

House Committee to Push Recovery Bills; New Change Proposed in Auto Gadget Law

Eight Measures in Lower House Lack Support Of Administration.

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for the regular session next winter. The House passed a resolution calling on President Roosevelt, Postmaster General Farley, Indiana congressmen and the Federal Government in general to use Indiana limestone on public works projects throughout the country wherever possible.

Lieut. Gov. Schricker called the Senate to order at 10:20 a.m. with 45 Senator present.

Health Study Set

Recommendation of the Senate Finance Committee that the Administration-sponsored measures to redistribute welfare costs and establish a tuberculosis hospital for southern Indiana be considered by the Senate sitting as a committee of the whole was adopted.

Both Republican and Democratic Senators objected to consideration of the four Administration measures by the committee of the whole until a time when a 15-minute recess was called.

A "heckling" resolution to "forgive U.S. Senator VanNys for his stand on the President's Supreme Court reorganization bill" was introduced by Senator Ralph H. Jernigan (R. Mishamaka). It was defeated only after a roll call vote.

In the session's final hour, the majority side, the resolution brought laughter from the gallery as it was read. Senators E. Curtis White (D. Indianapolis) and Jacob Weiss (D. Indianapolis) attempted to have the measure killed before it came to a vote.

The tally showed 11 Republicans voted for and 33 Democrats against the resolution. It was the first roll call of the session for the Senate.

Study Security Costs

Senate and House committees still are discussing the measure to redistribute social security costs to relieve counties of a portion of this burden and to set up administrative machinery for establishment of a tuberculosis hospital for southern Indiana.

As introduced, the bill to redistribute welfare costs does not limit to \$2,000,000 the distribution to be made by the State to the counties. Under the formula provided, for this amount, \$2,000,000 would be distributed in 1939.

As welfare costs increase, however, the State distribution under the bill would be larger, unless steps were taken by the State Welfare Department.

Estimated reimbursement by the State to Marion County for 1939 under the bill would be \$287,965.19. Net cost of welfare in this county is fixed at \$1,333,450.

Buildings Specified

As rewritten by the House Ways and Means Committee, the \$5,400,000

appropriation bill specifies the number of institutions to be included in the building program.

The appropriation is to be kept in a "lump sum" to enable the Governor and the Budget Committee to keep firm control over the spending of individual amounts for each institution.

Democratic committee members balked yesterday on the form of the original bill, and State Budget Director Edward Brennan said a similar "lump sum" might develop in the House when the new measure is passed on second reading.

Mr. Brennan said Administration leaders were trying to keep "elasticity" in the bill. Appropriations bills of the last two sessions have been of the "lump sum" type.

The Governor, in a radio address last night, explained his program in general and the bill as used in delivering his message at the opening of the session yesterday.

Two more Administration House bills providing for a Southern Indiana tuberculosis hospital and for State aid in county welfare costs were to be discussed by the Ways and Means Committee today.

The amendment to the building program bill, which resulted in a favorable committee report, ended several hours of wrangling in the committee of the whole yesterday and last night.

It was a compromise between committee members who wanted to "earmark" all appropriations and specify how much each project should cost, and members of the Senate Budget Committee, who argued such action might slow down and possibly seriously hamper the program.

The compromise was offered when committee approval of the bill in its original form appeared unlikely.

Budget Director Brennan and Senator J. F. Scott (D. Indianapolis) and Walter Vermillion (D. Anderson), Budget Committee members, opposed the plan that the projects should cost.

Suggests Earmarking

Rep. Allen C. Leonard (D. Ft. Wayne) suggested "earmarking" 80 per cent of funds for each project, then pooling the remaining 20 per cent of all projects to be spent as deemed best.

Rep. Joseph Klein (D. Gary) charged the proposed bill was "not representative or democratic."

Rep. William E. Treadway (D. Spencer) suggested the bill be amended to limit allocations to projects recommended by the Budget Committee to the Governor. It is these projects for which the money is to be appropriated, but they are not named in the original bill.

This proposal had general support from committee members, and after further discussion, they agreed to omit costs from the amendment. Mr. Treadway moved that Mr. Brennan be asked to prepare the amendment and the motion passed.

Rep. Hardin S. Linke (D. Columbus) committee chairman, declared

it would be impossible to push the bill through the House without such an amendment.

Reported Favorably

Mr. Treadway then moved the bill be reported out favorably as amended and the motion passed. Rep. Lomont to include \$206,250 for additions to the State Feeble-Minded School at Ft. Wayne, was tabled.

Mr. Klein, who voted against the report, declared the committee was "shirking its duty" by failing to vote on each project separately, and charged the group was "passing the buck."

The committee failed to include several proposed additions to the building program, including a State office building by Carl Mullin, Indiana Federation of Labor president, to give jobs to Marion County workers."

Another was a request for \$300,000 for expansion of the School for Feeble-Minded Persons at Ft. Wayne made by Sam Cileland, attorney for the Ft. Wayne Taxpayers Research Association.

A third was a proposal by Rep. Benjamin F. Harris (R. Richmond), that the State assume 25 per cent of the cost of new buildings at State universities which the program provides shall be paid by the schools. The State's share of these particular projects is to be 30 per cent.

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Urge Tax Refunds

4. Appropriate \$650,000 to reimburse persons, firms and corporations who have made payments under the Truck Weight Tax Law.

The Indiana Supreme Court now has before it a suit testing constitutionality of this law.

5. Change the date for automobile license plate sales from Jan. 1 to July 1.

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manager, and Lieutenant-Governor Henry F. Schricker spoke on behalf of the proposed \$500,000 4-H Club building at the Fair Grounds.

The welfare building program, as outlined by Mr. Gottschalk, would include:

Dormitory, power plant, laundry, chapel and storeroom at the State Women's Prison; four dormitories, power plant, boilers and turbines at the Boys' School; chapel and recreation building at the Girls' School; men's infirmary at the Evansville Hospital; dormitory and storage at the School for the Deaf; dormitory and employees building at Central State Hospital; two dormitories, employees building and additions at Logansport State Hospital; employees building at Evansville State Hospital; an auditorium at Richmond State Hospital, and walks, drives and landscaping at all institutions.

Students Would Pay

President Elliott said the university share of new auditoriums will be repaid through \$5 fee assessed on all students annually for the next 12 to 14 years.

Senate measures introduced without Administration support which are expected to be paid in committee were:

1. Repeal the 1937 act which legalized collections of the "Two Per Cent Club."

2. Restore the right of the Secretary of State, State Auditor and State Treasurer to appoint their own assistants. This appointive power was vested in the Governor's office under terms of the Reorganization Act.

3. Reduce the gross income tax rate from 1 per cent to 1/2 per cent to 1 per cent with the recovery program of President Roosevelt."

In explaining the need for the institutions building program, the Governor said Indiana has a seri-

ous social problem because it does not have facilities to care for all the sick, the insane and law violators.

He explained his recommendations in terms he used in delivering his message to the joint session of both houses. In speaking for redistribution of welfare costs, he said:

"It has been evident to me since I was Governor that our most important tax problem was equalizing the taxes. In other words, you may in your county be paying a tax rate of 15 cents for welfare, while your neighbor in an adjoining

county where the needs are greater are paying 50 cents."

"Obviously, we cannot do away with old-age pensions and care for dependent and crippled children and the blind. But we can use a part of the State balance to help solve these problems."

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