

**Prolonged Fight Waged in Senate on Third Degree**

**Reed Bill Is Sent to Third Reading With Series of Amendments Making Changes in Phraseology.**

Lincoln, Feb. 1 (Special).—The most prolonged fight of the senate occurred this afternoon, when the upper branch of the legislature sent S. F. 20, Perry Reed's bill striking at third-degree methods employed by law enforcement officers, to third reading.

The test vote came on the motion indefinitely to postpone the bill, which was defeated by a vote of 22 to 10. It was then ordered engrossed for third reading.

Practically the entire membership of the senate took part in the discussion and a series of amendments were offered to change the phraseology of the bill, the most important change being to substitute in the wording of the bill, the language "torture known as the third degree" instead of "mental and physical torture."

S. F. 12, the bill reducing salaries of state officers, which has been giving the senate a great deal of trouble, finally passed on third reading.

Smith's effort to reduce the pay of the governor from \$7,500 to \$6,000 failed, his amendment to that effect being defeated. In its present form supreme judges will draw \$6,000 and district judges and constitution state officers other than governor \$4,500.

Two measures designed to give farmers an incentive for killing crows were raised to the general file in the senate.

**Senate Files**

S. F. 177, McGowan—Gives state fire marshal greater authority over and supervision over rooming houses and moving picture theaters for fire prevention purposes.

S. F. 178, McGowan—Increases the requirements of study for a chiropractic license from three years of nine months each to four years of eight months each.

S. F. 179, Purcell—Permits to submit question of discontinuance of township organization to voters of county by signed by 250 legal voters, instead of 10 per cent of voters as at present.

S. F. 180, Purcell—Requires all public and private schools to give full credit toward diploma or degree upon applicants' passing examination and to arrange extension courses for nonresident students.

S. F. 181, Purcell—County boards of supervisors to appoint three persons on a real estate classification board, who prior to June, 1924, shall classify all parcels of land in 40-acre tracts for taxation purposes.

S. F. 182, Gumb—Amends pure food law. Requires that compounds, imitations or blends sold for food must be labeled stating ingredients.

S. F. 183, Gumb—Merchandisers giving coupons or premiums must secure license from the county clerk where store is located or goods sold.

S. F. 184, Bliss—Transfers fees from bank examinations from state general fund to the state banking bureau.

S. F. 185, Bliss—Reduces maximum interest rate to be paid on time deposits by state banks from 5 to 4 per cent.

S. F. 186, McIvor and Warner—Gives state fire warden complete supervision over the handling of gasoline and equipment used, including filling stations.

S. F. 187, Sturdevant—Forbids owners of race horses to contribute to purse which is to be distributed on the results of the race, and forbids all forms of gambling on horse races.

S. F. 188, Gumb—Prescribes detailed equipment in projection booths of movie houses as fire protection.

S. F. 189, Sturdevant—Prohibits moving picture theaters from opening on Sunday.

S. F. 190, Sturdevant—Prohibits opening of pool halls on Sunday.

S. F. 191, Chambers (by request)—Repeals mechanics' lien law.

S. F. 192, Chambers (by request)—Makers sand and other minerals in the bed of rivers the property of the state, without prejudicing the right of riparian land owners or owners by advance possession.

S. F. 193, Chambers—Forbids manufacture, sale or giving away of cigars.

S. F. 194, Chambers—Provides that storage houses must mark all outgoing food-stuffs that have been in storage more than 30 days, and all foods served by restaurants and hotels, which have been stored

more than 30 days must be so specified on the menu.

S. F. 196, Larkin—Removes gas and electrical fixtures from list of material which seller may secure a lien against property for collection.

S. F. 195, Larkin—Removes gas and tobacco licenses run for the calendar year.

S. F. 197, Caborn—Permits the creation of beet sugar mill districts.

S. F. 198, Anderson and Warner—In Lincoln fire equipment on schoolhouses shall be legal if complying with city ordinance.

S. F. 199, Anderson and Warner—Make Lincoln school warrants pay 6 per cent instead of 5 per cent.

S. F. 200, Allen—Repeals law fixing toll rate telephone charges on air mileage basis.

S. F. 201, Fries—To suppress bucket shops.

S. F. 202, by Five Omaha Senators—Provides that auto license money in Douglas county, 40 per cent to county roads, and 50 per cent to city for street improvement.

S. F. 203, Bliss—Excludes money actually invested in real estate mortgages and other authorized securities from the maximum liability of trust companies which must not exceed two-thirds of paid up capital.

S. F. 204, Bliss—Extending the law allowing an attorney's fee so as to apply to all companies in entire insurance field.

S. F. 205, Bliss—In cases of attachment right to attachment shall lie only in contracts, judgments or decrees made in Nebraska.

S. F. 206, Wilkings, by Request—Makes more definite the law requiring re-establishment of obliterated corners in land surveys.

S. F. 207, Robbins et al—Appropriating three-fourth of the funds derived from hunting and fishing licenses to the use of the department of agriculture for the propagation of fish and game, and one-fourth to the use of the state park board, for the acquisition and maintenance of parks.

S. F. 208, Kroh—Provides that lessee of school lands who has \$2,000 permanent improvement thereon may be eligible to purchase the land from the state.

S. F. 209, Kroh—Adds surplus to capital stock of banks as basis for determining amount of public funds may be deposited in banks.

S. F. 210, Kroh—Requires giving of bill of sale for all cattle and horses sold.

S. F. 211, Banning—Requires that adjustment premium paid by insured on emphysema liability insurance shall be based upon the entire payroll of the employer during the period the policy is in force.

S. F. 212, Good—Strikes out from present law, requirement that commandants at soldiers' homes be either civil or Spanish-American war veterans.

S. F. 213, Shallenberger—Changes assessment for support of county roads from 4 mills on the assessed valuation to 5 cents per capita and 8 cents in counties of less than 14,000 population.

S. F. 214, Meacham—Increases salary of clerks of villages from \$150 a year to \$180.

S. F. 215, Meacham—Requires counties construct crossroads or driveways 16 feet wide across ditches which interfere with an owner going to and from his premises to the public road.

S. F. 216, Richard—In counties having less than 50,000 a member of the county board shall be eligible to be county highway commissioner at a salary not to exceed \$5 a day, the entire expense of the office not to exceed \$1,500 a year.

S. F. 217, Cooper—Repeals present budget law, places it under department of finance and excludes form provisions, supreme court, the state university and four normal schools.

S. F. 218, Cooper—Provides that barber shop in a room where food stuff is shared or sold.

S. F. 219, Cooper—Gives courts discretionary power to fix amount of bonds to be given by receivers.

S. F. 220, Cooper—Bars any official board or commission from preventing any person from using any means or treatment he selects for the cure of disease.

S. F. 221, Cooper—Creates state bureau of forestry in college of agriculture, consisting of chancellor, dean of agriculture college, director of department of conservation and soil survey, and a state forester appointed by the chancellor. Bureau may establish state nurseries and propagate timber adaptable to Nebraska. Has supervision over all timber on public lands.

S. F. 222, Cooper—After selection of first 24 names, the balance of 36 names shall be retained and the clerk of the district court from which list the sheriff shall choose additional petit jurors.

S. F. 223, Cooper—District court may enter judgment in cases appealed from justice court under same procedure as from county court.

S. F. 224, Cooper—Authorizes register of deeds to place identification on evidence of debt filed for record and provides fee therefor.

S. F. 225, Cooper—Makes it duty of sheriff to summon jurors from remaining list furnished to clerk of district by county commissioners before drawing jurors from the body of the county.

S. F. 226, Kroh—Provides for appointment of a Nebraska commissioner by the governor to negotiate with Colorado on a settlement of the South Platte water rights, such settlement not to be binding until ratified by the two legislatures and by congress.

S. F. 227, Sturdevant—Authorizes a metropolitan utility district to supply electric energy outside the district.

S. F. 228, Larkin—Forbids telephone companies operating in one office within an incorporating city from charging tolls for calls between exchanges.

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