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ACTION Resumed consideration (passed-over)

**NATIONAL BUDGET SYSTEM.**

The bill (H. R. 14441) to provide a national budget system and an independent audit of Government accounts, and for other purposes, was announced as next in order.

Mr. KING. I suggest that that bill may go over.

Mr. SMOOT. Mr. President, it is exactly similar to the bill which heretofore passed the Senate, with the exception of the amendment which was made in the other House to the original bill in order to meet the objection of the President, because of which he vetoed the bill, which had passed both bodies. I will say to the junior Senator from Utah that the amendment that was agreed to in the other House meets the objection of the President, without a doubt.

Mr. KING. Mr. President, the objection made to the budget bill by the President of the United States may have merit, but it occurred to me that the bill as it was passed was not an infringement of the rights of the Executive department; indeed, I think the bill did not go far enough in giving the legislative branch of the Government control over the employees of the Government. Personally, I should be very glad to see the bill become a law as it passed the House and the Senate rather than accede to the amendment made by the House. I suggest to the senior Senator from Utah that the bill ought to go over for the present.

Mr. SMOOT. Of course, I have no objection to that, but I will say to the Senator that there is no need of passing the bill in the shape in which it heretofore passed, because it would meet the same veto at the hands of the President.