

## HOUSE REJECTS SENATE'S HIKE IN BUDGET BILL

Action of Republican Bloc Means Committee Must Find Agreement.

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bill calling for a \$79,743,164 appropriation. On top of the Budget Committee's figure, Senate Democrats in Finance Committee added \$41,182,300 and on the floor included \$100,000 for a Porter county harbor project.

The budget bills now call for a total appropriation of \$84,942,598.30.

The Senate's action was taken on adoption of a majority Committee report over opposition of Republicans.

### Entirely New Measure

The House budget recommendation as sent to the Senate was not the Budget Committee's appropriation bill as sliced by the Ways and Means Committee as first anticipated, but an entirely new measure substituted technically as an amendment when the original bill was on second reading in the lower chamber.

As approved by the Ways and Means Committee the budget bills called for an appropriation of \$83,473,050. The new G. O. P. proposal called for the appropriation of \$79,743,164, and was offered as an amendment by Rep. Paul Brady (R. Muncie). It was passed 52 to 48 over the Democratic minority.

When it reached the Senate Finance Committee it was scrapped. "We just tore it up and threw it in the wastebasket," Senator Frederick Eichhorn (D. Gary), committee chairman, said.

When the committee's majority report came down for adoption Senator Eichhorn explained reasons for the new budget bill and the increases declaring "if the government is to be carried on satisfactorily there must be money to do it."

G. O. P. Cuts 'Dictated'

He charged that the G. O. P. recommendations in the minority report were "dictated by the State Republican Central Committee for political reasons."

Senator William Jenner (R. Shoals), Finance Committee member and minority floor leader, said "the Republican bill was not dictated by the G. O. P. Central Committee but by the people of Indiana."

He said the minority of the Committee had adopted its report because "we followed two important rules of government that you can't spend more than you take in and can't tax beyond ability to pay."

On second reading Senator John W. Van Ness (R. Valparaiso) offered an amendment to include \$100,000 to enable the State to aid in establishing a harbor at the mouth of Burns ditch in Porter county, on Lake Michigan.

Sensors from the northern counties asked acceptance of the request declaring that it would bring a 25 million dollar steel plant to the site. It was pointed out that the expenditure of the appropriation was conditional upon the establishment of the steel plant.

The Democratic report was adopted, the new appropriation for the harbor was accepted and the entire bill passed under suspension of rules.

It now calls for an increase of \$2,773,446 over the appropriations bill under which the state is operating now.

Senator Walter R. Beardsley (R. Elkhart) today challenged the story of his Democratic colleagues in the Senate that the Republican majority in the House had made large budget slashes as "a grandstand play."

"The budget as passed by the House and supported by the Republican minority in the Senate is a workable budget," he said. "It was carefully worked out item by item so as not to hurt essential State functions."

"I absolutely believe that the State can be run and should be run on the proposed figure of 80 million dollars for the biennium. This amount is only slightly less than the appropriation for the last two years and is only about 6 per cent less than the amount approved by the State Budget Committee."

"The Republicans are not making a grandstand play. They are trying to follow the mandate of the last election."

### Knapp Appoints Group To Conduct Probe

Acting under terms of a resolution passed several days ago in the House, Speaker James M. Knapp today appointed the seven-member committee to investigate all activities of State and local government.

Those named were Reps. Herbert H. Evans (R. New Castle), W. O. Hughes (R. Ft. Wayne), Paul Brady (R. Muncie), William Brown (R. Kokomo), Frank T. Mills (R. Campbellburg), J. Earl McCurdy (D. La Porte) and Leland L. Moore (D. Perryville).

The House resolution calling for this probe was broad enough in its scope to enable an investigation of counties where Republicans last fall claimed election frauds. It also would include a check of all State departments.

No appropriation was provided for this committee, which would be required to organize and begin its work by May 1, and it was said its expenses would have to be paid by private donations.

The investigating resolution was passed with Democratic support, although the Democrats later made an unsuccessful attempt to amend the resolution to provide that the checkup be made of governmental activities since 1924 and include several former Republican administrations.

ALICE FAYE HAS COLD

HOLLYWOOD, March 6 (U. P.).—Blond Alice Faye was confined to her home today with a severe cold. The studio hoped she would be well enough to return to work tomorrow.

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WASHINGTON, March 6.—Apparently it's to be young Bill Douglas for the Supreme Court—W. O. Douglas, chairman now of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

That was the word passed around over the week-end, following President Roosevelt's return from his vacation cruise. Insiders expect the nomination to go to the Senate within a week or ten days. I always keep my fingers crossed in speculating about Presidential appointments but the way in which the green light was given makes me think this tip is reliable.

Political considerations make it expedient for Mr. Roosevelt to select his next Supreme Court man from the West. While Mr. Douglas fortunately can pass that qualification, he interests Mr. Roosevelt for quite another reason.

**Understands Corporations**

Mr. Douglas is familiar with the purchase of public utilities by the City of Indianapolis was expected to be approved by the Governor today. It was passed by the Senate Saturday after previous approval of the House.

The fate of three other measures affecting Indianapolis was expected to be decided today.

The water bill was drafted because the City is studying the possible acquisition of the Indianapolis Water Co., Mayor Sullivan told Indianapolis delegates in the House when the measure was introduced.

A bill to redistribute the cost of track elevation projects, designed to "open the door" for South Side track elevation is awaiting the Governor's signature. This House measure was passed by the Senate Saturday night.

The third bill would amend the Barrett Law to prevent Indianapolis from losing money due to the cash payment of Barrett Law assessments by property holders. The measure was advanced to third reading in the Senate Saturday night.

A bill passed by the Senate and awaiting House concurrence in minor amendments, would clarify the Indianapolis Police and Fire Department Merit Law. It would provide that chiefs of either division could be demoted for cause by the action of the Safety Board or the Mayor.

**Senate Passes House Vote Count Measure**

The Senate today passed, 34 to 3, a House bill providing for a central primary election ballot counting in the eight counties containing first and second class cities.

The measure, which is similar to one of a group of Senate election reform measures now pending in the House, must now go back to the House for concurrence in amendments, which included revision in the pay schedule for canvassing board workers.

Safeguards for transmitting ballot boxes to the canvassing board headquarters, is also provided in the bill besides the principal provision that of a central counting system.

He is short, probably, on the intimate knowledge of the special mining, water and land law which is the subject of such a large proportion of Western litigation. The Supreme Court has no specialist on this sectional body of legal knowledge since the retirements of Justices Van Devanter and Sutherland, and the appointment of Mr. Douglas would not materially correct that deficiency. Apparently, however, the other assets of Mr. Douglas outweigh that consideration.

**House Approves Changes In Harbor Board Bill**

The House today concurred in Senate amendments to the bill to create an Indiana harbor board to further the construction of a new port in Porter County on Lake Michigan.

This measure was sent to the Governor for further action. It is merely an enabling measure to facilitate the construction of a new port harbor at the mouth of Burns Ditch.

The Senate has written in an amendment to the biennial budget bill providing a \$100,000 appropriation to carry on the construction of the harbor.

Members of the Porter County delegation said that if the new harbor is built it will result in the establishment of a new industrial city in northern Indiana rivaling Gary.

**ROOSEVELT URGES JEW-CHRISTIAN PEACE**

WASHINGTON, March 6 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt appealed today for brotherhood between Jews and Christians in the spirit of "our common Biblical heritage."

The President made his statement in acceptance of a medal voted to him by a distinguished committee of Jews, Protestants and Catholics for his efforts at promoting understanding between Jews and Christians.

**APPROVES CCC PLANS**

WASHINGTON, March 6 (U. P.).—Acting Director J. J. McEntee of the Civilian Conservation Corps, today approved plans to enroll 107,031 youths and war veterans in the CCC between April 1-20 to bring it up to its authorized strength of 300,000.

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## PRIMARY BILL LOSES IN 'LAST DITCH' BATTLE

Denton Defeated in Effort to Get House Action on Measure.

A "last ditch" attempt to secure final passage of a bill to extend the direct primary to include the offices of Governor and U. S. Senator failed in the House today.

Rep. Winfield K. Denton (D. Evansville) moved that constitutional rules be suspended on the Senate bill on this subject to enable passage of that measure in the House before adjournment.

This bill is on second reading, and failure of the Denton motion means that it will remain in that position when the session ends.

On a roll call vote on the Denton motion, the House voted 55 ayes to 40 noes to suspend the rules. The motion failed, however, since a two-thirds vote is necessary.

### G. O. P. Lends Aid

A handful of Republicans joined the solid Democratic delegation in voting for suspension of the rules. The rest of the G. O. P. delegation followed the lead of their floor leader, Rep. Herbert H. Evans (R. New Castle) in voting against the Denton resolution.

Speaking for his resolution to bring final action on this bill, Rep. Denton said:

"I don't know how you feel about the primary system. Personally I am in favor of it. You can point out defects in the primary, but nevertheless it is democracy."

"A large percentage of the population of this State want this bill enacted. Favoring it are the Farm Bureau, organized labor and women's groups. Let me beg you gentlemen to vote to suspend the rules and pass this bill."

### Oppose Measure

In speaking against this measure, Rep. Evans said that the bill would provide that to be nominated by the primary a candidate would have to secure 40 per cent of the total votes cast in the election.

"This would mean that there would be seven or eight candidates in each race and none of them would get a big enough vote to secure the nomination," he said.

"Then the whole matter would go back to the convention and there would be added expense."

Today's vote marked the second time in the last few days that the House has returned a majority vote on this bill. Because of Speaker James Knapp's delay in handing the measure down for second reading, however, the bill is lost.

**Embalmers' Measure Up to Townsend**

A measure to give the State Embalmers Board broader power to regulate business practices and to provide more rigid health standards today awaited action by Governor Townsend following its passage in both houses.

Introduced and passed first in the House, the measure was killed once by the Senate, but was revived Saturday night, and passed under suspension of the rules, 36 to 3.

The bill would prohibit the advertising of price for services as funeral directors or embalmers and would require funeral directors to apply within 90 days after the measure went into effect for their licenses.

The State Health Board secretary also would be given membership on the State Embalmers Board under terms of the bill, which also specifies that applicants for a license must have served a two-year apprenticeship and have been a resident of Indiana for two continuous years.

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## Injured by Auto



Maurice Henry Hiten, 8, was in City Hospital today with injuries received when he ran into the path of an auto yesterday near his home, 901 Charles St. (Story, Page One.)

## SENATE PASSES FIREWORKS BILL

Prohibits Use Except by Experts; Date of Effect Set Back to Aug. 1.

The Senate today passed the House bill which would prohibit the use of fireworks by anyone but a licensed pyrotechnical expert.

The upper chamber changed the date of the bill's effectiveness from July 1 to Aug. 1, thereby requiring the House's concurrence in this amendment before the measure can be sent to Governor Townsend for his approval.

The Senate passed the bill over the opposition of a group of Republicans and Democrats. Senator Victor Aldridge (D. Terre Haute) declared "we are getting a little too safety minded."

"The next thing we will be doing is outlawing the singing by children of the Star Spangled Banner because the high notes hurt their vocal cords," Senator Aldridge said.

**Deadlock Continues On Gas Tax, Auto Fee**

House Republicans and Senate Democrats remained deadlocked today over the Administration's proposal to raise the gasoline tax rate 1 cent and reduce the automobile registration fee to a flat \$1 rate.

The House passed a bill repealing the truck weight tax law. To this the Senate tacked amendments calling for the gasoline tax raise and the registration fee slash.

A conference committee was appointed several days ago to iron out the differences, but a meeting never has been called. In case the committee does not meet today, the whole proposition will die with the Legislature's adjournment at midnight tonight.

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