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Legislative Record

SPECIAL SESSION

JULY 22, 1940

Amendment "A" passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland that Body voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed. On further motion by the same Senator, House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence and the bill as amended by House Amendment A and Senate Amendment A was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Committee Report (Out of Order)

Supplemental Report of the Joint Special Legislative Investigating Committee, Created by Joint Order (H. P. 2254) to Special Session 89th Legislature, transmitting herewith additional testimony of Benjamin West Lewis and Hon. Fulton J. Redman. (H. P. 2283)

Which was read and accepted and ordered placed on file, in concurrence.

Order (Out of Order)

On motion by Mr. Tompkins of Aroostook, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring that the Governor be requested to return to the Senate, Senate Paper 777, Legislative Document 1260, An Act Providing for the Expiration of all Orders of the Governor's Council at the End of its Term.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Cumberland: Mr. President, during her long service in both branches of this legislature a very able and distinguished service has been rendered by my colleague, Senator Laughlin, on many occasions. No service perhaps, however, has been more important than the one she has recently rendered in connection with a resolve to amend the constitution of Maine which she has diligently examined and in which she discovered a very fundamental and important situation which needed correction. I refer to the fact that the resolve as originally presented before this Body, perhaps through inadvertence, repealed the fundamental provision of our constitution that no money shall be withdrawn from the public treasury except upon warrant from the Governor and Coun-

cil and except in accordance with appropriations made by law.

I want to say just a word of tribute to Senator Laughlin for her service in connection with this resolve.

Now, in order to correct that and other difficulties the Senator, after much deliberation, presented Senate Amendment A and in order that there might be thorough consideration, since it is an amendment to our constitution, that amendment was ordered mimeographed. And as a result of that mimeographing and the consideration which was given to the amendment it appears that there need to be still further changes in that, and so that amendment was withdrawn and Senate Amendment B offered.

Now it seems to me that the whole course of this resolve has indicated the wisdom of making haste slowly when it comes to amending our constitution, and without any intent or desire to create any unnecessary delay it would seem advisable to me that this Senate Amendment B be mimeographed.

I assume that the Senate is shortly to recess and that the mimeographing might be done in a short time. Senate Amendment B of course, has been adopted by the Senate but I hope that it may be mimeographed and placed in circulation so that every member may have an opportunity to examine it before the resolve is put upon its final passage.

So, Mr. President, I move that Senate Amendment B be ordered mimeographed.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland

Recessed until seven o'clock this evening, Eastern Standard Time.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Committee Reports (Out of Order)

The Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act Relating to Officers and Employees in Military Service," (H. P. 2275) (L. D. 1257) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 2281) (L. D. 1263) under a new title, Bill "An Act Relating to Employees in Military Service," and that it ought to pass.