

Legislators Favor Auto Tax for State Roads

Lower House Kills Governor Bryan's Bill to Cut License Fee in Half.

By a Staff Correspondent.
Lincoln, Feb. 27.—(Special).—Partly fervor in the state legislature reached a new record today when democratic floor leaders attempted to place the Bryan bill cutting the auto license tax in half on general file over a recommendation for indefinite postponement by the house committee on roads and bridges.

The democratic motion failed by a vote of 52 to 46. Three democrats, Mitchell, Yochum, sr., and Yochum, jr., joined the republicans, while two republicans, Garber and Hardin, joined the democrats.

During the debate Governor Bryan was charged with spreading falsehoods broadcast over the state, either deliberately or through ignorance, in an effort to create sentiment for this bill.

False Statement Charged.

"It is high time we do something to curb our government, who through prejudice or ignorance of facts deliberately spreads false statements over the state," Representative Lamb asserted. This statement was preceded by reading a copy of a letter written by the treasurer of Seward county to the governor's secretary, in which the treasurer quoted facts and figures to prove that a charge made by Governor Bryan that \$20,000 of the 1921 auto license fund was lying dormant in the Seward treasury.

Democrats admitted the error of Bryan's statement that road maintenance could be carried on efficiently on one half of the present auto license funds and promised, if the pending bill passed, to support a new bill increasing licenses of motor trucks. It was charged such a bill was backed by railroads who wished to eliminate cheap transportation and competition from commercial trucks.

Road Maintenance Favored.

"No one can dispute the fact that right now many of the smaller and poorer western counties don't raise sufficient money from auto licenses to conform with federal maintenance and have to levy a tax to maintain roads," Representative Staats of Fremont asserted.

"We must maintain our roads, and it is either a question of having the autoists, users of roads, maintain them or vote an additional tax on land to keep the roads in shape. In some counties it may be true that auto license funds have been used to a certain degree for construction, but we have a remedial bill for that defect ready."

"Public sentiment, as represented by every county commissioner and man appearing before our road committee, favors adequate maintenance paid by the automobilists who use the roads. In keeping our roads up to standard, we aren't merely providing pleasure highways for the rich. We use roads to haul children to school, to haul grain to market and for all business transportation.

Representative Lundy of Custer county asserted that before the roads were built and maintained adequately, it took six gallons of gasoline to drive his car from Sargent to Broken Bow, a distance of 30 miles.

"Now, with good roads, it takes only three gallons," Lundy said, "and it doesn't take many 30-mile trips to save the auto tax which is responsible for keeping our roads in shape."

The farmer today can put an extra sideboard on his wagon and reduce hauls necessary to take his grain to market.

"The farmers in my county want the present tax on autos because they realize the necessity of good maintenance in order to save their investment in building good roads," Kiefer of Nuckolls said.

Osterman of Merrick and Bock of Butler argued for the Bryan bill. Their chief argument was that a reduction of auto license fees was a reduction in taxes, and that some of the auto license money had been spent for construction instead of maintenance.

Cut Government Cost, Aim of State

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Into departments. The second is that submitted by the governor, abolishing the code secretaries and distributing their duties among the various constitutional officers and a dozen or so deputies serving under the direction of the governor.

The third plan, designed by Representative T. B. Dysart of Omaha, and a committee of republicans, would simplify the code system along the lines of economy.

Would Cut Salaries.

Three departments would be retained under this committee plan but with reduced salaries. The finance department, whose duties connect with accounting, purchasing and budget making, would remain intact. So would the trade and commerce department which inspects banks and insurance companies. The governor would separate these functions, with himself at the head of the two deputies.

The public works department would be continued, with the governor authorized to appoint the commissioner of public lands and buildings to handle it, without any added salary. Then Dysart would combine the functions of the departments of agriculture, public welfare and labor in one office which would handle all the work of inspection.

At present, Governor Bryan has the advantage through his claims that his plan would save the taxpayers \$9,000,000 during his two-year term. Close examination reveals that less than \$600,000 of this amount would come from his revision of the code. Three million dollars of his claim arises from his proposal to cut the fees for automobile tags one-half. This proposal was defeated in the house today.

Most of this money goes to the counties for maintenance of roads and none of it is represented in the general tax bill.

Account for Showing.

Almost \$2,000,000 of the showing made by the governor is due to the fact that the fund for the relief of service men is now complete and will not be collected this year. Two millions more is cut off by his decision not to match the full amount of money with the federal government for building federal aid roads. His budget recommends cutting \$400,000 from the appropriations of the state university and normal schools and \$600,000 more off the state capitol commission. The railway commission, also separate from the code system, is slashed \$50,000 in his estimate. The public library commission, which circulates books in the rural districts, loses \$26,360.

A big item is eliminated by abandoning the method of eradicated tuberculosis among dairy cows and other livestock, which cost \$793,175 in the last biennium. This item alone is a larger amount than will be saved if the code departments are abolished, which suggests that after all, the code may not be as great an issue in the crusade to reduce taxes as some have believed.

Anti-Klan Bill Dies in Committee Without Roll Call

Measure Is Covered by Other Statutes, Is Pointed Out—Farm Agent Bill Advances.

Lincoln, Feb. 27.—(Special).—The anti-Klu Klux bill, which passed the house some time ago, died in the senate committee of the whole this afternoon without the formality of a roll call.

The bill, introduced in the house by Representative Strehlow of Omaha, has been amended to include the names of Tomek and Gumb in the senate, who were also sponsoring a similar bill. Tomek, in the course of discussion, defended the bill on the grounds that it prevented illegal action by mobs, but on questioning by Senator Robbins, admitted it was aimed at the klan.

Senator Cooper insisted that the present statutes against unlawful assemblies, impersonating an officer, and assault, fully covered the situation.

Senator Smrha said newspaper reports indicated the organization was one of superpatriots. He favored giving it more rope and letting it hang itself.

S. F. No. 9, the Wilcox county agent bill, was advanced to third reading in the senate. Warner's attempt to amend it by striking out the clause providing for a vote by the people, failed.

The bill now provides that farmers may petition for county agents every two years. The number of signers to the petition ranges from 100 to 600. If a remonstrance petition is signed by a fourth more, then the matter goes to vote. Expenses of the work are limited to \$3,500. The house has passed a similar bill providing for a referendum every year.

S. F. 52, by Chambers and Larkin, providing that the sheriff shall buy and the county board shall pay for supplies for feeding prisoners in Douglas county, and also reducing the mileage allowance in Douglas, Gage and Lancaster counties for the sheriff's office from 15 to 10 cents, was reported out to the general file.

The senate salaries and fees committee this afternoon acted favorably on the bill reimbursing former Lieutenant Governor Barrows for the time he spent as acting governor. The bill carries an appropriation of \$1,501.63.

Bill Requiring Judges to File Report Meets O. K.

Lincoln, Feb. 27.—(Special).—A bill which would force district and supreme court judges and members of their immediate families to report annually to the secretary of state the amount of corporation stock held was reported out with amendments with a favorable recommendation by the house judiciary committee. The amendments struck out that part of the bill calling for filing the stock held by members of the families.

Bill Cutting Number of State Solons Is Killed

Lincoln, Feb. 27.—(Special).—Omaha politicians and special interests were

blamed today by Representative Hardin for opposition to his bill which would reduce membership of the lower house to 50 and membership of the senate to 18.

Representative Hardin asserted that such a law, if passed, would reduce the Omaha membership to an equality in numbers with the membership from other counties. At present, Omaha has 13 members, which is more than double the number from any other city or county in the state. However, the bill was killed by a vote of 72 to 18.

Thomas Urged as Sears Successor

1,000 Committee Members Ask Bryan to Put Dry Worker on District Bench.

Lincoln, Feb. 27.—(Special).—Members of the committee of 5,000 of Omaha called on Gov. Charles W. Bryan today to boost for the appointment of Elmer E. Thomas of Omaha to the district judgeship to be vacated by Judge Willis G. Sears on March 4 when he goes to congress.

Members of the committee informed Governor Bryan they understood Harry Fleaharty and Ray Madden were being mentioned prominently by old line democratic politicians as possible appointees and they protested vehemently against the appointment of either, charging that they were friendly to the Mullen-Hitchcock machine in Omaha.

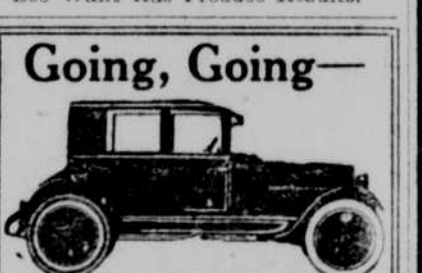
The governor also was informed that the appointment was supposed to be based on nonpartisan lines and is doubly important because Judge Sears' successor undoubtedly would handle juvenile court and the court of domestic relations.

The governor was reported to be highly displeased with members of the committee when they informed him that former Governor McKelvie in making appointments to district judgeships, stayed away from politics and based his appointments on a referendum of attorneys living in the district. They urged him to adopt this policy also.

Members of the delegation included Dr. Jennie Callias, F. D. Wead, Mrs. Will Graham and H. P. McIntosh.

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Arguments for Sarpy-Douglas Merger Heard

M. J. Beuder Spokesman for Annexationists—Opposition to Be Given Hearing Later.

Lincoln, Feb. 27.—(Special).—Arguments for the Sarpy county annexation bill, which would call for a referendum in Sarpy and Douglas counties on the question of annexation, were heard last night by the house committee on privileges and elections. Arguments against the bill will be heard later.

M. J. Beuder, R. F. D. 5, made the principal argument for annexation. He opened by pointing to fully a dozen persons opposed to annexation sitting near him.

"Practically everyone is a Sarpy county officeholder, a banker with Sarpy county funds in his bank, or interested financially in some way in seeing the two counties separated," Beuder said.

Beuder's chief argument was that Sarpy county couldn't afford the paving and improvements necessary for a county so near Omaha and that an-

nexed to Douglas county, with Douglas county paying fully 80 per cent of the paving tax, the county could improve. "The courthouse was built last year to ward off annexation," he said. "But it could be used as a seat of government if annexed, the same as public buildings in South Omaha have been used since annexation."

Beuder read a letter from E. T. Hughes, Graina banker, in which Hughes asserted that there was so much quarrelling and wire pulling in Sarpy county no improvement worth while could be accomplished until Sarpy county was annexed. He also presented petitions by Sarpy county residents asking for annexation.

"Oran Merrill of Gilmore described Sarpy county as 'the mudhole of the transcontinental highway.'" He asserted Sarpy county couldn't afford improvements. Others to appear in behalf of the bill were Perry M. Smith of Bellevue road and John Gilliam of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

Representative John R. Hughes announced the anti-annexation side would be presented later. Those at the meeting opposed to the annexation didn't care to express themselves. Hughes is against annexation.

Mother and Daughter Charged With Murder

Iowa City, Ia., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Mina Wertz and her daughter, Mrs. Robert Leeper, were arrested today on a bench warrant charging them with the murder of Roy Wertz on December 27.

Motion to Advance Hardin Proposal Loses in House

Introducer Arraigns Special Interests for Being Against Bill Reducing Representation in Legislature.

Lincoln, Feb. 27.—(Special).—Charging that "special interests" in Omaha and county politicians were banded against him, Representative Hardin of Franklin waged a hard but unsuccessful fight in the house today to advance his bill calling for reduction of lower house membership to 50 and senate membership to 18. The motion to advance was lost, 72 to 18.

"Most of our legislators are guided more by the selfish interests of county politicians or special interests in the larger cities than by a desire to aid the great majority of people," Hardin said. "And this will be true as long as our representative system is based upon county units in a majority of cases."

"I know special interests in Omaha are guarding their present representation of 13 in the house and five in the senate with jealousy and are fighting

this bill because it would reduce their representation in the legislature.

"I had an Omaha member promise me a few days ago to support my bill. Later he approached me and said that they didn't want such a bill in Omaha. The same is true of politicians in all counties. They are against the bill."

After the legislative reduction bill was killed Hardin moved to indefinitely postpone two other measures, one providing for redistricting the state in conformity with his key bill and the other calling for electing one-half the house and one-half the senate membership every two years.

An amendment by Beushausen to transform the law making bodies into an assembly of 100 members lost by a vote of 72 to 18.

Those supporting the Hardin bill follow: Baldridge, Broome, Davis, Fillmore, Green, Hardin, Hayes, Huefle, Jacoby, Keyes, Morgan, Neff, North, O'Gara, Orr, Osterman, Polard, Smith, Staats.

Bill Giving Town Right to Sue State Introduced

Lincoln, Feb. 27.—(Special).—Today the last day for entering appropriation or claims bills witnessed introduction of a bill by the claims committee giving city of Chadron the right to sue the state for \$13,000 lost, alleged to have been suffered by the city as result of building of a state highway.

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