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OF

HON. MOSES P. KINKAID,

OF NEBRASKA,

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Monday, October 20, 1919,

On the bill (H. R. 9783) to provide a national budget system and an independent audit of Government accounts, and for other purposes.

Mr. KINKAID. Mr. Speaker, under the general leave just granted to Members to extend their remarks, I am prompted to avail myself of this privilege only for the purpose of expressing my regret at not being permitted to vote for the measure. To explain: A few minutes after I had voted against the motion to recommit the bill, having previously voted in the committee to maintain the bill in general, I was called to my office on a matter of official importance, requiring attention for only a few minutes, and had expected to get back in time to vote on the final passage of the bill, and should have done so except that I mistook the first ring of the bells for the call on the final passage to be the second ring on the motion to recommit, with the result that when I reached the floor of the House to vote on the final passage my name had been passed not more than a quarter of a minute.

Of course, I had intended to vote for the bill, having been an advocate of a budget plan for many years. I regret not being permitted to record my vote under the rules, notwithstanding my presence on the floor for probably 20 minutes before the roll call was completed after the letter "K" had been passed.