

\$2,500 Limit Is Put on Salaries Of All Deputies

Senate Rejects Plan to Increase Wages of State Officers to \$2,750 A Year.

Lincoln, March 18.—(Special).—The best salary that deputy officers, secretaries of state boards and the governor's secretary can get from the present legislature is \$2,500 a year. Deputies now get \$1,800 and secretaries up to \$2,200.

The salary bill, H. R. 404, originally drafted to bring the salaries of these officials up to \$3,000, but which the house amended down to \$2,500, was advanced to third reading by the senate committee of the whole after a senate fees and salaries committee amendment to make it \$2,750 had failed by 10 to 13.

Bushee Urges Increase. Senator B. K. Bushee of Kimball took the floor in behalf of the increase. He said this was only to make up for the low pay of the past, and the deputies, on whom the burden of the work fell, should receive at least 60 per cent of the \$5,000 received by their superior officers. He was supported by Senators Norval, Humphrey and Ulrich.

Senators Halderman, Harris and Brown argued that the present time, with salaries in other lines dropping, was inopportune for the legislature to raise salaries.

The senate also advanced to third reading H. R. 618, a bill appropriating \$30,000 to make up the constitutional salaries of state officials, and supreme and district judges, which went into effect on a \$5,000 basis last January.

Postpone Measures. The senate accepted reports of committees recommending indefinite postponement of S. F. 250, making

Douglas county treasurer ex-officio treasurer of school board and water district, receiving \$500 extra from each source, and S. F. 340, to place heat and power utilities under the control of the Nebraska railway commission.

S. F. 182, a bill to require electric wiring to conform to the national electrical code, was killed.

The committee of the whole placed H. R. 70, increasing county judge's salaries, back on the senate basis, increasing house salaries about \$200 each, and so advanced it to third reading.

Other bills advanced to third reading were:

H. R. 99.—Repealing dead timber in juvenile court law.

H. R. 289.—Allowing George Alt-house, father of four children, who lost a leg from exposure while serving time in the Nebraska penitentiary, \$2,500 damages.

H. R. 162.—Permitting Dawson county to issue \$50,000 in warrants to pay excess-cost of bridges over amount of bonds issued.

S. F. 327.—To permit the Kimball county high school district to issue \$10,000 in warrants to cover the excess cost over the \$125,000 bond issue for a new building.

Minden School Celebrates Winning of Championship. Minden, Neb., March 18.—(Special).—The high school here made a gala day of the return of the basketball team from the state tournament with the Class D championship cup.

A rally was held in the high school auditorium followed by a victory march with the team occupying seats of honor on a truck followed by the entire school singing and giving school yells. Banners and trophies won by the school in other activities were carried by the student body.

Omaha Municipal Judges' Salary Raised to \$3,000. Lincoln, March 18.—(Special Telegram).—The Randall-Haskell bill to raise salaries of municipal judges in Omaha to \$3,000 passed the lower house in committee of the whole with committee amendments attached which cut proposed salaries to \$3,000 a year.

Randall Throws Monkey-Wrench Into Rent Probe

Motion Tabled to Allow Investigating Committee Expense Money; Body Will Pay Own Way.

Lincoln, March 18.—(Special).—Representative Randall for the second time during the session threw a monkey-wrench in the rent investigation committee's plan when he moved today to table a motion by Representative Harry Foster to pay the expenses of the committee to Omaha for two days. The Randall motion carried.

Randall's fight against the comparatively small expense involved in the Omaha trip roused the ire of Representative Mickey, a member of the committee.

"We don't want your money, we'll pay our own expenses," Mickey shouted.

And the committee unanimously agreed tonight it would go to Omaha at its own expense to investigate alleged charges of rent profiteering.

"All of our complaints have come from Omaha," Foster said.

The committee will be in Omaha Thursday and Friday next week, it was announced. At that time all tenants and all landlords will be given an opportunity to be heard. Meetings will be held in the city hall at Omaha.

Members of the committee are: Robertson, Mickey, Jear, Reed and Foster.

Report Out Judicial Bill. Lincoln, March 18.—(Special Telegram).—The senate judicial apportionment bill providing nine district judges in Douglas county was reported out of the house sitting committee tonight.

Bill to Incorporate Greek Letter Bodies Is Amended in Senate

Lincoln, March 18.—(Special).—The Theta Nu Epsilons and five other university Greek letter societies left out of H. R. 240, which permitted other college societies, states lodges and the American Legion to become corporations, were placed in the bill when the senate took it up for discussion in committee of the whole Friday morning.

The other societies restored are Alpha Omega, Pi Kappa Delta, Zeta Beta Tau, Kappa Psi and Sigma Delta Chi.

Senator Cooper sent up an unsigned amendment to include the Nonpartisan league, and Senator Otto Ulrich, league member in the senate, said he was willing. When Senator Cooper saw his joke might be taken seriously he repudiated it.

Senator Hoagland volunteered as its foster father.

The motion to so amend was lost, however, and the bill went to third reading.

Municipal Election Measure is Amended

Lincoln, March 18.—(Special).—The senate committee of the whole Friday undid H. R. 182, providing that mayors in towns of 1,000 to 5,000 be elected for two years, beginning this year, and revamped it with these provisions:

Mayor to be elected for a two-year term instead of one year, beginning in 1922.

Mayor and council may employ business manager.

Terms of clerk and treasurer changed to two years to conform to mayor.

City engineer withdrawn from elective class and made appointive, in the same class with the city attorney and the street overseer.

In this form, the bill was advanced to third reading.

Hoagland Blue Sky Bill Made Special Order

Senate Committee Reports Out Anderson's Measure Abolishing Administration License Feature.

Lincoln, March 18.—(Special).—Weary of waiting for the senate committee on miscellaneous corporations to report out the administration's blue sky bill, S. F. 285, so that the three measures in the senate could be considered together, Senator Hoagland demanded Friday that S. F. 310, his bill to abolish the state bureau of securities, be taken up as a special order next Monday.

A motion to that effect carried before the senate adjourned at noon, to reconvene at 2 p. m., Monday.

The committee reported out Senator Anderson's bill, S. F. 1, Friday morning. This bill abolishes the license feature of blue sky administration, in order to prevent promoters from using it as an official endorsement of their scheme.

The administration bill in the house, H. R. 408, has just been advanced to third reading in that body, and the senate committee had planned to await the house bill, instead of placing the senate file, covering the same ground, S. F. 285, on the general file.

Senator Hoagland's bill has been on the general file for some days. It had been the understanding with the committee that all the blue sky bills should be reported out and considered together.

Sugar Production in Nebraska Increases

Lincoln, March 18.—(Special).—Production of beet sugar in Nebraska increased 32 per cent in 1920, over the previous year, according to final statistics made public by Secretary L. C. Stahr of the state department of agriculture.

The state produced 179,035,500 pounds of sugar last year, as against 121,709,000 pounds the year before. The acreage increased from 59,253 to 71,730 and the beet tonnage from 600,669 to 714,210.

Nebraska produced 8 per cent of the beet sugar output in the United States, the secretary says, while the United States crop in 1920 exceeded by 53 per cent the crop of the previous year.

Douglas Primary Bill Passed By Lower House. Lincoln, March 18.—(Special Telegram).—The primary bill introduced by Douglas of Polk passed the lower house on third reading by a vote of 53 to 42 barely enough to make up the necessary constitutional majority.

Nonpartisan league and democrats voted in a body against the measure and "Alfalfa John" Franklin predicted in the event of the bill's passage in the senate a referendum would be called and the legislature's work reinitiated. The bill provides for choosing three candidates for each office at party conventions and placing their names on the primary ballot.

Build Consolidated School. Lodgepole, Neb., March 18.—(Special).—The consolidated school district case, having been settled favorably, patrons of the district have begun preliminary steps towards the construction of a new modern building.

Laughter and Tears Feature Summing Up In "Battle" Trials

Williamson, W. Va., March 18.—As the summing up process of the Matewan battle trials went on, Sid Hatfield, Matewan chief of police, and his 15 companions being tried on indictments in connection with the death last May of Albert C. Feltz, a private detective shot during a pistol fight, laughed and wept, in changing emotions.

The court room could not shelter all those who sought admission, so great was the interest in what is said to be the most important criminal trial ever held in West Virginia.

When adjournment was taken until tomorrow it was the general opinion that the jury would receive the case not later than 1 o'clock, Saturday afternoon.

Primary Election Bill Is Advanced by Senate. Lincoln, March 18.—(Special).—With an amendment to permit Douglas and Lancaster county party committees to fill vacancies in precincts, S. F. No. 286, a bill drafted to allow the state party convention to choose candidates for each state office in the primary election, was advanced to third reading in the senate Friday morning.

Another amendment limits the nominations to state officers, and strikes out a provision to include the legislative ticket.

Suspends Publication. Lodgepole, Neb., March 18.—(Special).—Owing to lack of financial support of business men, "The Pride

of the West," a high school publication, recently begun here, has been discontinued.

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