

House Backs Presidential Term Limit

Amendment Providing Eight-Year Periods in White House Ratified

A Democratic move to postpone consideration of an amendment to the Federal Constitution setting a two-terms limit to the Presidency until the next General Assembly, to permit popular discussion, was smothered Thursday as the House approved a resolution ratifying the amendment.

Although Democratic Leader John P. Cotter said the amendment was obviously aimed at the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Representative George Ramsey, Republican, of Hampton, called the amendment a "forward-looking piece of legislation, aimed at no one."

Mr. Cotter said he felt no restrictions should be placed upon the free choice of the people, specially since the public had had no chance to discuss the measure with the members of the Assembly. Mr. Ramsey inquired if Mr. Cotter believed that free choice existed under the system of nominating conventions and electoral votes.

Emphasizing the purpose of the amendment, he declared: "There is no indispensable man, and if that fallacy arises, there is the end of our Republic."

Representative Harry Farnham, Republican, of South Windsor, and Representative Hazel T. Sullivan, Democrat, of Windsor, favored the motion to put consideration off, but Majority Leader Gerge C. Conway of Guilford commented that it was only another effort "to postpone and delay" major legislation.

House

Speaker Frederick H. Holbrook called the House to order at 11:33 a. m. three minutes late. Opening prayer was offered by Rev. Joseph B. White of Stony Creek, guest chaplain.

Representative Ralph G. Ingalls of Brooklyn called the attention of the House to the VFW Poppy Day program. Representative Thomas A. Drennan of Wethersfield introduced two Wethersfield High School girls who he said had been elected in Youth Government Week as representatives. They were introduced from the rostrum by Speaker Holbrook. The two girls are Winnie Ledder of Rocky Hill and Virginia Fritz of Wethersfield.

A resolution reappointing Donald O. Hammerberg as milk administrator was favored by Representative Arthur H. Russell of Watertown and Minority Leader John P. Cotter. The appointment was confirmed.

A resolution proposed by Veterans Affairs Chairman John A. Minetto of Goshen was adopted memorializing Congress to protect the Marine Corps in any merger of the armed forces.

HB 84, providing for municipalities to elect zoning boards of appeals, was placed at the foot of the calendar. HB 208, concerning referendums in Naugatuck, was recommitted to the Elections Committee.

A long debate took place over a proposed amendment to the State Constitution and ratification of a proposed federal amendment. Both measures were adopted.

Representative Chauncey B. Hutchings of Harwinton took occasion on the passage of HB 454, permitting deputy fire wardens to collect expenses for fighting fires, to complain that the forest fire wardens are serving little useful purpose. He said about the only thing he'd noticed was that they rode up and down the state's roads earning mileage pay. The measure was adopted.

House Chairman Walter V. Davey of Winchester of the economy committee called attention to HB 1369, levying a fee on milk dealers for tests made of the product. It was an economy measure designed to produce revenue for the State, he said.