The effect on the next session of the Legislature would be no different whether you funded it for six months or whether you funded it for one year. I just wanted to clear that up.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Millinocket. Mr. Birt.

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I don't want to start a little Donybrook here in the corner, but I would disagree with the gentleman from Southwest Harbor on the effect if it were funded for six months or a year. The difference would be a million and a quarter dollars that we wouldn't have to raise in this next year, or the revenue gap would be that much less. At the present time, with the passage of this bill as it is right now, it leaves a known revenue gap of \$3,750,000 for the next biennium.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston. Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, so that we can adequately straighten out the revenue gap, I would ask the gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt, where the million and a quarter would come from.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, poses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from East Millinocket, who may answer if he chooses.

All in favor of this Bill being passed to be enacted will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

99 having voted in the affirmative and 20 having voted in the negative, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

An Act Appropriating Funds for Union River Anadromous Fish Restoration Program (S. P. 580) (L. D. 1707)

An Act to Promote Governmental Reorganization and Efficiency (S. P. 641) (L. D. 1812)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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 reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Millinocket. Mr. Birt.

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I started on a little chore back four or five days ago, to point out that there are some areas of the bills that we are presently considering that have areas that I am not satisfied with the financing on. One thing that was taught to me a long while ago, and I have learned it through my own personal experience, that you do not spend money from surplus for reoccurring items.

Now this L.D. has in it one item for \$500,000 to provide funds for admission of additional students at the University of Maine. I have continually and a long time supported the University of Maine. I supported them this morning in this bond issue. But this money is to be taken from surplus. It is in my estimation, and the estimation of many of the people that I have ever talked with, not responsible financing. I realize that it is the only area that the money can be found is to be taken from surplus. But if we are going to dip into this type of thing, we are going in a direction we should not go, and I would ask for a vote on this bill.

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

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am not going to belabor it, but I would also like to point out that the L. D. 1842 also contains the repeal of the tuition differential status of several camp-

uses of the state university. And for that reason I think that this is an acceptable method of getting these additional students funded at this point.

And I have a long letter from the Chancellor of the University which I am not going to bother to read, but very clearly we are going to generate substantial amount of tuition revenue by changes in the existing tuition differential.

The SPEAKER: All in favor of this Bill being passed to be enacted will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

85 having voted in the affirmative and 35 having voted in the negative, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, the foregoing matters were ordered sent forthwith.

**Enactor
Amended**

An Act Appropriating Funds for Maine Historical Society (H. P. 1319) (L. D. 1648)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon.

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The tempo has been so fast here that I haven't had the time to look up some information on this as perhaps I would have liked to. But I have received a note here from the Clerk apparently on this item and the information that I have regarding changes I will state here comes from the Legislative Finance office and I assume it has approval.

Thereupon, on motion of the same gentleman, the House reconsidered its action of yesterday whereby it voted to recede and concur.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the House voted to recede from passage to be engrossed and on further motion of the same gentleman, the House voted to recede from the adoption of Committee Amendment "A".

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-444) was read by the Clerk and on further motion of the same gentleman was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Mr. Bragdon of Perham then offered House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-710) was read by the Clerk and adopted. Committee Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto was adopted in non-concurrence.

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

By unanimous consent, ordered sent forthwith.

Finally Passed

Resolve to Appropriate Funds from the Unappropriated Surplus for the Construction of an International Ferry Terminal (H. P. 1310) (L. D. 1624)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Bath, Mrs. Goodwin.

Mrs. GOODWIN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: When I arrived this morning I had every intention of voting for the International Ferry Terminal. I would have supported it at the \$400,000 figure. But since this morning the Legislature did not see fit to help the elderly, even at no cost in this biennium, I cannot in good conscience vote for any amount of money for a gambling ship.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: While I am on my feet I am going to remember that I consider myself a gentleman. And I will let it go at that. When I came here this morning I had every intention of voting for the elderly. I did vote for the elderly. Now I don't know what you are going to call this ship, what terminology is going to