

BIG BUDGET IS NOW READY

General Appropriation Bills Completed by House Committee.

SAVES NEARLY TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND

Figures Generally Cut Under the Allowances Made Two Years Ago for Running the State Institutions.

LINCOLN, Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The finance, ways and means committee has completed another meeting tonight.

It has completed the general appropriation bills and will likely introduce them tomorrow. Under provisions of the recess taken by the house tonight the committee has until Monday to get in its bills. The following table shows the amounts appropriated by the present legislature compared with the sums made in 1895.

Table with 2 columns: Department and Amount. Rows include Departments, Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, State Treasurer, etc.

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The decrease in the State departments at the capital amounts to \$26,250. The decrease in the amounts appropriated for the State institutions in 1897 is \$170,992, a decrease from the 1895 appropriation bill of \$197,342.

The committee considered the question of cutting the salaries of three of the stenographers in the supreme court room from \$1,000 to \$800, but finally left the salaries at \$800 apiece. One hundred dollars was added to the salary of the governor's private secretary. It having been cut from \$2,000 to \$1,500.

SENATORS DO LOTS OF WORK.

Committee Reports and Other Routine Work Done Here Out of the House.

LINCOLN, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—In the senate this morning a large amount of routine work was transacted. The list of bills on general file was considerably lengthened by the addition of numerous bills reported from standing committees.

From the committee on miscellaneous corporations Mr. Fritz reported the following bills: Senate file No. 187, introduced by Howell, authorizing certain cemetery associations to purchase lands; senate file No. 147, also by Howell, providing for the creation of a board of examiners for railroad telegraphers; senate file No. 269, by McGinn, taking the power to appoint the superintendent and manager of the state telegraph to the people minded from the board of public lands and buildings and vesting it in the hands of the governor; senate file No. 149, by Howell, providing for the employment of railroad telegraphers who are under 18 years of age.

Mr. Deering, chairman of the committee on claims, announced that he completed after due consideration, had decided to make no recommendation as to the claims of the attorneys, stenographers and notaries in the contest proceedings which were instituted by John J. Coffey against Senator Evans. The amount of the claims aggregates about \$3,800. The whole matter was at the request of the committee referred to the committee of the whole.

From the committee on miscellaneous sub-

jects, Mr. Johnson reported house roll No. 69 providing for public sale and the appointment of a weighmaster, with the recommendation that it be placed on general file.

From the committee on immigration, Mr. Maffey reported senate file No. 197, introduced by Ransom, and providing for a state board of immigration, with a secretary at a salary of \$2,000 per annum. At the request of the committee the bill was sent to the general file.

From the committee on miscellaneous corporations Mr. Fritz made a favorable recommendation on senate file No. 187, introduced by Howell, and providing for the descent and alienation of cemetery lots.

From the committee on library Mr. Canaday recommended the passage of senate file No. 202, by Graham, providing for the establishment of public libraries in school districts; the same committee also made a favorable recommendation on senate file No. 201, by Dundas.

Mr. Canaday, from the committee on education, reported two bills, one being senate file No. 211, by Graham, and the other senate file No. 249, by Caldwell, both authorizing the board of public lands and buildings to acquire lands for the purpose of establishing a public library in each county.

The committee asked that the bills go to the general file without recommendation. The same committee also recommended the introduction of senate file No. 273, introduced by Ransom, relating to the power of school boards.

Mr. Schaal, chairman of the committee on highways, reported senate file No. 227, by Peltz, providing for the opening of public roads near a section line, when such section line is obstructed by trees or other improvements, without recommendation. The bill was sent to the general file.

SOME RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED.

The committee reports having been finished, Mr. Canaday introduced a concurrent resolution, providing that one day in each year be set apart by the public schools of the state and devoted to the study of birds and birds.

Senator Haller of Washington introduced the following joint resolution, which was read the first time under the previous order of the day.

Resolved, That one-tenth of the sugar consumed in the United States is purchased in this country and the state of Nebraska, and that the production of sugar and the cultivation of the sugar cane in this state is one of the highest grades of sugar therefrom, and that it is the duty of the legislature to encourage the same.

When the judgment, decree or order directs the sale or delivery of the possession of real estate, the court or judge thereof in valuation shall prescribe, conditioned that the sale shall not be made until the expiration of ten days without delay and will not, during the pendency of such appeal, be subject to be committed any waste upon such real estate, and if the judgment be affirmed, the court or judge thereof in valuation shall prescribe the manner of the occupation of the property from the date of the undertaking until the delivery of the possession of the same to the judgment and all costs.

The passage of the bill was advocated by Messrs. Murray, Gering and Lee, and was vigorously opposed by Messrs. McGinn, Graham, Beal and Lee. The debate continued until nearly 5 o'clock.

That the committee rise and report the bill back to the senate with the recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed.

On reports from standing committees the following bills were recommended to pass: House roll No. 428, by Zimmerman, relating to the prohibition of the sale of liquor; house roll No. 429, by Yelzer, to prohibit the sale of liquor; house roll No. 430, by Zimmerman, relating to the prohibition of the sale of liquor; house roll No. 431, by Phelps, providing for the prohibition of the sale of liquor.

The following were ordered to the general file: House roll No. 38, by Zimmerman, providing for the prohibition of the sale of liquor; house roll No. 39, by Wimbler, relating to the prohibition of the sale of liquor; house roll No. 286, by Sheldon, for the establishment of public libraries in school districts.

House roll No. 426, by Curtis, providing for subcontractors and laborers' lien upon lands; house roll No. 427, by Liddell, to provide that state work on state lands shall be done by contract; house roll No. 428, by Phelps, providing for the prohibition of the sale of liquor.

House roll No. 429, by Yelzer, to prohibit the sale of liquor; house roll No. 430, by Zimmerman, relating to the prohibition of the sale of liquor; house roll No. 431, by Phelps, providing for the prohibition of the sale of liquor.

House roll No. 432, by Curtis, providing for subcontractors and laborers' lien upon lands; house roll No. 433, by Liddell, to provide that state work on state lands shall be done by contract; house roll No. 434, by Phelps, providing for the prohibition of the sale of liquor.

House roll No. 435, by Kapp, authorizing the board of public lands and buildings to accept certain lands for the Fort Randall military reservation, was ordered on the floor for its reading.

House roll No. 436, by Curtis, providing for subcontractors and laborers' lien upon lands; house roll No. 437, by Liddell, to provide that state work on state lands shall be done by contract; house roll No. 438, by Phelps, providing for the prohibition of the sale of liquor.

House roll No. 439, by Yelzer, to prohibit the sale of liquor; house roll No. 440, by Zimmerman, relating to the prohibition of the sale of liquor; house roll No. 441, by Phelps, providing for the prohibition of the sale of liquor.

House roll No. 442, by Curtis, providing for subcontractors and laborers' lien upon lands; house roll No. 443, by Liddell, to provide that state work on state lands shall be done by contract; house roll No. 444, by Phelps, providing for the prohibition of the sale of liquor.

House roll No. 445, by Kapp, authorizing the board of public lands and buildings to accept certain lands for the Fort Randall military reservation, was ordered on the floor for its reading.

House roll No. 446, by Curtis, providing for subcontractors and laborers' lien upon lands; house roll No. 447, by Liddell, to provide that state work on state lands shall be done by contract; house roll No. 448, by Phelps, providing for the prohibition of the sale of liquor.

House roll No. 449, by Yelzer, to prohibit the sale of liquor; house roll No. 450, by Zimmerman, relating to the prohibition of the sale of liquor; house roll No. 451, by Phelps, providing for the prohibition of the sale of liquor.

House roll No. 452, by Curtis, providing for subcontractors and laborers' lien upon lands; house roll No. 453, by Liddell, to provide that state work on state lands shall be done by contract; house roll No. 454, by Phelps, providing for the prohibition of the sale of liquor.

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House roll No. 459, by Yelzer, to prohibit the sale of liquor; house roll No. 460, by Zimmerman, relating to the prohibition of the sale of liquor; house roll No. 461, by Phelps, providing for the prohibition of the sale of liquor.

reading had been passed, senators began to discuss the order of bills on third reading.

The Keynote File company of Chicago completed its work on the Nebraska state legislature had only ordered 300 bill files, whereas this state had ordered in the past 400 files for each session.

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Attorney General Takes Steps to Recover the Missing Cash.

LINCOLN, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Attorney General Smith this afternoon filed a petition in the district court of Lancaster county in a civil suit against ex-Auditor Eugene Moore and his bondsmen, John E. Hill, W. C. Miller, John Taylor, John B. Wright and William L. Dayton.

The petition recites that Moore took the cash of office as auditor January 3, 1895, and that he then duly executed the bond and notepaper for 1896. The report is by far the most complete and satisfactory document of the kind that has ever issued from the comptroller's office.

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Marries a Child of Fifteen.

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