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SENATE

Tuesday, July 3, 1973

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the honorable J. Hollis Wyman of Milbridge.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the seventh unassigned matter:

RESOLUTION, P r o p o s i n g Amendments to the Constitution to Provide for Annual Sessions of the Legislature and to Limit the Matters Which May be Considered in the Second Regular Session; to Provide for Single Member Districts in the House of Representatives; to Provide for Reduction of the Number of Representatives and Reapportionment of the House of Representatives and the Senate in 1983; to Establish an Apportionment Commission to Plan for all Reapportionments of the House of Representatives and Senate; to Abolish the Executive Council and Reassign Certain Constitutional Powers to a Legislative Council; and to Provide that Oaths and Subscriptions of Office of the Governor, Representatives and Senators shall be Taken before the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. (S. P. 673) (L. D. 2040)

Tabled — July 2, 1973 by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

Pending — Passage to be Engrossed.

(House Amendment "E") (H-600)

(House Amendment "F") (H-615)

The same Senator then presented Senate Amendment "C" and moved its Adoption.

Senate Amendment "C", Filing No. S-293, was Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: The amendment changes the present status of the constitutional proposal from 132 members to the existing house number of 151.

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "C" was Adopted and the Bill, as Amended, Passed to be Engrossed in non-concurrence.

Under suspension of the rules, sent down forthwith for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table the sixth unassigned matter:

Bill, An Act to Organize the Unorganized and Deorganized Territories of the State and to Provide for Management of the Public Reserved Lands. (H. P. 1382) (L. D. 1812)

Tabled — July 2, 1973 by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

Pending—Enactment.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Richardson.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Mr. President, I will be mindful of our Senator's prayer this morning when he asked us to be short on rhetoric, but I think L. D. 1812 deserves some explanation.

There is real concern on the part of many people, including apparently some of the staff members in the Governor's office and some legislative assistants to members of the leadership, that L. D. 1812, as amended, does not include a so-called boundary commission. I have discussed this in detail with the Attorney General of the state, and I can assure that it is the intention of the Public Lands Committee to forthwith, after the session, try to put together a comprehensive statutory scheme for the management of the public lots, their location, collection and management. I don't think it is appropriate to try to do this at this time and, therefore, Mr. President, I move the enactment of L. D. 1812 in its present form.

Thereupon, the Bill was Passed to be Enacted and, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Sewall of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the Special Appropriations Table the following:

An Act Relating to Definition of Retail Sale under Sales and Use Tax Law. (L. D. 1061)

An Act Relating to Maternity Benefits for Unmarried Health In-