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Legislative Record

SPECIAL SESSION

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Funds" and by way of explanation I have only to say that this is a bill prepared by the Attorney General. Its purpose is to strengthen the existing statute which limits the amount of state funds which may be deposited in various banks. I want it distinctly understood that I have no technical knowledge of the wisdom of the bill, not being a banker, but I am offering it at the request of the Attorney General and ask unanimous consent that it be received.

Thereupon, the bill An Act Amending the Law Relating to Deposits of State Funds was received by unanimous consent and under suspension of the rules was given its first reading and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

(500 copies ordered printed).

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Sanborn of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Repealing the Constitutional Provisions Relating to the Office of Treasurer of State, (L. D. 1254), tabled by that Senator on July 22 pending consideration.

Mr. SANBORN: Mr. President, I doubt whether there be any necessity for an extended explanation of the purpose of this resolve. I think it is generally understood by all the members that if there is to be any reform effected in the manner of the conduct of the office of State Treasurer, as a preliminary to that there must be an amendment to the Constitution which provides for his election by the legislature and the limitation of his term of service to six years. In order to pave the way for what legislation may be desirable this legislation seems to be necessary and I therefore move that this bill be given its first reading.

The motion prevailed and the bill was given its first reading; and on further motion by the same Senator the rules were suspended and the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Sanborn of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Creating a Bureau of Treasury and Assigning Certain Duties Thereto (L. D. 1253) tabled by that Senator

on July 22, pending consideration; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was given its first reading.

Miss LAUGHLIN of Cumberland: Mr. President I present Senate Amendment A and move its adoption and in this connection I would say that in amending the title of the bill it would refer just as well to the bill presented, as to the amendment to the bill which I wish to offer later. The title is relating to the appointment of the Treasurer of State which would not really change it but would be necessary in case the further amendment which I wish to offer, should be adopted.

The Secretary read Senate Amendment A:—

"Senate Amendment A to Legislative Document 1253 entitled An Act Creating a Bureau of the Treasury and Assigning Certain Duties Thereto. Amend said bill by striking out the title thereto and inserting the following in place thereof: 'An Act Relating to the Appointment of the Treasurer of State'."

Senate Amendment A was adopted.

Miss LAUGHLIN of Cumberland: Mr. President, I offer Senate Amendment B. I believe this amendment should be printed so that the members may have an opportunity to study it before it is adopted. I think it would be well to have it in printed form so that each member will know what he is voting on.

The Secretary read Senate Amendment "B":—

"Senate Amendment "B" to S. P. 769, L. D. 1253 bill, An Act Creating a Bureau of the Treasury and Assigning Certain Duties Thereto".

Amend said bill by striking out section 1 thereof, and inserting the following in place thereof:

"Sec. 1. Department of treasury created. There is hereby created and established a department of the treasury, the head of which shall be the treasurer of state. The treasurer of state shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council to serve for a term of 2 years, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified. He shall receive such salary as shall be set by the governor and council."

"Sec. 2. Rights and duties. All of the rights and powers, and duties