SMOOT TO OFFER A REVENUE PLAN

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UTAH SENATOR FAVORS GENERAL SALES TAX

WOULD YEILD $1,500,000,000

Sponsor of Proposal Declares It Will Properly Distribute the Burden of Taxation.

Washington, D. C.—A general sales tax was advocated in a statement by Senator Smoot, of Utah, republican members of the senate finance committee, who announced he would introduce such a bill in the senate.

The measure, which he estimates would yield approximately $1,500,000,000 annually, would place a flat tax of 1 per cent on gross sales above $6,000 annually of virtually all commodities, both raw materials and finished products. The bill carries a few exemptions, but application would be stayed practically only on such commodities as now bear higher levy.

Early consideration is planned by the senate finance committee.

Mr. Smoot said his proposal tax would be simple in application and easy to compute. He declared it would properly distribute the burden of taxation, compelling each citizen to bear a share proportionate to his ability to pay as measured by his buying or producing powers.

"If the sales tax becomes a law," he continued, "congress can repeal not only the items provided for in the bill, but can repeal all of the irritating, discriminatory taxes amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars, and the excess profits tax."

"Taxes on soft drinks, tobacco, autos and some other so-called luxuries would remain. These commodities already bear taxes regarded as heavier than the one per cent tax. In addition to the tax on sales, a levy having the same application would be placed on total amounts of all leases."

Concerning the scope of the bill, the senator said:

"It is a tax on the gross value of goods, wares and merchandise, whether raw materials or manufactured products, whether of domestic or foreign origin and such as are generally sold by exchange and delivery for domestic consumption, whether in barter or in a cash, credit or installment basis, which tax shall accrue at the sale or lease at the rate of 1 per cent of their total value at the times of change in ownership."

The senator contended that the sales tax method was one of justice to all. The actual added cost to the consumer of a 1 per cent tax added at each turn of the goods would, he predicted, fall below 3 per cent.

The bill contemplates payment of the whole tax, accumulated through resales, by the ultimate consumer, the senator said, adding that there was no objection to the final seller absorbing the tax if he cared to do so.

Watch Death List for Homes.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Housing conditions are so critical in Pittsburgh that some of the undertakers are running a neck and neck race with the real estate dealers as a means of obtaining flats, houses or bungalows. Resourceful house hunters make regular calls at the undertakers', inquiring whether the death of any person has compelled the family to vacate. Many successful business connections have been made through this channel.

Reward for Robbers.

Washington, D. C.—Postal employes hereafter will be armed and rewards given for apprehension of mail robbers. Postmaster General Hays sent out an order posting a standing reward of $5,000 for "any postal employe or other persons who brings in a mail robber." The order provided for the arming of essential men in the service. "Mail robberies must stop," said Mr. Hays. "We are going to use every power possible to do this, no matter how drastic."

Robbers Make $8,000 Haul.

Kaukauna, Wis.—Bonds valued at $3,600, a $5,000 payroll and eight mail pouches, all partly made up of registered mail, were taken by robbers, who broke into the Chicago and Northwestern railroad station here.

Won't Raise Steel Prices.

Youngstown, O.—Independent steel companies of the Youngtown district indicated that they will not follow the example of the Republic Iron and Steel company, of the largest independents here, in raising the price of plates, bars and structural steel $2 a ton.

Reject Proposed Wage Cut.

New York.—Union representatives of the workers in the paper and pulp mills of the United States and Canada at a conference unanimously rejected a proposal submitted by the mill owners calling for a 30 per cent wage reduction and increasing the working day from eight to nine hours.

Nearly 3 Million to China.

New York.—Relief funds totaling $2,992,010, have been sent to China the American committee for China famine fund announced.

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

A boys' band will be organized at Broken Bow.

A brass band will shortly be organized at Pierre.

Omaha is working to secure national headquarters of the Elks.

Madison has decided to hold no Fourth of July celebration.

Elmwood has an epidemic of measles and several very serious cases.

Lincoln street car men have accepted a 10 per cent reduction in wages.

The grand council of the Royal Arcanum will meet in Omaha April 26.

The commercial club at Pierce has decided to celebrate Independence day.

Work on Omaha's new $2,000,000 High School of Commerce will begin shortly.

Hebron is planning a stock show, corn carnival and baseball tournament this fall.

Paving work has been resumed at Chadron after having been suspended during the winter.

A class of thirty-five were initiated last Sunday by Beatrice council, Knights of Columbus.

The Blue Springs Community club has more than doubled its membership in the last three weeks.

Imperial women are making plans to form an auxiliary to the American Legion post of that place.

Holdrege will hold an airplane meet May 5, 6 and 7—the first assemblage of the kind held in the state.

A class of about 125 was initiated into the order of Demolay at Masonic temple at Hastings recently.

Adams county will furnish twenty-five markers for the graves of ex-service men within her borders.

Scottsbluff sugar companies have contracted for nearly 200,000 acres of sugar beets for the coming season.

Fifteen thousand bushels of wheat was purchased by a Gage county flour mill at a price of $1.28 per bushel.

Valparaiso's new modern school building, to replace the one destroyed by fire in 1919, is nearing completion.

Sixty-two of the rural school districts in Gage county have contributed $149.36 toward the China famine fund.

Beatrice defeated a proposition to return to the council system at a special election last week by a vote of 739 to 1,162.

During the week of April 11 the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation will conduct a membership campaign in Thayer county.

Edward Matthewson of Wakefield was seriously injured when the car he was driving, ran into an embankment near that place.

Mrs. Jessie Gossard died at her home in Columbus of blood poisoning caused by a scratch on the finger while making garden.

Leo Porter, a 15-year-old Brainerd lad, will lose the sight of his left eye from a BB shot fired by a comrade during their play.

James C. Dahlman at Omaha and Charles W. Bryan, headed the list of nominees in those two cities at the primaries Tuesday.

The six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Mueller, living near Nelson, was burned to death in a fire started while playing with matches.

Heavy damage was done by the sand and dust storm, which lasted for seventy-two hours and was general over the western part of the state.

The warden has notified sheriffs in the 93 counties of the state to send no more prisoners to the penitentiary until present crowded conditions are relieved.

Several hundred delegates from various parts of the state attended the celebration and banquet of the North Platte Kiwanis club, which received its charter last week.

A class of nearly one hundred, one of the largest in the history of the Beatrice high school, will receive diplomas at the annual commencement exercises to be held in May.

Mrs. Clarissa Lloyd, who died near Fairbury recently, was buried within 200 feet of the site of the sod house erected by herself and husband in Jefferson county fifty-one years ago.

The state banking board has announced the closing of the Brown County State bank at Long Pine, Neb. Depleted reserves and inability to make collections are given as reasons.

C. C. Leach, a produce dealer, has maintained since January 1 a truck delivery from Beaver City and nearby towns to Alma, hauling poultry and eggs. With one commercial car and a trailer he has hauled $13,277.22 worth of eggs and $3,804.87 worth of poultry.

The Rev. A. M. Horan, formerly pastor of the Baptist church at Cedar Bluffs, has been elected pastor of the First Baptist church at Wahoo.

The Omaha Y. M. C. A. opened a drive to raise $50,000. Within twenty-four hours one-half of the same had been subscribed, the total being raised inside a week.

Plans are being made to have the Loup valley track meet at Ord on or about May 6.

Gus Linn of Kimball, who has served on the village board of education for thirty-one consecutive years, has declined to be a candidate for re-election this spring.

"Cadet" and "Topsy," owned by George W. Ainsworth of Havelock, a member of the Omaha Kennel club, recently won first prizes at the Chicago dog show. Cadet is an airedale and Topsy took first female puppy prize and the first novice prize in the American bred class.

NEBRASKA FAIR DATES.

Location, Secretary's Name and Address, and Date of Fair.

The following list compiled by Wm. H. Smith, secretary-treasurer of the State Association of Fair Managers, is complete to date. Any further information desired may be obtained by addressing the secretary-treasurer at 318 Funke Building, at Lincoln.

Antelope—Neligh, Fred R. Spencer; Sept. 13-16.
Boone—Albion, C. B. McCorkle; Sept. 20-23.
Boyd—Butte, H. H. Story; Sept. 14-16.
Buffalo—Kearney, G. E. Hanse; Aug. 29-31-Sept. 1-2.
Butler—David City, W. H. McGaffin, Jr.; Sept. 20-23.
Chase—Imperial, W. C. Hill.
Cheyenne—Sidney.
Clay—Clay Center, H. M. Harvey; Sept. 26-29.
Cuming—Wisner.
Custer—Broken Bow, N. Dwight Ford; Aug. 23-26.
Dawes—Chadron.
Dawson—Lexington, R. E. Falkinburg; Sept. 12-16.
Dixon—Concord, E. J. Hughes; Aug. 31-Sept. 2.
Dodge—Hooper, Bernard Mounich; Aug. 30-Sept. 2.
Dodge—Scribner, Walter Stevers; Sept. 14-16.
Douglas—Omaha, F. B. Cox, Waterloo; Sept. 13-16.
Dundy—Benkelman, J. N. Rohidoux; Sept. 15-17.
Fillmore—Geneva, S. E. Balsten; Sept. 14-16.
Franklin—Franklin, J. A. Stewart; Sept. 13-15.
Frontier—Stockville, W. G. Bartlett; Sept. 20-24.
Furnas—Beaver City, J. E. Bonser; Sept. 20-22.
Gage—Beatrice, Boyd Rist; Sept. 26-30.
Greeley—Greeley; Sept. 20-23.
Hall—Grand Island, Rudolph Durtschi; Wood River; Sept. 14-16.
Hamilton—Aurora, L. A. Morris; Aug. 30-Sept. 2.
Harlan—Alma, C. E. Alter; Sept. 20-23.
Hayes—Hayes Center.
Hitchcock—Culbertson, J. A. Kirk; Sept. 15-17.
Holt—Chambers, J. W. Holden; Sept. 14-16.
Holt—O'Neill, Peter W. Duffy; Sept. 21-23.
Howard—St. Paul, Charles Dobry; Sept. 20-22.
Jefferson—Fairbury.
Johnson—Tecumseh, Elmer J. Lamb; Sept. 27-Oct. 1.
Kearney—Minden.
Keith—Ogallala, Roy D. Eiker; Sept. 13-16.
Knox—Bloomfield, H. C. Diehks; Sept. 12-15.
Lancaster—Lincoln, A. H. Smith; Sept. 4-9.
Lincoln—North Platte, S. M. Souder; Sept. 20-24.
Madison—Madison, George F. Kolzow; Sept. 13-16.
Merrick—Clarks, E. M. Little, Sept. 14-16.
Nance—Fullerton.
Nemaha—Auburn, Col. H. Ernst; Aug. 29-Sept. 2.
Nuckolls—Nelson, Geo. Jackson; Sept. 19-23.
Pawnee—Pawnee City, D. W. Osborn; Oct. 4-8.
Pierce—Pierce, F. H. Gleason; Aug. 30-Sept. 2.
Polk—Osceola, Lynn Sheldon; Sept. 27-30.
Red Willow—McCook, Elmer Kay; Sept. 13-16.
Saline—Friend, Leroy W. Ingham; Aug. 25-26.
Saunders—Wahoo.
Scottsbluff—Mitchell, J. T. Whitehead; Sept. 14-16.
Seward—Seward, W. H. Chapman; Sept. 20-23.
Sheridan—Gordon, J. W. Leedom; Sept. 13-16.
Sherman—Loup City, C. J. Tracy; Sept. 21-23.
Stanton—Stanton, E. E. Pont; Sept. 20-23.
Thayer—Deshler, E. J. Mitchell; Aug. 31-Sept. 2.
Valley—Ord, H. D. Leggett; Sept. 13-16.
Washington—Arlington, C. G. Marshall; Sept. 21-23.
Webster—Bladen, S. P. Duncan; Aug. 23-26.
York—York, Geo. W. Sureck; Oct. 3-7.

DISTRICT FAIR.

Maywood, S. M. Hall; Sept. 26-30.

STATE FAIR.

Lincoln, E. R. Danielson; Sept. 4-9.

Mary Jane Marsh, 80, resident of Nebraska since 1856, is dead at her home in Brownville.

A goat ranch is to be established by Dr. S. B. Viers, who has lately bought an eighteen-acre tract near Diller, which he is stocking up with some of the best bred goats in the country.

The northwestern section of the Nebraska state teachers' association, comprising the counties in the Sixth district, has just closed a successful three-day convention in Alliance.

Marvin, 8-year-old son of County Treasurer and Mrs. Mike Tritsch, is in a hospital at Plattsmouth, suffering from burns which may prove fatal as a result of being scalded by boiling water.

April 1 marked the opening of the fishing season in Nebraska, but fishermen are cautioned by George W. Koster, chief of the state division of fish and game, not to take bass or trout until May 1.

A baby boy weighing but one pound and six ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Hiedeman on their farm near Big Springs, March 11. He now weighs one pound twelve and one-half ounces, and is perfectly normal and in fine health.

A team of horses, seventeen tons of hay and four hundred bushels of corn were burned when a fire of unknown origin destroyed the barn and corn crib of Gene Miller near Pawnee City. A large amount of harness was also burned up.

Fire completely destroyed every building except the house on the Ira Mathews farm, near Imperial. Eighteen work horses, ten cows, seven calves, all harness, 4,000 bushels of corn and twenty-eight loads of hay were destroyed in the blaze.

Receipts for hogs at the South Omaha stock yards in March fell 60,000 short of a year ago at the same time, but the average weight was six pounds heavier than in March, 1920. Cheaper and more corn explains the increase in the weight of the hogs.

The Wauneta flour mills which were burned a few weeks ago will be rebuilt with a larger output, from a 100-barrel to a 300-barrel.

With both legs practically severed from his body, William Prasil, representative for the Holdrege Bottling works, was found lying beside the Burlington tracks at Cambridge, dying a few hours later.

York high school won the highest team honors, and Murval Thompson of Friend the highest individual honors at the seventh annual state high school livestock judging contest at the college of agriculture last week.

Fire destroyed the general store and postoffice at Huntsman. It was not discovered until it had made such headway that the loss was total.

Miss Iva Powell, 14 years old, a member of the Knox county pig club, was winner of a big bunch of first prizes at the county fair last fall, and will have a herd on exhibition at the coming state fair.

Of Nebraska's 60 million bushels of wheat 20 millions were still on the farms on March 1. Of 255 million bushels of corn there were 161 millions left, and of 83 million bushels of oats there were 48 millions left.

PASS LANGUAGE BILL

HOUSE VOTES FAVORABLY ON MEASURE GOVERNING USE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE

EXPECT GOVERNOR TO SIGN

Opponents Of Bill Endeavoring to Delay Final Action To Make It a Law—Carries the Emergency Clause

Lincoln—Two votes more than the number necessary to carry the emergency clause were cast in the representative assembly for the Reed-Norval language bill on its final passage. This assures the taking effect of the new act immediately upon its approval by the governor, and its opponents will be unable to suspend its operation by resorting to a referendum.

It now goes back to the senate, the house having cut out a proviso that permitted the teaching of pupil in a foreign language by a tutor on the ground that it would be discrimination since the bill itself prohibited it in groups. When the senate concurs, as it is expected to do, the bill will go to the governor. As soon as he signs it, it becomes a law.

The bill, which was opposed by a strong segment of the German Lutheran church, prohibits teaching in any school of any kind, in the common school branches, in any foreign language. It permits this for religious instruction, but only on Sunday, but does not interfere with such teaching in the home at any time.

On the ground that interests opposed to the Reed-Norval foreign language bill, which passed the house and is ready for the governor's signature, did not get a hearing before the house committee, they are preparing to ask Governor McKelvie for a hearing before he signs the bill.

No formal request has been made to the governor, but Rev. Matthew Herrmann, district superintendent of the German M. E. church, has indicated that this request will be made.

Investigating Committee Reports

The Reed investigating committee appointed by the senate to ascertain if there was any truth in the repeated stories that the adoption of the code system had created duplication and waste and that there was need for remodeling the state government to do away with overlapping and inefficiency, handed in a ten page report. It vindicated the code system as a means of handling public affairs, and makes a number of recommendations, including one for better co-operation of the old executive departments with the code departments. It shows that the state collects in fees $125,000 a year more than the administrative departments cost, and that the costs in Nebraska compares favorably with those in adjoining states.

Watching "Ambulance Chasing" Bill

Lawyers of the state generally are watching with keen interest the progress of the bill which is intended to prohibit the solicitation of personal injury suits for the purpose of prosecuting them in Minnesota and other states. The bill already has passed the senate and has been reported out by the sifting committee in the house, where it is expected to come up for consideration in the next few days.

Lawyers supporting the measure argue that the business being taken into other states rightfully belongs in Nebraska.

Advance Scale of Occupation Tax

A new scale of occupation tax on domestic and foreign corporations, raising the maximum for large concerns from $2,500 to $3,650, is fixed by the Reed-Mears bill, which the lower branch of the legislature passed on third reading. For concerns having not more than $1,000,000 of capital not employed in Nebraska, there is little or no increase, but above that amount the tax is raised from 10 to 46 per cent.

Refuse to Talk Adjournment

Not only does the Nebraska state senate continue to refuse any talk of adjournment, but many senators are convinced that the present session can not be concluded before the week ending April 23.

A motion by Senator Cooper of Douglas that the senate appoint a committee to confer with a like committee of the house on adjournment, received less than a handful of votes.

Water Scarce at Soldiers' Home

The state board of control is worried over the water supply at the Milford home for soldiers. It has not been able to find sufficient water within one mile of the institution. It may be driven to filtering the small creek near the home or piping water from the industrial home for women, situated a mile or more away on the opposite side of the Blue river.

Annexation Bill Sidetracked

With the aid of the Douglas county delegation, except Representative Druesedow, the bill providing for annexation of Sarpy county to Douglas as a means of enabling Douglas county to pave the road between Omaha and Fort Crook without a state appropriation was killed in the house.

Cigarette Bill Is Killed

An effort to repeal the present anti-cigarette law and to restore the old law, which was in force before the 1919 legislature wiped it from the statute books, was defeated by the Nebraska house by a vote of 59 to 28.

The old law was repealed two years ago because it could not be enforced. Representative Byrum testified that the new law was being enforced and that it has had a great effect on the smoking public by prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors and forbidding smoking in public eating places

It Was His Brother!

At a crowded dance one evening a fellow I had just finished the previous dance with bumped into me. Feeling indignant at him for having trampled on my pet corn and new satin slippers, I exclaimed to my partner, "That fellow is about as light on my feet as the bird they call the elephant."

"Yes, it's too bad. My brother is just learning to dance and you know, the first hundred years are the hardest," was the unexpected reply.—Chicago American.

A joke is not always a joke when it is on you.

A small boy's idea of greatness is to be able to lick another boy a size larger.

A woman never thoroughly enjoys anything she can't cry over.