

Assembly Goes Into Last Half, Score 0 to 0

Measure Covering Its Own Pay Only Bill Passed in First 31 Days

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG

Indiana's 86th General Assembly begins the last half of its session tomorrow with all of its work still to be done.

Tomorrow will see the end of the period in which bills may be introduced in the regular manner. Thereafter the two houses will be required to suspend the measure.

Thus far 661 measures have been introduced in the two Houses, excluding resolutions.

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Of this number 425 have been introduced in the House and 236 in the Senate.

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Although the Assembly has received some criticism for its "do nothing" attitude, there are many who in past years thought the General Assemblies passed too many measures. Those persons should be well satisfied with the 86th session.

Bonus Biggest Issue

The Senate settled, momentarily, its two burning questions, bonus and time, by passing a bill on each. However, the two bills have been tucked in House committee cubbyholes and the Senate will soon receive House measures on each of these two questions.

Biggest issues in the lower assembly are the bonus bill calling for a one-fourth of 1 per cent increase in all gross income tax rates and the multi-million dollar budget bill.

In addition to these, there are numerous measures for liberalizing laws regarding labor and teachers, reorganizing schools, the courts and state bureaus, and of course the perennial changes in the fish and game laws.

All Democratic policy bills are in the hopper with the possible exception of a few minor ones. For the next 30 days it will be a hell race for passage of the favored laws.

AAUW Visitor From Finland Finds Americans 'Sweet'

Studies Welfare In U. S. Centers

By MARJORIE TURK

"They're sweet—all the people," said Miss Elina Rautanen, Helsinki, Finland, when commenting on Americans.

Miss Rautanen arrived in Indianapolis last night to spend four days as the guest of the Indianapolis Branch, American Association of University Women.

As for our children, the foreign visitor finds them the same as those at home. She is studying child welfare in Western Reserve University, Cleveland, on a fellowship awarded by the Indianapolis AAUW.

Before coming to the U. S. in September, Miss Rautanen worked six years with the Finnish government being responsible for 2000 children when they were evacuated from Finland to Sweden during the war.

Studies and Works

Here in the States she divides her time between three days of study and three days working with Cleveland social agencies.

"In the needs of dependent children," she said, "there isn't any difference at all. All the problems I meet in Finland and Sweden I meet here, too."

She came to the U. S. because she felt it was the only place in the world where a welfare program had been preserved on a peace time level.

The United States is the one country that is now able to give something to the other people in the world," she said.

Although the Finnish institutions are all state supported she objected to the word socialism, declaring, "We are the state. There are no rich men so when we need a hospital, we, that is the state, build it."

There is no foster home program in Finland to care for dependents because of the acute housing shortage. Everyone in the country is limited to one room per person.

Very Serious Minded

Miss Rautanen is a very serious minded young lady. She spent her Christmas vacation looking over the social welfare set-up in Chicago and New York. Speaking about American men, she said, "Honestly, I haven't had time to form an opinion but I guess they're o.k."

She had no opinion either on popular music but likes the symphony concerts and the many old masters in our art museums. Her first experience of the American theater was "Born Yesterday" and it didn't rate too high with her—there was "too much swearing around."

While in Indianapolis she will visit Riley Hospital, the Council of Mental Health, the Council of Social Agencies, Juvenile Court and the public schools.

VOLCANO COMES TO LIFE TOKYO, Feb. 5 (UPI)—Mount Yakeyama, considered a dead volcano since 1880, erupted today and showered volcanic ashes over southern Niigata Prefecture. No casualties were reported.

20 Measures Aim to Better Veterans' Lot

6 Bonus Bills In Legislature Run Into Snags

By PHILIP F. CLIFFORD JR.

The Indiana legislature's answer to the people's mandate for a soldiers bonus yesterday added up to six different bonus bills proposed and not one passed.

Since the first pounding of the gavel in both Senate and the House of Representatives, signaling the opening of the session, more than 20 pieces of legislation (including the six bonus bills) have been tossed into the hopper for the financial improvement of the veterans.

The 20 include such items as exempting a bonus from Federal tax, and assistance to veterans organizations.

Both Democrats and Republicans alike agree the veterans should have a bonus and the party policy bonus bills vary only slightly in the benefits to veterans.

Only in the question of payment do the legislators fall out. Republicans shout, "No increase in gross income."

Proposes Bonds

Democrats would increase gross income and amend the constitution so that the state might issue bonds for the multi-million dollar bonus debt.

The Democrat financing proposal was submitted in the House last week by Rep. Joseph Klein (D. Gary), chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee.

His measure would require amending the state constitution to permit issuance of up to \$150 million in bonds and amending his party's present bonus bill to include a gross income surtax of one-fourth of 1 per cent.

Of the more than two score measures introduced in both houses stipulating benefits and privileges for Hoosier veterans, only six have been earmarked for bonus payments.

They include:

ONE: An administration backed bill introduced by Reps. Klein and Walter H. Maehling (D. Terre Haute). This calls for a \$500 top and \$30 minimum.

TWO: The GOP's bill, co-authored by Sens. William Caleb Bates (R. New Albany) and Clifford E. Annes (R. Metamora), which would provide \$400 for domestic service, \$600 for a combination of domestic and foreign duty, \$600 to the beneficiary, and an additional \$100 for service-connected disability.

THREE: SB 168 introduced by Sen. John Blunt (D. Little York) and Wesley Malone (R. Clinton) offers \$10 and \$15 a month for domestic and foreign service respectively, with a maximum payment of \$600. It is supported by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled Veterans of America.

FOUR: Identical benefits are found in SB 35, offered by Sen. Louis F. Baldoni (D. South Bend).

FIVE: Under HB 176 introduced by Rep. Roseve G. Scott (D. Greencastle), veterans would receive \$200 for service overseas and \$100 for domestic service. The bill would levy a blanket tax on cigarettes and all alcoholic beverages.

SIX: A long-range bonus payment plan is embodied in HB 39 co-authored by Reps. Harry E. Danielson (R. Plymouth) and Charles T. Miser (R. Garrett). Principal of the measure would set aside entire proceeds of cigarette tax for 10 years. First half of bonus would be paid in five years and the balance at the end of the 10 year period.

Many statehouse observers are wondering if the highly controversial bonus question still will be unanswered, come the end of the current session.

It's just a political football, they say, and neither team has a man strong enough to run the field for a touchdown.

Purdue Center to Open Registrations Thursday

Registrations for students taking college credit courses at Purdue University Center here will open Thursday and continue through Saturday for both day and evening classes.

For the first time, a course in advanced calculus will be offered, with Dr. James Heyda of the Naval Ordnance Plant as instructor.

Other courses will include Modern English and American Poetry, Creative Writing, Industrial Management, International Relations, Psychology, Speech, Chemistry and Advanced Mathematics.

On Thursday and Friday, registrations will be held from noon until 8 p.m. and from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday.



Miss Elina Rautanen . . . problems everywhere are the same.

IU Center Here Opens New Term Tomorrow

First class sessions for the spring semester at Indiana University extension center will be held tomorrow. Enrollments will be continued throughout the week.

The curriculum will include about 10 courses, school administrators said, and there are still openings in the courses, especially in pre-medical and pre-business classes.

Extension classes composed of a lecture series for adults not working toward a degree will be offered in labor contracts, development of man, interior decoration, vocabulary improvement, great books, and several other subjects.

Administrators said the total enrollment for courses during the fall semester reached 2792.

John Q. Public Sits Down And Writes His Legislator

Pickle Man, Judge and Grader Say Their Say About State's Laws

Did you ever wonder what a legislator's mail (incoming and outgoing) looked like?

Have you ever wondered what Mr. John Q. Public talks of when he writes to his lawmaker and what the lawmakers write in return?

Here is a sample taken from a public lawmaker in the 86th General Assembly.

A PICKLE manufacturer in the northern part of the state wrote to "our representative" that "if Shriver and the Farm Bureau have their way the business man, the state employee and the factory worker will pay for the bonus. Come down and see me, bring the family."

The Representative replied:

"I am in full accord with your opposition to the two bills. I see Albert every day. As you no doubt know he is interested in medical laws."

HERE IS his reply to a telegram informing him "the majority of people in your county are in favor of Central Standard Time."

Named by Mayor



Edward A. Gardner . . . fills Democrat vacancy on Works Board.

Balance Restored On Works Board

Feeney Appoints Republican Member

Bi-partisan balance of the four-member City Works Board was restored yesterday with the appointment of Edward A. Gardner, metal works proprietor, to fill the Democrat vacancy.

Mr. Gardner was named to the board by Mayor Feeney to replace Paul D. Cave, former board president who had been on leave of absence since August. Mr. Cave resigned from the board last week to devote more time to his furniture business.

The appointment and a surprise reorganization of the board touched off a minor flurry at City Hall last week.

Feeby By-Passed

Stanley Feeby, Democrat member who had been acting president under the Democrat city leave of absence, was by-passed in the reorganization and Martin McDermott was given the presidency.

As Mr. Feeby was the only veteran Democrat member on the board, most observers felt he would be made permanent president under the Democrat city administration. When board members met for their election they were told Mayor Feeney desired the presidency rotated, with each member holding the office one year.

Fourth member of the board is Carl N. Angst, Republican.

With the appointment of Mr. Gardner the balance of two Republicans and two Democrats was restored.

Manual Graduate

Mr. Gardner is manager of Joseph Gardner Co., sheet metal works, 147 Kentucky Ave., and owns an interest in the Gardner Realty Co. His wife is the former Helen Wiebke of Indianapolis.

He is a graduate of Manual High School and founder of Roines, Manual honorary organization. In 1926 he served as president of the Manual Alumni Club.

Mr. Gardner is president of the Indianapolis Sheet Metal Contractors Association, secretary and director of the General Protestant Orphan Association and a former director of the Indianapolis Board of Trade.

He is a member of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and Scottish Rite.

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General Motors

Plans Detroit Show

General Motors is staging its first complete automobile and product show in Detroit since before the war. It will be set up in Convention Hall, Apr. 9 through

15. GM will bring the "Transportation Unlimited" show which

launched Chevrolet and Pontiac from New York's Waldorf Astoria for the exhibit.

REPORTS ON BLIZZARD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (UPI)—

Defense Secretary James Forrestal reported to President Truman

tonight that the western storm disaster is being brought under control.

FOUR DIE IN AIR CRASH

CALIFORNIA, Feb. 5 (UPI)—

Four persons were killed and 10

injured today when a Catalina

flying boat crashed while landing on Buenaventura Bay.

McCallum Nylon Hosiery

you just know she wears them...

And what more perfect gift for

that sentimental occasion —

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY — than the

hosiery you know she loves —</