

Bonus Is Top Issue As Legislators Close Full Week's Session

Direct Primary, Time Change Among Other Measures Proposed So Far

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG

Most Indiana legislators were home today learning effects of the first full week of the 86th General Assembly session upon the "grass roots."

These were questions the lawmakers wanted to ask their neighbors about soldiers bonus, taxation, time change and many other proposed bills introduced in the two houses since Jan. 6.

Most burning question of them all was the bonus. Democratic House members tossed in the administration bill calling for financing by doubling gross income tax. Two Republicans in the House countered with a bill to be financed by the proceeds from the state cigarette tax.

A third bill, merely to finance a bonus, proposed a 1 cent tax on each bottle of soft drinks.

Yet to come was the GOP policy bonus bill in the Senate. Republican backers propose a sales tax to finance it.

Time Change

Legislators worried greatly about the time of day—introduced three bills to juggle the clocks. One by Rep. Robert S. Webb (R, Arcadia) and Alpha Hoosier (R, Keweenaw) and another by Senators O. Bruce Lane (R, Bainbridge) and Dale E. Beck (D, Young America) would make Central Standard Time the only time in the state.

Reps. Earl Utterback (D, Kokomo) and Louis F. Churchill (D, East Chicago), countered with the administration measure to put the time question before the people in a 1950 referendum.

Four bills calling for nomination of state officers by direct primary are in the mill. Two are Senate bills and two are House bills.

Per cent of Votes

Sen. Lucius Somers (R, Holland) proposed to nominate all state officers by primary if they can receive 35 per cent of vote. Sen. Wesley Malone (R, Clinton) would nominate Governor, Lieutenant Governor and U. S. Senator by primary with winner required to get 51 per cent of votes.

The administration's direct primary bill in the House would nominate only Governor and Senator, 35 per cent of vote required. The other House bill, a Republican measure, would include all state officers and Senator, 35 per cent required.

Among the repealers introduced were two House bills to abolish 3 cent state cigarette tax and another the office of public defender.

Parimutuel betting could be established in the state by a bill introduced in the House. It would pay the bonus, the author said. A Senator seeks to restrict the President to 2 four-year terms.

Re-apportionment

Five separate attempts are being made to reseat the legislators. One Senator would give every county one representative and distribute the present Senators according to population. Another Senator thinks there should be only 46 members of his chamber, one to each two counties. He would leave the House arrangements alone.

Two other legislators would re-apportion the seats each 10 years according to U. S. census figures, and a fifth would combine the houses and apportion the legislators according to population.

Workers' Benefits

A total of eight bills would increase the workers' benefits in existing labor legislation while another would require the state to pay 100 per cent of teachers' minimum salaries instead of the present 80 per cent.

Two measures would repeal the old-age assistance law, law and another would make it more strict.

And just to make certain the session doesn't become too serious one Representative proposes to take all the freedom away from billy goats. He would have them included in the 1927 law which prohibits horses, mules, cattle, sheep and pigs from running at large.

Senate Dissolves Special Committee

Capehart Approves Democrat Action

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15—Senate Democrats have abolished a Republican-created special committee of which Sen. Capehart (R, Ind.) was a member and the Hoosier Senator approves.

The leadership in the upper chamber decided to close-up the Senate Small Business Committee and transfer its functions to the regular Senate Banking and Currency Committee.

"That will be just fine," Sen. Capehart commented. "A subcommittee of the Banking and Currency Committee can obtain a \$50,000 appropriation and carry on the work which the special committee was doing. In some ways they may be able to do a better job."

As a member of the Banking and Currency Committee, Sen. Capehart will be ranking minority member of the Small Business Subcommittee.

'Y' Will Hold Parley At Indiana Central

The second annual "Christian Calling" conference sponsored by the YMCA will be held at Indiana Central College from 3:30 p. m. to 9 p. m., Feb. 25.

Frank Liddle, executive secretary of the Indiana YMCA, will make the opening address and Prof. L. Lynd Esch, president of Indiana Central, will speak at a dinner meeting.

Purpose of the conference is to interest high school and college age youth in Christian work and help them decide the type of work for which they are best qualified.

Rep. Jacobs Opposes FBI 'Wire-Tapping'

Hoosier Lashes Clark's Proposal

By DAN KIDNEY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15—Atty. Gen. Tom Clark's proposal to permit the FBI to use wire-tapping in espionage cases drew a deep frown today from Rep. Andrew Jacobs, Indianapolis Democrat.

The freshman Congressman, who is expected to be assigned to the House Education and Labor Committee on Monday, is greatly opposed to "the police state" and has repeatedly expressed himself on the side of civil liberties.

"I haven't seen Attorney General Clark's bill," Rep. Jacobs said. "But I am sure that he will have to have a whole battery of Philadelphia lawyers to sell me on that wire-tapping idea."

Rep. Jacobs does favor a fair employment practices act however. He made that plain in a 3-page letter to Marion Curtis, Philadelphia, author of a pamphlet against FEPC which was full of racist doctrine.

Quotes Letter

In closing his letter to the Philadelphiaan, Mr. Jacobs wrote: "I am a new Congressman. I have been impressed by the state buildings that house the departments of my government. The beauty of this city of Washington, its immensity, is something of a shock to me as I see it for the first time from inside the government rather than as a country lawyer coming here to get something done."

"But as I see the ornateness of the furnishings and trappings of government, I can but be mindful of one thing, which I trust I shall never forget, and that is that this government, this city and the men who are charged with the operation of the government are not and end unto themselves.

"They are but the means to an end and to me that end means to contribute to the welfare and happiness of the Negro that may be picking cotton in Mississippi and particularly his children and the happiness of the people who live in the 3300 block North 16th St., in Philadelphia as well as my neighbors who roam on the banks of Fall Creek in Indiana.

"That the country does not exist for the city of Washington, nor the government that has its seat there, but rather this government and this city exist for the people throughout the width and breadth of this land. But it is not our duty to accept the static philosophy you express when you say that improvement in employment practices comes slowly and in the manner that all growth has come as man has bettered himself; i.e. by education and individual development; when I know of men of minority races who are denied the opportunity to use the skill that they have individually developed by education.

"It makes me believe that all the educating needed should not be applied to the black man and the minority races; that quite a bit of education is needed, and I am convinced compulsory education, for my own kith and kin."

Modular Co-ordination Urged in Building

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Dry Oil Hole Saves Duck Reserve at Hovey



Mr. Vernon sportsmen and conservationists fought oil explorations in the Hovey Lake region last fall like this one follow and ruin the game preserve. Temporarily, at least, they appear to have stopped the oil development.

Lease to Murden Arouses Hunters

Kunkel Slams Door on Deal

By ROBERT BLOEM

Times Staff Writer

MT. VERNON, Ind., Jan. 15—

A "dry hole" is an oil man's term

for an oil-less oil well. For oil

men it means bad medicine, but

a dry hole has saved the duck

hunters' paradise at Hovey Lake.

The latest Hovey Lake crisis

made headlines last week when

state sportmen learned the state

had leased the 900-acre lake tract