July 24, 1940

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was July 24, 1940, third day of the Extra Session of the 60th General Assembly.

This was a Wednesday.

This extra session was called to address a shortage in funding for the state’s portion of Social Security. It had been determined the $6.5 million budgeted the previous year would run out by Aug. 1. Lawmakers wanted the fund to operate through the end of the year.

The evening opened, since they did not start session until 8 p.m., with a resolution allowing each senator to hire a private secretary for $5 a day. This resolution also authorized the sergeant-at-arms and assistant doorkeeper to be paid $5 a day and the Committee on Clerical Force to be able to appoint and employ up to 75 people to help with the extra session. Each of them would also receive $5 a day.

Senate Bill 1 was then read a second time and referred to the Appropriations Committee. The measure sought to fulfill the extra session call.

After reading in a House resolution, senators moved to adjourn, under the rules.

July 24, 1940, the date marking the third day of the Extra Session of the 60th General Assembly, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

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