

GOPs To Have Another Try For Ratification Of Term Limit

Boston, April 5 (AP)—The Republican leadership today was ready to make another attempt to place the Massachusetts House of Representatives formally on record in favor of the new amendment to the U.S. Constitution limiting presidents to two terms.

Without debate, the Democratic-controlled House refused to ratify the amendment yesterday by a 112 to 109 vote on party lines. Caught by surprise, Republican Rep. Hibbard Richter of Brookline immediately moved reconsideration.

Richter jumped up to speak for the ratification resolution just before the roll was called. Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. (D-Cambridge), refused to recognize him until the vote had been taken.

The Senate has already approved ratifying the amendment.

The Massachusetts legislature's action is merely for the record as more than the required 36 states have already approved the constitutional amendment to make it law.