

# MOVE TO REVIVE HATCH ACT MADE

House Committee Which Tabled Measure Will Hear Motion to Reconsider; Members Hurry to Sign Discharge Petition.

*Times Special*  
WASHINGTON, May 4.—Rapid headway was visible today for a move within the House Judiciary Committee to reconsider the action by which it tabled the Hatch Bill. By such a move the Committee could clear its record of the strange and secret vote sidetracking this measure to curb political exploitation of state agencies which receive Federal funds.

A motion to reconsider will be made by Rep. Abe Murdoch (D. Utah) when the Committee meets Tuesday.

A canvass by Rep. John J. Dempsey (D. N. M.), House sponsor of the bill, indicated not only that the Committee would reconsider its previous action, but that members would be present to record, with no repetition of the secret, written ballots which were tossed into Chairman Hatton Sumners' hat to table the measure.

Two developments have produced a change of front within the Committee.

**Rush to Sign Petition**  
One was the heading rush of House members to sign a discharge petition to force the Judiciary Committee to yield up the bill and submit it to the floor. Nearly half enough names were written on the petition, filed by Rep. Dempsey, on the first day.

A total of 218 is required, a majority of the House. One hundred and three names were affixed to the petition when the House recessed last night for the week-end.

The other impelling force was the criticism and ridicule heaped on the Judiciary Committee for its secret ballot, and the subsequent "confusion" over the vote when 14 members said, in answer to inquiry, that they had voted against the bill.

As announced officially, 14 votes were cast to table the measure, with only 10 against. This discrepancy made the whole procedure a laughing stock in the House lobbies. Members were put in an absurd position before constituents had voted.

**G. O. P. Group Backs Murdoch**

The Judiciary Committee, made up of lawyers, is normally a rather dignified body, or so considers itself.

Republican members of the committee promptly joined Rep. Murdoch in his move to reconsider.

Denouncing the secret procedure, as he had done within the committee itself in executive session, Rep. U. S. Guyer (R. Kas.), ranking minority member, announced that a canvass disclosed that all 16 minority members, with possibly one exception, would vote to reconsider.

Both he and Rep. Murdoch said it was certain, there would be no more casting of ballots in the chairman's hat.

Sponsors of the bill believe that a record vote would result in reversal of the tabling motion. The committee then would proceed with its consideration of the measure, but this time under the gun, so to speak, of the discharge petition whereby members of the House can force action.

**Summers Secretive**

Under House parliamentary rules, by which the Judiciary Committee sometimes governs itself, two-thirds would be required for reconsideration, or 18 of the 26 members. However, the Committee procedure is rather informal, and the chairman might say that only simple majorities is sufficient.

Chairman Summers, who did not vote on the tabling motion, declined to say what procedure he would follow.

In addition to 13 committee members who told reporters yesterday they had voted against tabling, a 14th, Rep. Walter (D. Pa.), today asserted that he also voted against. He was chairman of the subcommittee which approved the bill's wags ago.

**House Foes of NLRB Insist Upon Changes**

WASHINGTON, May 4 (U. P.)—House foes of the National Labor Relations Board were determined today to call up pending amendments to the Wagner Labor Act despite the chamber's rejection of all changes in the wage-hour law.

Some members favoring Wagner Act revision heard reports yesterday that the fight would be abandoned after the House had voted 205 to 175 to recommit all wage-hour amendments to the Labor Committee. But Chairman Howard W. Smith of the special committee investigating the Labor Board assured them that he will call up his proposed amendments to provide 17 drastic changes.

The only eight Indiana Representatives who voted on the wage-hour legislation supported a recommitment. They were Reps. John W. Boddie (D.), William H. Larrance (D.), and Louis Ludlow, Democrats, and George W. Gillie, Robert Grant, Nels Johnson, Gerald Landis and Raymond S. Springer, Republicans.

The labor act dispute faces a legislative situation almost identical to that prevailing when the wage-hour fight first was presented to the House. The Chamber will have a choice between the limited amendments offered by Chairman Mary T. Norton of the Labor Committee and Smith's broad proposals.

Conditions for consideration are virtually the same: Smith amendments, rejected by the Labor Committee, have been offered by him as a substitute for the Norton amendments. In the wage-hour fight similarly rejected amendments by Rep. Graham A. Barnes (D. C.) were brought to the floor through the medium of approved Norton amendments.

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## 103 Have Signed Plea or Discharge

WASHINGTON, May 4 (U. P.)—Supporters of the Hatch Bill neared the half-way mark today in their effort to bring the measure of the floor through a discharge petition.

When the house adjourned yesterday, a total of 103 members, including at least three from Indiana, had signed the petition filed by Rep. John J. Dempsey (D. N. M.). A majority of the House membership, or 218, is necessary.

The official list of signers to the petition will not be available until and if the 218 names are obtained. Eighty-four members who were seen to sign the petition as it lay on the clerk's desk were:

**DEMOCRATS**—Louis Ludlow (Ind.), Rep. John J. Dempsey (Ind.), Joachim O. Fernandez (Ind.), John M. Houston (Ind.), T. V. Smith (Ind.), Leslie Disney (Okla.), Charles H. Leavy (Wash.), Robert G. Allen (Pa.), Martin Dies (Tex.), Joe Hendricks (Pa.), Lee E. Geyer (Cal.), J. Joseph Smith (Conn.), John M. Coffey (Wash.), Hill (Wash.), Frank R. Havener (Cal.), William H. Stump (N. J.), Matthew A. Dunn (Pa.), Jed Johnson (Okla.), C. Arthur Anderson (Mo.), Overton Brooks (La.), Rene De Rous (La.), Mike Monrone (Okla.), Robert T. Secrest (O.), Jerry Voorhis (Cal.), John H. Tolson (Cal.), Robert L. Monton (La.), A. J. Elliott (Cal.), Leonard Allen (La.), Wilburn Cartwright (Okla.), William R. Poage (Tex.), Harry Sheppard (Okla.).

**REPUBLICANS**—George W. Gillie (Ind.), Gerald Landis (Ind.), James Seecomb (O.), Fred Crawford (Mich.), Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.), James C. Oliver (Me.), John McDowell (Pa.), Usher L. Burns (O.), D. H. Houston (Ind.), John B. Murdoch (Ariz.), Eddie Noble (Cal.), (Mass.), O. Woodruff (Mich.), Noah M. Mason (Ind.), Homer D. Angell (Ore.), Carl Hinshaw (Cal.), Lewis K. Rockefeller (N. Y.), Fred A. Hartley (N. J.), John Z. Anderson (Cal.), Leonard W. Hall (N. Y.), Robert F. Rich (Pa.), Earl R. Lewis (O.), Clare E. Hoffman (Mich.), Arthur B. Jenks (N. H.), Francis H. Case (S. D.), William J. Miller (Conn.), William H. Wheat (Ind.), Ed Rees (Kas.), Frank B. Keefe (Wis.), Lewis D. Thiel (Wis.), Leslie C. Arends (Ind.), Robert J. Corbett (Pa.), John Jennings Jr. (Tenn.), Bertrand W. Gearhart (Cal.), Joseph J. O'Brien (N. Y.), John C. Shafer (Wis.), J. W. H. Sweet (Neb.), E. B. Chipperfield (Ind.), Harry Tibbott (Pa.), William W. Hackney (Mich.), Bruce Barton (N. Y.), William P. Lamerton (Kas.), Richard J. Welch (Cal.), Stephen Bolles (Wis.), Ralph E. Church (Ind.), B. Carroll Reece (Tenn.), H. Carl Anderson (Mich.), Reid F. Murray (Wis.), Kari Mundi (S. D.), William E. A. Plumley (Vt.).

**Progressive**—Bernard J. Gehring (Wis.).

Supporters of the bill claimed that 19 others had signed the petition but did not name them.

## TAFT TO BE GUEST OF HOOSIER G. O. P.

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Before the Columbia Club reception, Senator Taft will be the luncheon guest of the G. O. P. State Committee and the executive committee of the State Republican Editorial Association.

The Senator will deliver an address from 12:30 to 12:45 p. m. which will be broadcast over WIRE. A loud speaker system will carry his address to both the main lobby and main dining room.

## CANDIDATE SPEAKS HERE

Maurice E. Robinson of Anderson, Ind., candidate for the 11th District Republican Congressional nomination, will be the speaker for Townsend Club 25 at State and Hoyt Aves. tonight.

## ARMY PLANE FUND BOOST PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, May 4 (U. P.)—Chairman Elmer Thomas of the Senate Military Appropriations Sub-committee said today that expert testimony indicating American warplanes are inferior to those of the Soviet Union caused his subcommittee members to add \$200,000 for 108 latest-type aircraft to the pending Army Bill for additional planes.

He said that testimony of Maj. Gen. H. A. Arnold, chief of the Air Corps, and other Army officials convinced the committee that developments in the northern European war show American planes "are not as good as Germany's" although there are indications that all German technical advances will be available to our technical engineers.

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## Map City-Wide Marbles Tournament



*Times Photo*  
Practically every marble tournament ever held got its start around a conference table. This is the way the 1940 City-wide tournament, which the City Recreation Department is sponsoring, got its start. The planners are (left to right) Hugh McGinnis, director of physical activities for the WPA

recreation division; Emil Rath, Public Schools Physical Education director; Patrick Rooney, Catholic Youth Organization secretary; H. W. Middlesworth, City Recreation director; Paul Haagsma of the City Recreation Department; A. J. Thatcher, Marion County WPA recreation supervisor, and Joseph T. Moles, assistant State WPA recreation director.

## MIBS CHAMPION TO BE CROWNED

### Contest Open to Boys, Girls 14 and Under; Prizes To Be Awarded.

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C. Y. O. Cadet division. If you wish you can also send it to The Times Marble Editor.

2. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, May 15. That gives you 11 days.

3. Instruction in Ringer, the tournament game, will begin May 12 for all sections. Places to be announced later.

4. Sectional playoffs will be May 17.

5. District playoffs will be May 24.

Sectional champs will receive bronze medals and district champs, silver medals.

Approximately 38 sections will be grouped into four districts: East, West, North and South.

The sectional play will be held either in schools or a nearby convenient location. The district playoffs will be held as follows:

East, Brookside tennis courts;

West, Hawthorne Community Center; North, Fall Creek tennis courts; and South, the Garfield courts. The finals are tentatively played for the World War Memorial plaque.

The Ringer game will be played in a ring 10 feet in diameter with 13 marbles arranged in the center of a cross. The object is to shoot these marbles out of the ring. The player who shoots the largest number of marbles out of the ring is the winner of the game.

No less than two nor more than three players can tackle any one ring. All tournament play is for fair—not for keeps—and the players must supply their own shooters, steelies barred.

These arrangements were worked out in yesterday's session by Mr. Middlesworth, Emil Rath, Public Schools Physical Education Director; Patrick Rooney, secretary of the Catholic Youth Organization; Paul Haagsma of the City Recreation Department; and A. J. Thatcher, Marion County WPA supervisor.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, first district, George E. Kinecaid; second district, Elmer A. Applegate.

The candidates slated are members of the organization, which explains the listing of several for one office.

## DEWEY CITES PENN IN CAMPAIGN PLEA

WICHITA, Kas., May 4 (U. P.)—Thomas E. Dewey, the New York candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, en route to Wichita, was to speak at the 10th annual Penn State WPA supervisor, and Hugh McGinnis, director of physical activities for the WPA recreation division.

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