

### House Fails to Override Budget for T. B. Fund

#### Appropriation for Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Lacks Three Votes of Passage.

Lincoln, Jan. 25.—(Special).—All appropriation bills passed in the lower house, providing for expenditures not included in the governor's budget, must receive 60 votes to retain life under a ruling today by Speaker Mathers. This, because under the law it takes a total of three-fifths to increase or change the budget, excepting downward, and the membership of the house is 100.

There are 57 republicans in the lower house three less than necessary to make the governor's budget unworkable, unless three democrats join them. In the senate, there are 23 republicans against 10 democrats, sufficient to overcome the budget or to override the governor's veto, which requires a two-thirds vote.

This ruling was made when the house mustered 55 votes in favor of the \$33,000 appropriation for continuation of eradication of bovine tuberculosis during the present biennium. It was the first time an attempt had been made to overcome the governor's budget which didn't recommend a penny for this work.

However, the bill was saved from instant death by action of five members who changed their vote after the result was announced. Under house rules, a bill on which five votes are changed can be reconsidered in three days.

A number of members, believed to favor fighting tuberculosis, were absent. Sponsors of the bill declared it would pass when it came up for reconsideration.

When the bill came up in committee of the whole, it was recommended for

passage without a dissenting vote of either democrat, progressive or republican. But, since that time, the Bryan whip has been used with telling lashes and sufficient democrats were mustered under his leadership to tie up the bill's effective passage for a time at least. The word was passed around that "Bryan would take care of this tuberculosis business."

Governor Bryan was asked if he had promised any democrat to make a recommendation for tubercular eradication appropriations. He denied any knowledge of such a promise. "My plan is to pass a law making it unlawful to sell cattle without a certificate of their freedom from tuberculosis, the certificate and examination to be paid by the farmer," the governor said.

"Would you make owners of afflicted cattle kill them and if so would the farmer or stockman be obliged to stand the loss?" he was asked. The governor refused to commit himself.

**Licensing of Auto Drivers Is Provided in House Bill**  
Lincoln, Jan. 25.—(Special).—Licensing of auto drivers and owners and withdrawing their drivers' licenses for 30 days, when they are convicted for violating traffic regulations, is provided for in a bill introduced by the house committee on roads and bridges. George Staats, chairman of the committee, stated that the bill was roughly drawn and covered, in generalities, a plan the committee has in view of curtailing traffic irregularities. It will be revamped and changed in many ways in committee before it appears on general file for consideration, Staats announced.

**Police Bill Presented**  
Lincoln, July 25.—(Special).—Another Omaha police department bill was introduced in the lower house today by Baldrige of Omaha. It provides a minimum sentence of three years for auto theft and makes possession of a motor car with an engine number removed or mutilated prima facie evidence of theft or knowledge of theft.

### County Agents Furnish Topic for Hot Debate

#### Variety of Subjects Enlivens Session of State Senate—Sentiment Against Present System.

Lincoln, Jan. 25.—(Special).—A wide variety of subjects enlivened the proceedings of the state senate today, but the question of county agents provided most of the fireworks. The Wittke bill, which is designed to give county boards a greater degree of latitude in the appropriation of funds to carry on the work of the county agents, furnished the inspiration for an hour's debate, which ended fruitlessly with the bill being returned to the committee to again be redrafted.

Sentiment creeping out indicated considerable resentment against the present system.

**Bills Advanced.**  
These bills were advanced to third reading:

S. F. 38, Fries—Authorizes deposit of excess tax moneys for school bonds.

S. F. 61, Robbins—Makes it a misdemeanor to tap a water or gas main.

S. F. 40, Tomak—Requiring administrators and executors to file inventories of properties.

S. F. 7, Wittke—Authorizing loaning of accumulated county public building tax funds. Amended to prohibit letting contracts until at least 70 per cent of the tax money is actually collected.

S. F. 12, which proposes a slash in the pay of state officers, is meeting with rough sailing. It was again in the limelight today, when Senator Gumb moved it be recommitted for specific amendment. Gumb is seeking to unite the warring factions in the senate by leaving the governor's salary at its present figure of \$7,500.

### Paying Supreme Court Justices \$6,000 Instead of Present Salary of \$7,500, and the \$5,500 Proposed in the Bill, and District Judges \$4,500 Instead of the Present Rate of \$5,000 and the \$4,000 Proposed by Wittke's Bill.

These bills were brought out on general file:

S. F. 20, Reed—Prohibits third degree methods by police officials and the photographing of people suspected of criminal offenses.

S. F. 65, Cooper and Anderson—Making a properly recorded instrument conveying real estate, in which a defect occurs, valid after 10 years.

S. F. 88, Saunders—Specifies the qualifications for the successor of Senator-elect R. B. Howell of the metropolitan water board of Omaha.

Fourteen new bills were introduced at today's session.

### Timme Bill Designates Site for State Aid Bridge

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special).—The legislature would designate a spot near Yutan as the site for a state aid bridge across the Platte connecting Saunders and Douglas counties under a bill introduced in the lower house today by Timme of Omaha. A similar bill was introduced by Omaha members two years ago at the solicitation of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Building of the bridge was postponed by the special session of the legislature held last winter.

### Butterfat in Ice Cream Bill Again Introduced

Lincoln, July 25.—(Special).—The butterfat bill is back in the legislative mill again. A bill reducing butterfat content in ice cream from 14 to 12 per cent and in fruit ice cream from 12 to 10 per cent was filed. A similar bill was introduced two years ago. It was killed.

### Jacoby Bill Killed

Lincoln, Jan. 25.—(Special).—An attempt of I. W. Jacoby, Havelock, to get the lower house to override the death law given to a bill exempting farm improvements and city property up to the value of \$3,000 from taxation failed by a vote of 84 to 10.

### Poor Man Loser By Bryan Scheme

#### Representative Belding Sees No Hope for Hunters Not Possessed of Wealth.

Lincoln, Jan. 25.—(Special).—Hunting grounds for the poor man in Nebraska will soon be as scarce as snowballs underground, according to F. E. Belding, chairman house committee on fish and game.

What's more, Belding can see absolutely no hope for the man with limited purse under the Governor Bryan's policy of transferring fish and game

licenses to the general fund in an attempt to make a tax reduction with money collected by the McKelvie administration.

Belding, when he came to Lincoln, was filled to the brim with plans of multiplying duck lakes in the sand hills, have the state obtain leases on these lakes and thus provide hunting for the poor.

"It just can't be done now," Belding said.

Continuing, Belding outlined the present status of hunting in Nebraska. Duck lake after duck lake in the state is being leased either by an individual with unlimited money or hunting clubs composed of wealthy men. Such leases bar the poor fellow from the lakes during the open season.

Belding has studied the question. He has talked to hunters and they are unanimous in urging that the

state sink wells on morasses in the sand hills, thus creating duck lakes which would be leased or purchased and be maintained as state lakes. It was supposed the fish and game license money could be used for this purpose.

### Normal Schools Seek Additional \$40,000 Fund

Lincoln, Jan. 25.—(Special).—The house committee on education introduced a bill to give normal schools \$40,000 additional for use in the present biennium. This is money spent by certain normal schools in excess of budget appropriations. Former Governor McKelvie asserted he was assured by a majority of the state normal board that they would continue to operate through the biennium without asking for an appropriation, but the bill has gone in, just the same.

### New Land Tax Bill

Lincoln, Jan. 25.—(Special).—A bill designed to ascertain the actual value of land for taxation purposes was thrown into the hopper by Gumb of Dodge.

### Cooper Bill Would Give County Attorney More Help

Lincoln, Jan. 25.—(Special).—Senator Cooper of Omaha tossed a couple of bills into the senate hopper today affecting Douglas county.

Taking cognizance of the increased work of the county attorney's office, Cooper introduced S. F. 124, which increases the number of deputy county attorneys in Douglas county from five to eight, and gives the seven, besides the chief deputy, a salary of \$2,000 a year. The chief deputy is to receive \$2,500.

Another bill which Cooper introduced provides an increase of from \$1,600 to \$2,500, which the county attorney may spend in hiring private investigators.

### "No Fund" Check Bill

Lincoln, Jan. 25.—(Special).—A bank customer, who writes a "no fund" check without criminal intent on his regular bank, would be relieved of some of the present legal consequences under the provisions of a bill drawn by Anderson of Lancaster and George B. Hastings of Grant.

## Legislative Bills

### HOUSE BILLS.

H. R. 245, Roads and Bridges Committee—Providing a system of licensing for drivers of motor vehicles; requires a fee of 60 cents shall be paid either to city or county treasurer, dependent upon place of residence, permits to be numbered; in case of conviction of any person holding such permit for any violation of the motor vehicle laws, the magistrate shall cancel the permit; no new permit may be issued for 30 days; list of ineligible drivers shall be furnished weekly to city and county treasurers; penalty for failed statement in application not to exceed \$100.

H. R. 246, Roads and Bridges Committee—Strikes from present law provision that it shall be unlawful for a member of the county board in counties of more than 8,000 population to serve as county highway commissioner.

H. R. 247, Peterson and Ball—Changing the date of the biennial primary election of the county board in counties of more than 8,000 population to Tuesday in August.

H. R. 248, Miner—Reducing the butterfat in ice cream from 14 per cent to 12 per cent and of fruit cream from 12 per cent to 10.

H. R. 249, Miner—Giving to companies engaged in the manufacture and distribution of electric current the same right of condemnation of private property for their use as is now possessed by railroad companies.

H. R. 250, Colman—Providing that when the court imposes an indeterminate sentence upon a person convicted of crime the court shall prepare a report setting forth the reasons for an indeterminate rather than a fixed period of punishment, and that the court shall have the right to impose upon in any manner, the prisoner shall serve the maximum term provided for his crime and forfeit his right of parole.

H. R. 251, Amesoker and Others—Emergency appropriation of \$46,000 for the use of state normal schools hereafter levied upon the tax of the second-class or village to pay the cost of storm or water sewers or sewage disposal plants.

H. R. 252, Johnson—Declares notices to be legally published when they shall be published once a week in a daily paper for a number of weeks covering the number of days required by law.

H. R. 253, Hastings and Anderson—Persons issuing "no fund" checks may have right in court to show they had account in the bank against which it was issued 20 days prior to issuance, and may make restitution through the court, when prosecution shall be dropped upon payment of costs.

H. R. 254, Riefenrath—Authorizes married women to convey real and personal property and enter into any contract in the same manner as a married man may in relation to his real and personal property.

H. R. 255, Cooper—Strikes out from the marriage law the clause which requires the court to make independent investigation of default divorce cases.

H. R. 256, Cooper—Increases the number of deputy county attorneys in Douglas county from five to eight, and gives the seven besides the chief deputy a \$2,000 salary. Chief deputy receives \$2,500.

H. R. 257, Cooper—Increases from \$1,500 to \$2,500 the amount the county attorney of Douglas county may spend in hiring private investigators.

H. R. 258, Osborne—Authorizes creation of a state civil service commission of three members to serve without pay, appointed by governor with consent of senate, to examine and classify employees of the state. Act does not apply to officers elected by the people, officers appointed by courts or notary public, or of the legislature, or notary public, or to officers of the university, or appointed by the attorney general.

H. R. 259, Saunders—Rewrites the law providing proceedings for the dissolution of drainage districts as found in Article 6, Chapter 17, of the compiled statutes.

H. R. 260, Smith—Strikes out section 4679 of the statutes governing cities and towns which forbids the mayor and council from allowing more than 25 cents per square for publication of legal notices.

H. R. 261, Gumb—Actual taxable value of real estate shall be ascertained from the average prices paid for land at actual sale in a taxing district for a period of five years before the year of assessment.

H. R. 262, Denmore—Exempts from enrollment 75 per cent of wages instead of 80 per cent and provides that execution may be levied against property or wages if the court believes any person is going to leave any county, municipal, school district or township.

H. R. 263, Brooms—Provides that where a person has been declared insane by a competent board and is incapable of executing a deed, relinquishment of mortgage the courts may name a guardian.

H. R. 264, Bock and Others—Changes fees for testing animals for tuberculosis to \$1 each for the first five animals, 50 cents for the next 20 and 25 cents each for all in excess of 25 head.

H. R. 265, Wilson of Daves—Places rate for publication of legal notices in newspapers.

H. R. 266, Neff—Does away with precinct assessors and provides for filing tax schedules by mail with county assessor.

### SENATE BILLS.

S. F. 116, Robbins, Good and Banning—Designates the chairman of the department of horticulture of the state university instead of the secretary of the department of public works as a member and secretary of the state park board.

S. F. 117, Gumb—Makes county assessors eligible to two consecutive terms.

S. F. 118, Gumb—Raises the county attorney's salary in counties from 15,000 population to 20,000 population. Applies particularly to Douglas county. Same provision made on sheriff's salary.

S. F. 119, Purcell—To legalize bonds heretofore issued by any of the second-class or village to pay the cost of storm or water sewers or sewage disposal plants.

S. F. 120, Johnson—Declares notices to be legally published when they shall be published once a week in a daily paper for a number of weeks covering the number of days required by law.

S. F. 121, Hastings and Anderson—Persons issuing "no fund" checks may have right in court to show they had account in the bank against which it was issued 20 days prior to issuance, and may make restitution through the court, when prosecution shall be dropped upon payment of costs.

S. F. 122, Riefenrath—Authorizes married women to convey real and personal property and enter into any contract in the same manner as a married man may in relation to his real and personal property.

S. F. 123, Cooper—Strikes out from the marriage law the clause which requires the court to make independent investigation of default divorce cases.

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S. F. 125, Cooper—Increases from \$1,500 to \$2,500 the amount the county attorney of Douglas county may spend in hiring private investigators.

S. F. 126, Osborne—Authorizes creation of a state civil service commission of three members to serve without pay, appointed by governor with consent of senate, to examine and classify employees of the state. Act does not apply to officers elected by the people, officers appointed by courts or notary public, or of the legislature, or notary public, or to officers of the university, or appointed by the attorney general.

S. F. 127, Saunders—Rewrites the law providing proceedings for the dissolution of drainage districts as found in Article 6, Chapter 17, of the compiled statutes.

S. F. 128, Smith—Strikes out section 4679 of the statutes governing cities and towns which forbids the mayor and council from allowing more than 25 cents per square for publication of legal notices.

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