

'WHOOPS, MY DEAR'

BOOMING BARBERSHOP HARMONY IN HOUSE



As the hours dragged out today—technically yesterday to the Indiana Legislature—members of the House amused themselves (but no one else) by singing, and sleeping and otherwise passing the time of day. They were to be in session until midafternoon when the budget bill would be ready for final formalities.

Assembly Approves Record State Budget

Passes \$83,568,449 Bills To Break All-Night Deadlock.

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ed indebtedness at Indiana and Purdue Universities. The \$260,000 a year raised by the two cent levy is to revert to the general fund under provisions of the bill.

Senate concurrence to both biennial appropriation bills came on a voice vote.

Appropriation Slashed

As originally introduced the smallest of these two measures—the bill to appropriate State funds to match various types of Federal grants—called for a total appropriation of \$19,603,900. This was slashed \$37,900 by the House Ways and Means Committee to bring the total to \$19,276,000.

While the conference committee on this measure rearranged some of the items in the amounts budgeted for welfare costs, the total slash of the Ways and Means Committee was maintained, and this conference committee report was accepted.

The second measure to appropriate funds to operate the State's departments, institutions and divisions for the next biennium produced the most heated fight and resulted in appointment of two House conference committees before agreement was reached.

As introduced this bill called for an appropriation of \$65,197,516, but it was slashed \$1,000,466 by the Ways and Means Committee, bringing the total to \$64,197,050.

Under terms of the conference committee report which finally was adopted, the Ways and Means Committee total of \$64,197,050 was increased by \$95,400, bringing the total approved bill to \$64,292,450. Final House vote on acceptance of this total was 71 to 28 with many Republicans voting for concurrence.

Evans Files Protest

This action was taken despite the protest of the G. O. P. floor leader, Rep. Herbert H. Evans (R. New Castle), who entered a protest in the House Journal which said in part:

"We are faced with the proposition that the revenue of the State under the present taxation setup for the next two years will be 73 million dollars, while these bills provide expenditures of more than 80 million dollars. Since this is more than seven million dollars more than we expect to have in, you can't expect sane businessmen, under oath of office, to vote for such idiocy."

"I can not do it and go back home and look my neighbor or my constituency in the face and I don't expect to do it."

"In 1929 we had less than 30 boards and commissions in the State government. Now we have 113 such agencies of government and organizations, even little group departments, new board or commission, not only to regiment and manage the affairs of some business. All this is to create some political job for some one to pay for by some form of taxation such as license fees."

The original House conferees, composed of Reps. Robert Creighton (R. Warsaw) and Burt Summerland (R. Wabash), was dismissed after the House rejected the report of the first committee which would have made an appropriation approximately \$700,000 than that approved by the Ways and Means Committee.

Party Lines Broken

Three Democrats joined Republicans in rolling up a 32 to 46 vote against concurrence in the first report. They were Reps. Charles H. Bartley (D. Jasper), Russell N. Gavit (D. Hammond) and Ernest A. Gandy (D. Lawrenceburg).

Their votes were counter-acted to some extent by the favorable vote of one Republican, Rep. Creighton, who is a member of the State Budget Committee—a committee composed of legislative representatives of both parties and State officials—which drafted the original appropriation measures.

Speaker Knapp voted against concurrence and appointed Reps. Roy Harrison (R. Attica) and Paul Brady (R. Muncie). Senate members of this conference committee, which returned the report that was accepted, were Seniors I. Floyd Garrett (R. East Chicago), Walter Chambers (D. New Castle). After conferences extending over a period of 12 hours, the committee

1939 ASSEMBLY FAILS TO REACH PARTIES' 'GOAL'

Observers Agree Promised Programs Have Not Been Effected.

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9. Advance the auto license deadline to March 1.

These Await Action

Among the subjects now listed as "unfinished business" are:

1. Clarification of the laws governing the recounting of primary elections.

2. Reduction of the gross income tax rate for retailers.

3. Repeal of the truck weight tax law.

4. Lowering of the auto registration fee.

5. Extend the direct primary to include the offices of Governor and U. S. Senator.

6. Establish a merit system for State Employees.

7. Bring the "Two Per Cent" Club, Democratic campaign fund collection agency under provisions of the Corrupt Practices Act and amend the 1933 Re-organization Act. (Re-publican Party proposals.)

"Last-minute" bills sent to the Governor after both houses adjusted differences either through concurrence in amendments or by means of conference committees yesterday and last night would:

Provide for the appointment of a Negro member to the State Board of Education.

Exempts Auto Dealers

Exempt automobile dealers from paying gross income tax twice on automobiles taken in trade-in on which there are liens.

Require township trustees to make an estimate of the funds needed to provide poor relief for the next six months in cases where available funds are not sufficient. These estimates would be delivered to county commissioners.

Provide a method of remonstrance against the levying and collecting of county library tax.

Grant free tuition to State universities or colleges for children of disabled World War veterans.

Prevent reduction of the size of a township to less than 24 square miles, having a valuation of less than \$200,000. This measure is designed to prevent dividing of existing townships into two or more new townships as a result of school fights.

Concerns Guardianships

Permit guardians to mortgage real estate of wards if advantageous to the estate and with the consent of the court for periods longer than one year beyond the minority of the ward.

Revise the method of distributing State aid to schools to make enrollment rather than average attendance the basis for the distribution.

Appropriate \$25,000 for a nonpolitical Publicity Council to be composed of persons chosen by various private organizations, such as the real estate board and State Chamber of Commerce.

Establish a State board to examine watchmakers and to supervise the watch repair industry.

Custom Is Recalled

Neither Republicans nor Democrats seemed to take the Evans statement very seriously, and it was pointed out that passage of the budget bill after the clock had been turned back was an old legislative trick that had been used in many previous sessions.

When the clock is turned back the record in the House Journal actually shows that the legislative day, in this case yesterday, has not been concluded.

This claim was ranked with the threat of Governor Townsend to operate the State for the next two years on the old biennial budget.

House employees originally were scheduled to receive \$5 a day. Under terms of the resolution, which was passed, they would receive \$7 a day for every day of the session they have served, since the resolution is retroactive in effect.

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Casting all inhibitions aside, Harry Muller (D. Anderson), a theater owner, by the way, reached into his desk and tore up all the copies of bills he had toiled over for the long, long session. Whoops, my dear!



Times Photos
Barbershop harmony—more harmony than there has been all session before—came from the House as members tested out the new microphones for the first time for their musical quality. Left to right are C. Omer Free, Vincennes; Judson West, Indianapolis; Herbert B. Copeland, Madison; W. O. Hughes, Ft. Wayne; Herbert H. Evans, New Castle, and Walter S. Baker, Bourbon.

Legislature Goes on and on After Stopping All Clocks

Horseplay Livens Last Hours As Budget Business Prolongs Session.

(Continued from Page One) a. m. both houses recessed to eat another breakfast.

The State House looked and smelled like a soggy cigarette stub.

YOU WOULDN'T WANT JOB SLEEPING, EH?

(Continued from Page One) the profits to old-age pensions in order to make "vice versa."

The mock measure then was signed by an imitation governor and declared passed by Rep. Evans who was playing Speaker.

Sugar Runs Out

In the Senate things were more orderly, except when Senator Johnson, an orchardist, stood in front and threw apples to each of the members. Senator McBride's apple bounced off his head but all other members fielded their's, after a a

fight. The Civil Service referred the letter to the Bureau of Fisheries, which explained that men were hired to prevent illegal salmon fishing during the run. The Bureau added that Alaskans usually were hired for the work.

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HITCH-HIKER IS HELD; HOLDUPS ARE PROBED

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William Young 23, was trapped in Kalamazoo in a car which he had forced a Paw Paw deputy sheriff to help him commandeer. Police said he admitted robbing two motorists who had given him rides. One of his victims was Arthur Gau, of South Bend, Ind.

The lunch stand ran out of sugar.

Senate Democrats voted to "table Senator Jenner," Republican leader.

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GROSS TAX BILL DIES AS DEADLOCK HOLDS

'Sliding Scale' Plan Is Lost In Conference Battle.

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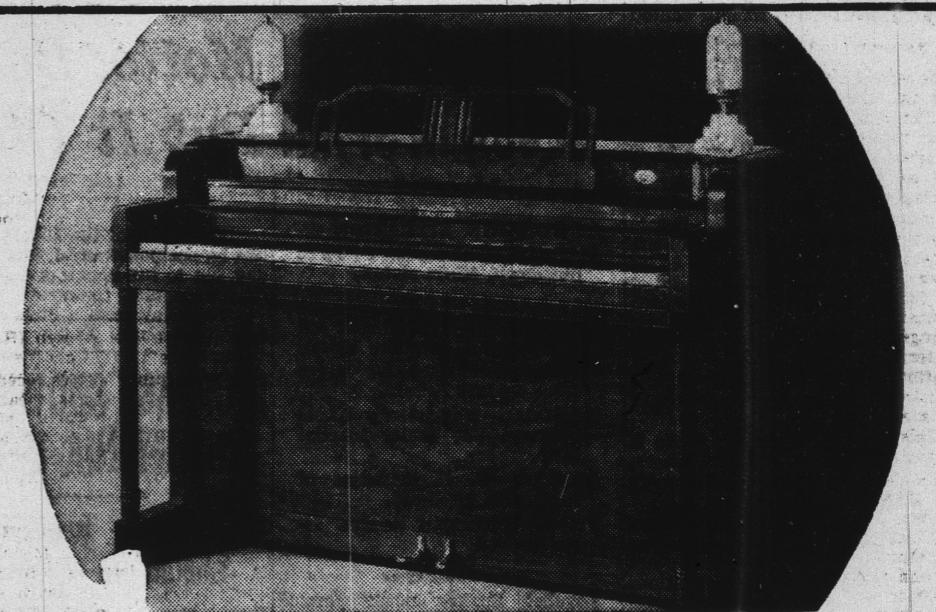
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