

86th Assembly Adjourns With Much Undone

Primary Law Among Measures Not Acted Upon

By ROBERT BLOOM
The 86th General Assembly adjourned 41 hours late last night, leaving in its wake a mass of unpassed legislation.

Five major pieces of proposed legislation died lingering deaths in the closing hours after passing both houses. Final adjournment at 5:15 p. m. left all five in conference committees although the assembly had gone nearly two days past the constitutional closing deadline of midnight Monday.

Among the bills so near and yet so far from passage when the closing gavel banged down was what might have been a statewide primary election law. On the face, the measure died be-

Legislation Box Score

Passed
Soldiers' Bonus
Central Standard Time Legalized
\$207 Million Budget
\$55 Million School Subsidy
School Consolidation Legalized
New Reassessment Law
Auto License Rates Hiked
School Segregation Banned
Failed

Direct Primary
Conservation Merit System
Unemployment Compensation
Utilities Compulsory Arbitration
Repeal
Reapportionment
Parole System Reform

causes Republicans in the Senate wanted a rigid clause to keep Democrats from voting in their primary or Republicans from voting in a Democrat primary. House Democrats refused to approve the clause.

Proponents Bitter

But in the echo of the final gavel bitter proponents of the bill charged the real reason was that the political bosses of the two big parties didn't want any kind of state primary.

Unemployment compensation laws remain unchanged because certain Democrats in the House refused to accept a Senate Republican plan for liberalizing the benefits. They said they would rather have nothing at all. That's what they got.

Plans for a merit system to cover Conservation Department employees died in conference committee because Democrats wanted "merit" to be judged without political consideration. Republicans wanted a 50-50 balance between the two major parties.

Change of Heart

A sudden change of heart in the Senate killed a bill to relieve doctor-superintendents of mental institutions of their administrative worries by giving them business managers. Even the conference committee had approved the measure but couldn't get its report considered.

The bill introduced with the intention of putting the standard time question to a referendum was put to sleep without even a serious effort by the conference committee to report it.

Chief beneficiaries of the overtime session were contractors and sub-contractors who finally got a bill passed to cut their gross income tax rates in half. Today they were sending telegrams to Governor Schricker urging him to sign the bill.

Bonus Bill Top Issue
The entire 61-day session revolved around passage of a soldiers bonus bill. It was the biggest issue when the legislators convened Jan. 6 and it was not settled until after the session went into its unofficial overtime period.

As the bill was finally written it won't provide a payment for at least five years and perhaps longer. A \$600 maximum was established with an extra \$100 for disability. The giant \$150 million expenditure will be financed by a one-fourth of 1 per cent increase in the gross income tax for all except retail merchants who will pay one-eighth of 1 per cent.

The other top issue which is present in every legislative session was the budget. It too was not passed until after the lawmakers had stopped the clock. It calls for an approximate general fund expenditure of \$207 million with an overall outlay of more than \$300 million. It was the largest budget in Indiana history and just how it will be balanced is a major question for Gov. Schricker's administration.

Schools Benefit
A broad program of school legislation was passed by the General Assembly. It includes increases in minimum pay for teachers, liberalization of teachers' retirement regulations, a new system for distribution of state financial aid to schools and two plans for school consolidation.

The 1947 reassessment act was amended to extend the period of reassessment to April 1, 1950. First taxes payable under the new assessment will be in 1951. The legislation threw out the standardization manual which had been prepared for assessors under the 1947 act and required the state tax board to prepare new standards, forms and regulations to govern the reassessment.

Indiana passenger car motorists will pay an additional \$2 for their license plates next year and will be required to buy their plates in the county in which they reside. In addition truck and commercial vehicle license fees were increased and truckers were granted extra length, weight, height and width in their vehicles.

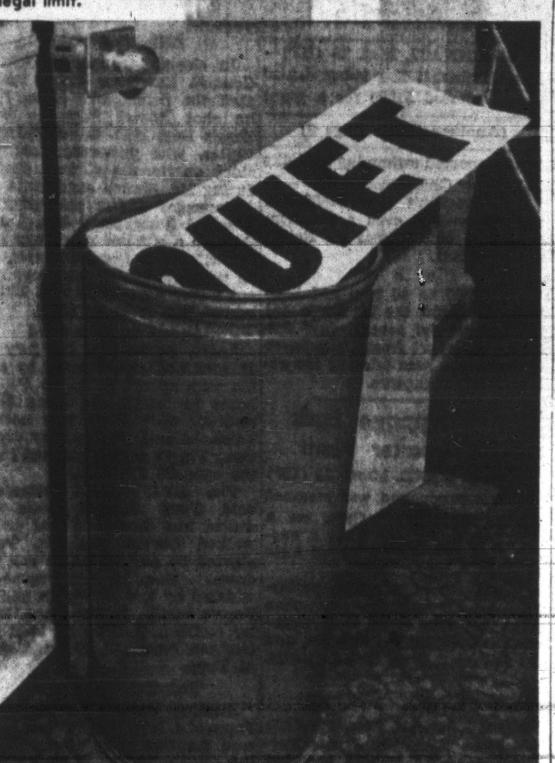
Kisses Come With the Fadeout



Farewell kiss . . . It was all in political fun when Sen. Leo Stemle, a Democrat, kissed Sen. Walter Vermillion, also a Democrat, goodby after the sound of the final gavel late yesterday. Sen. John Van Ness, a Republican, is the third lawmaker enjoying the "un-Senator-like" behavior.



Homeward bound . . . Rep. Charles Miser, Republican, puts on his coat after adjournment of the longest legislative session in the state's history. It lasted 41 hours longer than its 61-day legal limit.



End of a marathon . . . The longest overtime assembly was over and quiet reigned once more in the State House.

Assembly Folds Up Tents And Noisily Steals Away

By IRVING LEIBOWITZ
Hoosier lawmakers reluctantly put the state's biggest political show—the 86th General Assembly—on the road today.

After a whirlwind fling at "partying" last night, legislators, clerks and lobbyists today started homeward.

While the merrymaking was in full swing, janitors and custodians cleaned up the paper-littered Senate and House chambers.

Only a year-old newsboy, Raymond Sarkine, 341 W. Morris St., remained in the deserted chambers where hours before the curtain came down on another memorable session of the Indiana General Assembly.

On the same spot Hoosier history was made last week with a five-hour chain filibuster, the curly-haired newsboy idly pecked away at the House piano.

Less than three days before Frankie Carle, the famous pianist and orchestra leader played the same piano before Gov. Schricker and House members.

Unaware the legislature had just completed 41 hours on "borrowed time," the newsboy said he was waiting for the session to reconvene. When told the Assembly was over, he shrugged his shoulders and walked out with his papers.

Many lawmakers were staying over "to catch up on sleep." Others wanted a last fling. On the Senate floor Sen. John J. Morris (R., Noblesville) said:

"I made enough money here to buy a new automobile. Now I'll go take a ride."

House clerks held a series of parties in a downtown hotel, including:

Ft. Wayne Police Red-Faced After Jailing Wrong Man

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Mar. 10 (UPI)—Embarrassed police officials gently awakened Ralph MacDonald, 37, Lima, O., today and offered to serve him breakfast in bed.

All they wanted was to speed Mr. MacDonald on his way home to Lima so they could forget the entire affair that started when officers hauled him off a bus early today.

State police tipped local officials late last night that a man named Ralph MacDonald, wanted for escaping from the county jail, and were surprised when the man answering to the name of MacDonald boarded a bus at Peru, Ind., 46, a convicted killer, was snug bound for Lima.

Officers surrounded the bus when it pulled into the depot here.

They were armed to the teeth and were surprised when the man learned that Ralph MacDonald, 46, a convicted killer, was snug bound for Lima.

Then the blow fell. Mr. Mac-

Donald allowed as how they had after he and three other prisoners made a slight mistake.

He admitted that his name was Ralph MacDonald but denied he was a desperate criminal.

Right Name, Wrong Man
The officers began checking with Muskegon. From deputy sheriff John C. Russ there, they learned that Ralph MacDonald, 46, a convicted killer, was snug bound for Lima.

Mr. MacDonald took the mistake with good humor. He said it was "the first time I've been in jail and it's been an interesting experience."

The Muskegon MacDonald was recaptured within a few hours

THURSDAY

Bag Train After Gun

One Shot

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when paraded before the police station he and Ramsdell, the train robbery, to say immediate happened to the loot.

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Police said long criminal record automobile theft was serving in

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