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Bills Engrossed

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills and joint resolution:

House Bill No. 93, An act relative to hunting and fishing licenses for totally disabled war veterans.

House Bill No. 121, An act relative to protection from adulterated and misbranded foods.

House Bill No. 127, An act relating to bulky article attachments.

House Bill No. 264, An act relative to the status of employees of the state employment service as members of the state employees' retirement system.

House Bill No. 340, An act relating to aeronautics prosecutions.

House Bill No. 342, An act relating to expenses of the board of aldermen of the city of Manchester.

House Bill No. 373, An act relative to unemployment compensation.

Senate Bill No. 15, An act relating to neglect of children.

Senate Bill No. 29, An act relative to reports to board of probation relative to delinquency of children.

Senate Bill No. 32, An act relating to the jurisdiction of municipal courts.

House Joint Resolution No. 20, Joint resolution relating to investigating and studying the cause and prevention of serious sex crimes and the advisability of imposing mandatory sentences and more stringent supervision of offenders after their release.

ALDEGE NOEL,
For the Committee.

House Message

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by its Clerk:

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The House of Representatives has voted to adopt the following concurrent resolution, in the adoption of which it asks the concurrence of the Honorable Senate:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*In the year of Our Lord
One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven*

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Whereas, both houses of the eightieth Congress of the United States of America, by a constitutional majority of two-thirds thereof, have made the following proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States of America, in the following words, to wit:

“JOINT RESOLUTION

“Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the terms of office of the President.

“*Resolved* by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

“ARTICLE—

“Section 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President,

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for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

“Section 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress.”

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, the Senate concurring: That the said proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America be, and the same is hereby ratified by the legislature of the State of New Hampshire.

That certified copies of this preamble and concurrent resolution be forwarded by His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State at Washington, to the presiding officer of the United States Senate, and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Senator Laraba moved that the Senate concur in the adoption of the foregoing concurrent resolution.

(Discussion ensued)

The question being stated: Shall the concurrent resolution be adopted?

On a *viva voce* vote the affirmative prevailed.

Senator Kelley demanded a roll call.

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Roll Call

The following named senators voted in the affirmative: Senators Cummings, Green, Welch, Hewitt, Stafford, Gay, Rowell, Batchelor, Sawyer, Colburn, Morgan, Bean, Gamache, Smart, Butman, Spollett, Laraba.

The following named senators voted in the negative: Senators Kelley, Chandler, Noel, O'Malley, Daniel.

Seventeen senators having voted in the affirmative, and five senators having voted in the negative, the affirmative prevailed, and the concurrent resolution was adopted.

Senator Laraba requested the use of the Senate Chamber for a public hearing by the Committee on Judiciary on Tuesday, April 8, at 2 o'clock, on House Bill No. 2, An act relative to qualifications for jury service.

Special Order

Senator Rowell called for the special order, it being the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms for the Senate for the balance of the legislative session.

On motion of Senator Rowell, seconded by Senator Welch, the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for the election of John S. Ball to the office of Sergeant-at-Arms.

John S. Ball appeared and was duly sworn to the office by the President of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Laraba the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President be authorized to appoint an assistant messenger and to fill any vacancy caused thereby.

On motion of Senator Kelley the rules were so far suspended as to permit all business in order for this afternoon at 2 o'clock to be made in order at the present time.