State Capitol News . . .

Income-Sales Tax Gets Axe

LINCOLN—One of the cli-matic occasions of the session came when the legislature by a decisive 28-12 margin voted down a proposed sales and income tax,

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Many had thought that the

property tax troubles of the past two years would make this the best year ever for a sales tax attempt. But the principal of "broadening the tax base" got an even worse whopping than two years ago when the margin was 22-16.

Sen. Dwight Burney of Hartington, perenniel sales tax advocate, said sadly that apparently the people of Nebraska hadn't felt the pinch of property taxes enough yet. Burney also indicated he was going to quit the legislature at the end of this term-his

Interestingly enough, most of the votes for the sales-income tax bill came from senators from western Nebraska, which felt hardest the increased taxes on real estate that came from the 1953 statewide equalization effort.

It took the legislature about three hours to debate the issue. Senator Burney said that the property owner is a "sitting duck" for all the taxes in Nebraska. He said that taxes are going to be-come greater instead of smaller

and that the income tax would frighten away industry. Tax Reform-A seven-part program of tax reform rolled along smoother than its exponents had dared

But speaker after speaker rose

to lambast the idea of "broaden-

ing the tax base," arguing the

sales tax would hit the poor man

hope. At week's end five of seven bills had been passed and signed into law by the governor. The other two were on their way to The "keystone" bill of the program, the socalled "basic value"

measure, passed by a wide mar-gin of 36-3. It would allow assessors to use a number of factors in present rigid single factor of 'current sales price." Also given approval were LB

149, setting up an annual inven tory system of assessment for 362, had been "sabatoged". merchants, farmers, and manu-facturers; LB 154, calling for a popular vote on a constitutional amendment to change the method lowing the state tax commissioner to set up standards for county assessors to follow.

Senator Bixler, 40-year-old le-gislator from the northwestern corner of the state, proved to be just about the busiest-and luckiest-man last week.

The educational committee "new money", from \$1.3 to \$1.6 killed the last of four bills he million, should go to the state had proposed to change the system of leasing school lands, most of them located in western Ne-

Yet Bixler was able to get the bill on the floor by getting a 22 vote majority. Major argument in his favor was that amendments have been offered to set up a "unit valuation" system of rent. It would take into account the current prices of cattle, corn, or wheat grown on the school leases. The Bixler amendments would try out this system for leases being renewed during the next two

The Harrison legislator was also able to get the legislature to give initial approval to appropriating \$130,000 to turn old Ft. Robinson in his corner of the state into a first-class tourist attraction. Bixler explained that Ft. Robinson is "rich in history" from the days it was the center of army perilous 1870 to 1890 period.

Giving him backing were mempers of the banking committee who had taken a special trip to the old fort to see for themselves. They said they came away con-vinced that it could be made into

a park that would attract tourists from all over the nation. The legislature by a 25-13 vote

abolished the two-year-old turn-pike authority. Major argument was that the law establishing the authority gave too many broad powers. Filling station and motel owners had worked particularly hard to scuttle the authority, which had been able to do little until states to the east started toll road construction.

Whole Cloth'?-The Nebraska unicameral le-gislature last week was digesting

the contents of a comprehensive program of providing enough re-venue for the highways, suggested by the revenue committee.

This came as most of the committees finished their work and the legislature settled down for the last lap of its grind, expected to last about another month more. In one of the neatest pieces of

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committee work seen in a long time, the revenue committee took a swatch of this bill, tacked it on to a section of that bill, stitched a new idea or two and came up with a complete "garment".

These men— Sens. Monroe Bixler of rundown condition.

Cedar Creek, Joseph Martin of Grand Island, and Donald Mc-Ginley of Ogallala—were joined by Sen. Earl Lee of Fremont, a by Sen. Earl Lee of Fremont, a creating this was a sentence and the sentence and this was a sentence and the sentence and this was a sentence and the sentence and the sentence and the sentence are sentence as a sentence and the sentence and the sentence are sentence as a sentence are sentence as a sentence are sentence as a sentence and the sentence are sentence as a sentence and the sentence are sentence and the sentence are sentence as a sentence are sentence as a sentence and the sentence are sentence as a sentence and the sentence are sentence as a sentence are sentence as a

The truckers, who would be hit veteran legislator, in working out ficials and senators said this was hardest by the proposed legisla- the actual details. A day later the a major departure from tion, immediately complained entire committee followed suit. that the "garment was fabricated

But the fact that Sen. Lester Anderson of Aurora, a foe of the truckers, didn't much like it either gave some indication that the program was a good compromise between the two

Here is what the committee proposed: 1. To increase fees on all commercial trucks, ranging from \$2.50 more on half-ton trucks to \$10 a ton more on trucks carrying over seven tons.

2. To hike fees on all farm trucks, from \$2.50 on the half and three-quarter ton vehicles to \$5 for those carrying a ton or more. 3. A ton-mile tax on all non-Nebraska trucks carrying 16 tons or more. This tax would amount to 5 cents a mile. This was a far of elective officials. valuing property instead of the cry from Anderson's original tonmile tax proposal to apply to all trucks and that's why the Aurora senator complained his bill, LB

> Earlier a proposal to charge \$8 on all automobiles had been

made. This amounts to raising of taxing grain; and LB 152, al- the lighter weight vehicles from led, however. Halcomb has countheir present \$6 fee. All these proposals are expect-

ed to bring in about \$2 to \$2.5 million. Exclusive of the ton-mile tax (and no one knows exactly what revenues would be) the take would be about \$1.9 million. Matched with federal funds, this highway department. The only exception was that about \$650,-000 of it would be earmarked for the cities and villiages.

The highway department's share would be used for matching federal funds on the proposed interstate defense route to be built from Omaha across the state to the Wyoming border west of Kimball. Just where the funds for this superhighway were to come from has

Left out in the cold would be Mrs. Kathleen Foote of Axtel, the county roads. Revenue committee members told reporters that the counties too often have not done a good job with their funds, they haven't matched them with federal funds to give the taxpayer the most for his money, and too many county boards have used the money for expensive activity against the Indians in the equipmment instead of for the roads themselves.

the license fee split would be al-tered so that all the new money would go to state or cities. The state highway department gets

only 30 percent.
To the counties, which may complain of this, revenue committee members this week were reminding that LB 15, passed earlier in the session, took county road money away from the most populous counties and scattered it around the rest of the state. Also, it was being pointed out that in no other state of the union do the counties get such a large share of the highway revenues.

County Requirement One of the most significant proposals in the revenue committee's "package" was a requirement that the counties must match with federal money at least 20 percent of their share of

least 20 percent of their share of the gasoline tax money. Otherwise, this money would revert to the state highway department.

Oddly enough, although the counties can get \$1 in federal money for every \$1 they furnish, only about half the counties have taken advantage of this at all. About 35 have never even sched

About 35 have never even scheduled one project on this basis.

The proposal sounded a little like sticking a gun in a man's back to make him take a paycheck coming to him. But officials estimated it would do as much for the roads of the state as would enacting another half-cent of tax on gasoline.

Leaders in working out this "package" were four members of the revenue committee who have been dubbed "the young Turks"

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practice and indicated that the A key to the whole package was that it put out on the floor of the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 362, the license fee increase bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill, LB 519, and a seventh control to the legislature the ton-mile tax bill the legislature the

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that it means business on proper

upkeep of the state's school lands.

This is the new board appointed

by Gov. Victor Anderson after

the voters amended the constitu-

tion last November to bring a

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posing the amended bills.

Conservation Crackdown-

the lesser of two evils.

land to blow away.

Recreation Areas-

and hunting license fees.

These fees also go to the sup-

wildlife. So often not too much is

Residents of Ayr became dis-

gusted at the upkeep of Crystal lake recreation ground south of

Hastings. They had their senator,

introduce a bill to sell the area

left for the 53 recreation areas.

On the other hand, the legislacent of gas tax, LB 436. These in their original form could act as a In other words, the truckers and petroleum people may be in the position of having to choose general election on changing the system. The board of control operates 17 state mental, penal, and educational institutions, and supervises the entire state welfare The state board of education lands and funds gave indications

Sen. George Syas of Omaha said the work was too much for the three-member board. But Sen. Ernest Hubka of Beatrice said there was no evidence of "inefficiency or incopentency."

change from the previous board Flagman Bill Out-The judiriary committee, after The board called three land voting three to kill and three leaseholders on the carpet for alto keep alive Sen. Frank Nelson's leged poor conservation practices bill to eliminate the flagman on which would have allowed their abbreviated passenger trains, in early morning special session fin-ally sent the bill to the floor with L. Verne Halcomb, Kimball attorney, was "severly reprimand-ed" by the board for "entirely in-sufficient soil conservation prac-lowed a hearing in which the

Save-the-Trains association officials and the railroad brotherhood representatives locked, three request for cancellation of his of the committee failed to vote. The brotherhood finally agreed to an amendment and the bill

Action was also deferred on a Dundy county lease held by Mrs. was pushed onto the floor. Sena-Eunice Knepper. Hearing on postor Nelson had introduced LB sible cancellation of the Pierce county lease of Adolph Polinske will be held later this month.

Departs for Gretna-Mrs. Helen Brown of Gretna visited over the weekend at the The legislature gave signs of home of her son-in-law and changing policy on financial supdaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reimer, jr., and Jimmy. Mrs. Morris returned to Gretna with port of the state's recreation areas. At present these are financed with the income from fishing her daughter. She had spent the winter at the Reimer home. port and propogation of fish and

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Appleby and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Asher and family were dinner guests at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Donald Nissen. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Belzer entertained at a family dinner Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fox and family of daughte Emmet, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Grady. ture refused to tamper with the state board of control system. Killed by a 21-19 vote was a constitutional amendment proposed for a popular vote in the 1956 and Mrs. Charles Fox, sr., and St. Joseph's hospital.

family and Miss Kathy Rubeck. The dinner honored Mrs. Charles

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chace and family were Sunday afternoon guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ham-

mond. Mr. and Mrs. John Pray of Ft. Dodge, Ia., arrived Saturday to spend several days at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. B.

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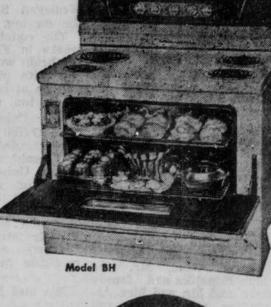
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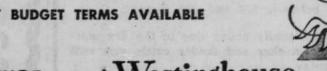


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