

RETAILERS MAP CAMPAIGN FOR REPEAL OF TAX

Indiana Business Men Swarm Through Statehouse, Lose Skirmish.

Repulsed in attempting to gain legislative redress from what they term inequalities of the gross income tax law, as it applies to their business, retailers today were laying out a campaign to obtain tax revision at a later special session of the General Assembly this year or in the regular 1937 session.

Retailers swarmed by hundreds on the Statehouse yesterday in an organized demonstration before the Legislature, and succeeded in setting off in the House the most exciting fireworks of the session.

Appearance of retailer spokesmen in the House in a demand for gross income tax repeal, resulted in a motion from Rep. Will J. Price (R., Onward), that the Kirch-Patterson gross income tax repeal bill be brought out of committee immediately without recommendation. Then Rep. Carl Woodward (D., Michigan City), moved to table the motion.

Evans Is Applauded

Rep. H. H. Evans, Newcastle, Republican caucus chairman, and announced candidate for Governor, endorsed repeal consideration in an impassioned address to the accompaniment of repeated bursts of applause from the hundreds of retailers packing the galleries.

Rep. Joseph A. Andrew (R., Lafayette), one of the most astute, both politically and legislatively, of the minority, immediately put the majority "on the spot" by demanding a roll call on the motion to table considerations.

As the call proceeded, Democratic Representatives sprung up like muskrats to explain their votes. They were unanimous in insisting they felt they must vote against considering the repealer now, because the session was called for social security purposes solely.

Republicans Explain Votes

Republicans explained their votes in favor of consideration, saying they were not consulted in calling the session, and that they felt tax repeal or any other legislative action was pertinent.

When it appeared the retailers might gain their objective, two majority members, Rep. William J. Black, Anderson, and Rep. Edward J. Braun, Fort Wayne, switched their votes and swung back to the administration.

The final vote was 47 to 41 to table consideration at this session, and a clincher motion was applied by Rep. Woodward to prevent attempts to revive the bill.

Retailers left muttering threats of political retaliation against representatives who "voted wrong" in their opinion.

The repeated comment was: "Just wait until the election."

Earlier, Walter J. Mercer, local Retail Meat and Grocers Association president, and Edward Dirks, association legislative chairman, had been in the House and Senate for repeat.

Group Calls on Governor

While hundreds of retailers crowded the Statehouse corridors in noisy confusion, a group of approximately 100, mostly grocers, talked to Gov. McNutt in the executive offices, and asked him to do something about the law which they said is confiscatory and driving them out of their own ranks.

When it was suggested a sales tax would be the inevitable result if the gross income tax law were repealed, one protestant loudly asserted: "A man with nine children can't pay a sales tax."

A man in the rear of the group crowding the Governor's desk rejoined: "What about me, I've got eight."

The Governor told the grocers he was fully cognizant of the difficulties they face under the law, but insisted the income levy is more equitable than a sales tax that might be necessary if the law were repealed.

While the Governor sparred verbally with his questioners, a police guard withheld hundreds of other protestants who crowded lower floor corridor near his offices.

Roll Call Result

The vote to table consideration of the bill follows:

AYES

Democrats—Barrett, Barry, Bauer, Baumgartner, Black, Braun, Colbert, Datterer, Downey, Egan, Gettinger, Gibbons, Griffith, Gutwiller, Hill, Hoffman, Kent, Linke, Lomont, Lutz, Modisett, Moore, Morgan, Morris, Nicholson, Nordhoff, Pickens, Radabaugh, Randall, Reichmann, Richardson, Rockey, Sahn, Shaffer, Sigler, Smith, Stanton, Stephens, Sturm, Thompson of Adams, Wolf.

INDIANA RETAILERS LOSE FIGHT FOR GROSS INCOME TAX REPEAL



RUST BROTHERS ARE ACCLAIMED FOR AMBITIONS

Praise Coupled With Some Skepticism About Cotton-Picker.

BY DANIEL M. KIDNEY
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Universal praise for the Rust brothers of Memphis, who have revealed their intention to socialize the profits and labor-saving advantages claimed for their mechanical cotton-picker, was voiced here today by government and labor officials. But the praise was coupled with some skepticism about the extent to which such a machine might support men.

One of the New Deal's chief social planners said that machines already are displacing labor on the plantations and that perfection of the cotton-picker is bound to augment the problem.

This official, who declined to be quoted by name, suggested that the government, through its taxing power, is the best agency to solve such social problems.

Aim Seen as Difficult

While praising the Rust brothers, he declared that it would be difficult for any individual concern to socialize the benefits of its product. The only avenue the government offers for altruistic inventors is to establish public patents, he said. This would permit any one to manufacture the picker, but it would not accomplish what the Rust brothers seek.

He endorsed the Rust idea of establishing worker-owned corporate farms where all mechanical aids to production could be utilized for the benefit of those who labor on the land.

Experts at the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering asserted that a European war, re-establishing the war-time export cotton market, might speed the use of mechanical cotton pickers, but they saw no immediate picker of their use becoming widespread.

"The problem of labor displacement by mechanical pickers seems remote," said R. B. Gray, chief of the mechanical equipment division.

"None of them has reached the point where its use is about to become widespread. They never have been perfected to that point, although one of the big farm machinery concerns has spent three million on the problem."

W. M. Hurst, of the same division, who has made many field inspections of various cotton-pickers but has not seen the Rust brothers' work, declared that the delta country around Memphis is ideal for introduction of such machines.

"But there are sociological problems in the South that must be considered deterring factors," he declared. "One is the large Negro population, which many planters feel must be fed and provided with work.

They Are Indispensable

"They are indispensable in 'chopping cotton' and other techniques of cultivation and therefore they will continue to be employed in picking, since the cultivation requires more hands than the picking of cotton."

"In addition there is the small white farmer, whose 20 or 30 acres isn't large enough to support mechanical equipment."

Mr. Hurst said he had heard of the Rust brothers and knew them to be genuinely interested in preventing any social suffering being caused by their mechanical picker.

Gardner Jackson, formerly with the AAA Consumers' Counsel and now chairman of the National Committee on Rural Social Planning, expressed "profound admiration" for the Rusts.

"The program of co-operative farming which they preach is one in which we firmly believe. If their attitude of denial toward monetary profits and self-aggrandizement was shared by any of the important cotton plantation interests, the South would not now be facing a situation which threatens to resolve itself only through bloodshed and more misery."

The brothers' offer was highly

OFFICIAL WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau

Sunrise 6:01 | Sunset 5:49

TEMPERATURE

—March 12, 1936—

7 a. m. —Today—

6 a. m. 33 10 a. m. 31

7 a. m. 31 11 a. m. 32

8 a. m. 31 12 (Noon) 33

9 a. m. 32 1 p. m. 32

10 a. m. 29.51 1 p. m. 29.58

Precipitation 24 hrs, ending 7 a. m.00

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 4.72

Deficiency since January 1 2.37

OTHER CITIES AT 7 a. m.

Station. Weather. Bar. Temp.

Albuquerque, N. M. Clear 30.06

Bismarck, N. D. Rain 29.44

Boston Rain 52

Chicago Rain 34

Cincinnati Cloudy 30.56

Denver Clear 30.08

Florida City, Fla. Rain 29.76

Helena, Mont. PtCloudy 29.82

Jacksonville, Fla. Rain 29.44

Las Vegas Rain 29.42

Little Rock, Ark. Clear 30.04

Los Angeles Clear 29.92

Montgomery, Ala. Rain 29.66

Minneapolis Snow 29.62

Mobile, Ala. Clear 30.06

Montgomery, Ala. Rain 29.50

New York Foggy 30.36

Omaha, Neb. Clear 30.20

Pittsburgh Rain 30.48

Portland, Ore. Rain 29.98

San Antonio, Tex. Cloudy 29.98

San Francisco PtCloudy 29.98

Seattle Rain 29.92

Tampa, Fla. Rain 29.40

Washington, D. C. Rain 29.44

WEISS, MURRAY TRADE PUNCHES

'My Boy Win Easy,' Claim of One of Senator's Seconds.

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JOB BILL MAY HELP STRIKERS

Amendment Is Drafted to Give Aid to Workers Locked Out.

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has passed the House. Others objected against what they termed "too hasty consideration."

The result was that the majority agreed to confer before reconvening at 2 to decide future procedure. The demand for "no action and less talk" was voiced by Senator William E. James (D., New Albany).

Senator E. Curtis White (D., Indianapolis) countered with the assertion that "if we stay here the entire 40 days possible and get a good bill, the time and money will not be wasted. If we hurry things through to save time and expense, and get a bad bill, we've wasted just that much time and money."

The insurance bill is to be passed finally by the House tomorrow and sent to the Senate. The public health bill also is scheduled for passage tomorrow by the House and will be ready for the Governor, the

Senate.

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The Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce issued a statement to day attacking results, according to methods of distribution under which gross income tax collections are returned to the local units.

The chamber pointed out what it termed the "serious and unfair" discrimination against taxpayers in the more densely populated areas.

The statement said, in part:

"In 1935 Marion County gross income taxpayers were forced to sur

render approximately \$4,000,000 to the state tax treasury. Of this

large sum less than \$850,000 was

returned by the state to Marion

County to apply on governmental

costs by local units of government.

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ATTORNEY IS BANKRUPT

Albert Asche, attorney, 3241 N.

New Jersey-st., today filed a

petition in bankruptcy, listing assets of \$10,337 and liabilities of \$17,917.

FOR FORMATION OF LAW GROUP UP TO SENATE

Commission Would Co-operate With Other States on Legislation.

A resolution to establish a com

mission to act on behalf of Indiana

with other states for a uniformity

of laws is in the Senate today after

passage in the House.

The commission is to consist of

five members of the House, five

from the Senate, and five persons

appointed by Gov. McNutt.

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