

LABOR COMMITTEE ASKS 5-MAN NLRB

Sends Measure to House Floor With Request That Chairman Use All Possible Strategy to Win Action; Heeds Employer Petitions.

WASHINGTON, April 3 (U. P.)—The House Labor Committee today reported a bill to amend the Wagner Act by increasing the National Labor Relations Board to five members.

The committee voted 13 to 8 to send the measure to the House floor, and instructed it to use "all the possible parliamentary procedures" to get the bill considered—which means that the first attempt will be to obtain suspension of the rules under which the House could accept or reject the committee's amendments without change.

Advocates of more drastic labor law changes, headed by Chairman Howard W. Smith of the Special NLRB Investigating Committee, will fight the parliamentary strategy of the labor committee, and probably will circulate a petition to give the House an open rule on Labor Act amendments. This would permit consideration of the Smith Committee's own amendments.

A. F. of L. Request Included

In addition to increasing the size of the Labor Board in an effort to change some of its policies, the amendments approved today include the American Federation of Labor proposal to require the Board to certify individual crafts as bargaining units if the workers in the craft desire. The present law permits the Board to lump crafts in a larger industrial unit.

Another Labor Committee amendment permits employers to petition for collective bargaining elections when "caught in the middle" by conflicting demands of rival unions, neither of which will seek a Labor Board determination of their membership.

The committee added today a clause to make certifications of union majorities effective for a period of at least one year.

Trade Treaty Foes Concede

Opponents of the Administration's reciprocal trade program conceded defeat today in their attempt to prevent its extension for three years.

Although not made formally, admission of defeat was general after the Senate yesterday killed two attempts to restrain the House-approved proposal to continue the program until 1943.

Two more major amendments must be acted on before a final vote, which may not come until tomorrow.

Opponents of the program—Republicans and Western Democrats—claimed, however, that the closeness of votes on amendments to restrict the State Department in negotiating agreements presages its eventual defeat.

If Republicans win additional Senate seats in the fall election, they claim that the trade program will face an early death.

Two Amendments Killed

The Senate killed two proposals yesterday which New Dealers said would "kill" the program.

One would have prohibited the State Department from changing excise taxes voted by Congress. Additionally, it would have prevented the Executive Department from disturbing future excise taxes which Congress might seek to impose. It was defeated, 36 to 45.

The other would have authorized creation of an export-import control board to control the flow of commerce from any country which has discriminated against American products. It lost, 14 to 48.

The only other major appropriation to follow is the relief bill on which House appropriations subcommittee is now at work. President Roosevelt has asked \$975,000,000. There will be other bills for minor deficiency items.

An analysis of Congressional ac-

VOTE ON HATCH BILL EXPECTED

House Judiciary Committee

O. K. Is Looked for Tomorrow.

By CHARLES T. LUCEY
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Safely past a new attack which would have killed it, the Hatch Bill appeared today to be headed for a final vote in the House Judiciary Committee tomorrow.

Enemies of the measure, which passed the Senate two weeks ago, offered a motion yesterday to table it—in effect to bury it—but this was beaten easily in an executive session of the Judiciary Committee.

Rep. Francis E. Walter (D. Pa.), chairman of the sub-committee which reported the legislation favorably last week, said he would move at tomorrow's committee meeting that the measure be reported favorably.

Extend Ban on Activities
Both Mr. Walter and Rep. John J. Dempsey (D. N. M.), leader of the fight for House passage, were confident they had the votes to get favorable committee action.

The bill applies to state and local jobholders, if Federally paid, the same ban on political activities placed on Federal workers by the original 1939 law sponsored by Senator Hatch (D. N. M.). As amended in the Senate, it places a \$5,000 limit on individual political campaign contributions in any one year, and a new amendment attached by the House subcommittee would prevent the political campaign committee from spending more than three million dollars in one year.

The Judiciary Committee has devoted two full sessions to consideration of the new bill, but Chairman Hattie Summers (D. Tex.) said today there was no attempt to filibuster the measure in the Committee. He said members had many honest and legitimate questions to ask about the bill, and that the problems it creates are being given thorough study.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

DEATHS TO DATE

County City Total

1939 9 9 18

1940 5 18 23

—April 2—

Injured 6 Arrests 22

Dead 1 Accidents 20

TUESDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convic- Fines

Violations tried paid

Speeding 8 7 \$ 32

Failure to stop at 3 3 4

Reckless driving 6 6 83

Disobeying traffic signal 7 6 21

Drunken driving 1 1 60

All others 30 28 80

Totals 55 51 \$280

MEETINGS TODAY

Y. M. C. A. 8 a. m. Camera Club, Central Y.

Lions Club, Claypool Hotel, noon.

Young Men's Discussion Club, Y. M. C. A. 6 p. m.

Alpha Alumni Association, Hotel Seville, noon.

12th District American Legion, Board of Trade, noon.

Indiana Alpha Epsilon, Board of Trade, noon.

Indiana Motor Traffic Association, Antelope Hotel, noon.

Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Spanish Room, Hotel, noon.

Delta Theta Tau, Seville Tavern, noon.

Co-Operative Club of Indianapolis, Community Room, Hotel, 7 p. m.

Indiana Motor Traffic Association, Antelope Hotel, noon.

Indiana State Board, Hotel Washington, 6 p. m.

Sigma Kappa, Hotel Washington, 7 p. m.

Marion County Fish and Game Association, 7 p. m.

State Auditors' Department, Claypool Hotel, 7 p. m.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indiana State Board, Hotel Washington, 6 p. m.

Advertising Club of Indianapolis, In-

ternational Board of Trade, noon.

Caravan Club, Muras Room, noon.

Construction League of Indianapolis, Hotel Lincoln, 6 p. m.

Indiana Camera Club, 110 E. Ninth St., 8 p. m.

Beta Theta Pi, Gamma College noon.

Indiana Department of Agriculture Club, Board of Trade, noon.

Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association, Bessie Cafeteria, noon.

Governor for an Hour



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