GOVERNOR DROPS NEW TAXES PLAN

Industrial Conditions Cause Coal and Manufacturers' Levies to Be Eliminated

FAVORS CONSTITUTION BILL

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, March 1.—Governor Sproul, along with his chief representative in the General Assembly, Republican State Chairman Crow, has concluded a general agreement with Senator Penrose on the major points of the program of legislation to be passed at the present session.

The highlights of the agreement are:

First. Passage of the Sproul-Crow bill submitting to the people the question of calling a constitutional convention.

Second. Virtual killing of the proposed taxes on coal and the capital stock of manufacturing corporations.

Third. Adjournment by May 1.

Fourth. General effort to avoid the imposition of new taxes.

This means, it was indicated, that the fate of the various progressive measures suggested by the Governor in his message at the opening of the session is in the hands of the legislators themselves.

Agree On No New Burdens

The measures will not have organization support unless they can be provided for within the limits of the present revenues, and revenues for the next two years are expected to show a decline.

Governor Sproul said he and Senator Penrose were united in a desire to escape new taxation. This policy was decided upon in the Washington conferences in recognition of the nation-wide recession in business.

The governor said that so far as he was concerned, the harmonious views on new revenues between himself and Senator Penrose sprung from business conditions, pure and simple. He feels that factional politics — the Crow-Grundy feud, for example—has been pushed into the background.

Grundy Is Satisfied

Stating his own position, the Governor said he was most interested in the bill for the constitutional convention and that Senator Penrose was not opposed to this proposition.

The Governor said he had enjoyed a thorough discussion of legislative matters with Senator Penrose, and that he had gone over matters which he had discussed with him before. "We will reef our sails if we have to go through a financial gale," said he. "The revenue is going to be reduced and we will go as far as we can without additional taxation. I believe there should be some equalization and there are some tangible things to work on." He said it would have to be determined by careful analysis whether $90,000,000 of appropriations could be allowed. Many people, he remarked, want things, but they will have to provide the revenue or do without.

The Governor said he found the senator in accord with plans for the session, and remarked: "It is not up to me to force taxation in a time of stress, but to undertake that we don't spend more money than we have to spend."

SPROUL FOES IN HOUSE LOSE DEFICIENCY BILL

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, March 1.—Representative Alexander, Delaware, took almost three hours of the House time last night in an attack on the deficiency bill and got three votes, including his own. Alexander belongs to the faction opposing Governor Sproul in Delaware county. He denied imputations that he was "the Grundy floor leader," and likewise that he was attacking the Governor.

Representatives Golder, Walker and Dunn, of Philadelphia, defended the administration and made light of Alexander's attacks when they branded as "factional."

The bill, which has been a storm center in the House of Representatives for about a month, was passed finally by a vote of 197 to 3. Five minutes later it had been presented to the Senate, referred to the appropriations committee, reported out and passed the first time without comment. The bill carries $3,250,000, including $1,200,000 for the teachers retirement system, and the Senate will pass it finally on Wednesday.

FLOOD OF BILLS SENT TO SENATE AND HOUSE

Harrisburg, March 1.—The Senate and House reconvened last night after a ten-day recess. Among the bills brought forth for action were:

HOUSE

Golder, Philadelphia—Appropriating $65,000 for the use of the armory board of the state to be apportioned [illegible] Tacony company armories, $25,000; Germantown, $75,000; Hunting Park armory, $75,000; Frankford armory, $75,000; Logan armory, $50,000; Ridge avenue armory, $50,000; Point Breeze armory, $50,000; Kensington armory, $50,000; Lawrence armory, $50,000; Lawrence armory, $50,000; Lansdowne armory, $50,000; Lewisburg armory, $50,000; single-troop armory at Lock Haven, $70,000; single-company armory, Milton, $50,000; Norristown, $100,000; regimental heavy artillery armory at Mt. Alry, $500,000; single-troop armory, New Castle, $70,000; single-company armory, Somerset, $50,000; regimental light artillery company armory, Wilkes-Barre, $400,000.

Sowers, Philadelphia—Requiring district attorneys to notify defendants in prison awaiting trial at least five days in advance of the time set for trial of their rights allowing the accused to furnish the names of witnesses who shall be summoned in their behalf.

Campbell, Philadelphia—Requiring permits to conduct pharmacies, the Pennsylvania Board of Pharmacy being authorized to issue permits to corporations and firms as the board deems qualified to conduct such business.

Blumberg, Philadelphia—Prohibiting sale of tickets to theatres and moving-picture houses and other places of amusement to a greater number than the seating capacity.

Miller, Dauphin—Appropriating to the Department of Health moneys received and to be received from the government for the care and treatment of certain discharged sick and disabled soldiers, sailors and marines.

Perry, Philadelphia—Appropriating $5000 to the Northeastern Hospital, Philadelphia.

Senate

Parton, Philadelphia—Appropriations to Philadelphia institutions: University of Pennsylvania, $4,975,000; Graduate School of Medicine, $200,000; hospital, $500,000; Medico-Chi Hospital, $150,000; Polyclinic Hospital, $150,000; Friends' Home for Children, $4000; Pennsylvania Institution for Instruction of the Blind, $192,500; deficiency, $43,360.62.

Crow, Fayette—State College, $2,900,000 for maintenance, $2,885,000 for buildings, $674,214 for extension work, summer school, etc.

Marshall, Phipps—Establishing a state court of claims with three judges elected for ten years to receive $8000 a year; a prothonotary to be named at $4000.

Einstein, Allegheny—Providing pay for presidential electors at the rate $15 per day and ten cents mileage.

Dalx, Philadelphia—Regulating county appropriations for burial of soldiers.

Fess, Chester—Reappropriating state normal school funds and making a deficiency appropriation of $582,316.

Salus, Philadelphia—Appropriating $25,000 for presentation of a testimonial to each Pennsylvania soldier, sailor or marine in the world war.

Fess, Chester—Reappropriating money for the Pennypacker monument on the Philadelphia Parkway.

Salus, Philadelphia—Authorizing receivers of taxes to furnish certificates of taxes and claims which are liens.

POLITICAL EQUALITY GIVEN FOR WOMEN BY MEASURE

Same Representation as Men on County Committees Is Proposed

Harrisburg, March 1.—An act to provide for equal representation relative to sex on all county committees of political parties was presented in the House of Representatives by Representative Brown, of Philadelphia. Equal representation of men and women from and after the passage of the act is provided for and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the proposed act are repealed.

At the same time Mr. Brown offered a joint resolution for the appointment of a commission of two members of the House and one member of the Senate, to be known as the women's equal rights legislative commission, to draft bills for submission to the Legislature providing for the equalization of rights and privileges for women. The members of the commission are to be paid $500 each. The proposed legislation is offered following the passage of the nineteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States.

WOMAN 'JUDGE' IS NAMED

Governor Appoints Her to Dauphin Vacancy—First In State

Harrisburg, March 1.—Bertha B. Hawthorne, of Dauphin county, is the first woman justice of the peace to be named in Pennsylvania.

The nomination for Miss Hawthorne to be a justice of the Dauphin county borough as successor to William H. Ege, who resigned, was sent to the Senate by Governor Sproul and immediately confirmed.

Industrial Conditions Cause Revision of Sproul's Plans

The revised Sproul state program provides for:

Passage of bill submitting to the people question of calling constitution revision convention.

Virtual killing of bills proposing special tax on coal and on capital stock of manufacturing corporations.

General effort to avoid all new tax burdens.

Adjournment by May 1.

Industrial conditions given as reason for dropping new revenue measures.

FINEGAN PLAN AIDS SCHOOL BORROWING

Proposals Include Bill to Double Amount of Temporary Loans in Cities

LENGTHENS TUITION TERM

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, March 1.—Details of bills indorsed by Dr. Finegan, state superintendent of public instruction, were made known today. The bills will be introduced by Representative Smith, Fayette, chairman of the House education committee. The schedule follows:

First. Doubling the amount of funds school boards may borrow on temporary loans. In districts of the first and second class, which include Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, the percentage on assessed valuation would be increased from 2-10 to 4-10 of 1 per cent. In districts of the third and fourth class, the rate would be increased from ½ to 1 per cent.

Second. Permitting the state board to invest funds in Liberty and other United States Government bonds.

Third. Permitting school boards to raise the salaries of principals and superintendents. As the law now reads, increases may be made for teachers only.

Fourth. Raising the minimum school term, beginning with this year, from seven months of twenty days each, or 140 days, to eight months of twenty days each, or a total of 160 days. This minimum would be increased ten days a year until a total of 190 days was reached in 1924 when the figure would become stationary.

Fifth. Providing that annual budgets will be required in each school district.

Sixth. Lowering the age of compulsory attendance for school children from eight years to six years. In rural districts, where it would be difficult for six-year-old children to go to school, "reasonable excuses" would be accepted.

The general salary bill, to go in next week, will require, after a certain number of years have passed, that teachers in the elementary schools shall have a high school education, plus two years of normal school or their equivalent, and a college education for high school teachers.

Nothing in the bill will invalidate permanent teachers' certificates now outstanding nor work any hardships on teachers now in the ranks. The bill aims at improving the standard of teachers in the service and will make an increase of teachers' salary depend upon proper service. The bill will raise the minimum annual salary for teachers.

BILLBOARD TAX SOUGHT

Senator Woodward Introduces Measure Providing Levy on Signs

Harrisburg, March 1.—Senator Woodward, Philadelphia, offered a bill in the Senate empowering Philadelphia to levy a tax on billboards and signs. The tax would not exceed twenty-five cents a square foot per year. It would not apply to signs and boards on the premises where the business was carried on.

N. J. ACQUIRES TOLL ROAD

State to Take Over Woodbury Turnpike at Cost of $70,000

What is believed to have been the last toll road in the state, the Woodbury turnpike, running from Jersey avenue, Gloucester, to Red Bank avenue, Woodbury, will be taken over by the state of New Jersey. The state will pay $70,000 for the road.

Following a conference in Camden yesterday, the owners of the road, the Gloucester Turnpike Co., agreed to sell. Present at the meeting were Senators Wallworth, of Camden, and Sturgess, of Gloucester. The company was represented by E. E. Read and J. Lynch Truscott. Formal transfer of the road will be made under the supervision of the State Highway Commission of New Jersey.

DANCE-HALL LICENSE GONE

Police Watch Various Places Since Raid on Graboyes

Dance halls throughout the city are being subjected to closer police scrutiny.

Mayor Moore made an announcement to that effect yesterday, and at the same time gave public notice that he had revoked the dance-hall license issued to Michael Graboyes, proprietor of Young's Hotel, Franklin street and Girard avenue, which was raided recently.

More than 100 persons were taken in the raid. Graboyes, a bartender and a waiter were the only ones held for court. The others were discharged by the central station magistrate.

The Mayor said yesterday there were other dance halls which require police attention and that probably they would be treated as the Graboyes' place was treated.

YALE SENIOR SENT TO JAIL

Classmate Fined $1200 for Stealing Automobile

New Haven, Conn., March 1.—Elias W. Harrington and Ellwood Grissinger, Yale seniors, yesterday were sentenced for stealing an automobile, Harrington being given five months in jail, while Grissinger was fined $1200. They stole the automobile in Hartford several months ago and drove to Binghamton, N. Y., to attend a college dance. They were arrested under the Dyer law and pleaded guilty before United States Judge Thomas.

Their counsel pleaded the affair was a college prank.

During the war Harrington drove President Wilson's private automobile. Grissinger is only son of Ellwood Grissinger, inventor of wireless telephone apparatus.

ASK BROOKS LAW REPEAL

Methodists Also Demand Adequate Prohibition Enforcement

Resolutions requesting repeal of the Brooks high license law and enactment of an adequate prohibition enforcement law, were adopted last night at a meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Social Union in the Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bishop Berry, Dr. J. G. Wilson and Dr. Frederick Poole were the speakers. Dr. Poole gave an illustrated lecture on Jerusalem.

MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS

Municipal appointments announced yesterday included Joseph H. White, of 132 West York street, transitman, Bureau of Surveys, $1350 a year, and Paul H. Depman, 4454 Richmond street; Sidney B. Baines, Ridge avenue and Hermit street; Charles J. Mallon, 4441 North Fourth street, and Charles Hurwitz, 2609 North Thirtieth street, rodmen, same bureau, $1200 a year each.

Students Study Court Work

For the purpose of obtaining first-hand information regarding the disposition of civil suits fifty students of the University of Pennsylvania Law School attended the court of Magistrate Harris, Thirty-eighth and Market streets, this morning. Arrangements have been made for the students to attend court at least once weekly.

COMBINE TO DROP OLD MAGISTRATES

Leaders in Preparing County Slate Say They Will Not "Hurt" Mayor

HAVE OWN LOVE FEAST

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, March 1.—Representatives of the Philadelphia combine are here in stronger force today than at any time since the beginning of the session. In their wake are many ripples of political gossip.

Members of the Legislature saw the three big leaders of the combine breaking bread together. At one table sat Judge Brown, Thomas W. Cunningham, Senator Vare and Oscar E. Noll. At a nearby table sat Richard Weglein, president of City Council, and Councilman Cox, one of the South Philadelphia members.

Senator Vare and Judge Brown both said it was entirely too early to discuss the make-up of the county ticket. Judge Brown said "No one was giving the matter any thought at all at this time." The judge was asked if the leaders in the city organization would consider Mayor Moore in the writing of the ticket, to the end that the slate would not be the special target of the city administration forces.

"There is not," replied Judge Brown, "and has not been any desire to hurt the Mayor."

The judge was reminded that the Mayor had served notice in a speech last Saturday night that he would not indorse any ticket which stood in opposition to the principles and aims of the Moore administration.

Several of those with Judge Brown replied at once and almost in the same breath that "Mayor Moore is the only one doing any fighting."

Despite the statement that no consideration was being accorded framing of the county ticket, it was learned city organization leaders have decided definitely a new deal will be ordered all around in the slating of candidates for the fifteen places on the magisterial ticket. Scarcely any magistrate whose term is about to expire will be slated for re-election by the combine, it was stated on high authority.

SCHOOL RIPPER HEARING

Public to Have Say Here on Bill to Elect Education Board

Harrisburg, March 1.—Representative Sterling, sponsor for the bill providing for a small, unpaid and elective Board of Education to take the place of the present board, announced today a public hearing on the proposal will be held in Philadelphia on Thursday or Friday next week.

In a conference between Representatives Edmonds and Sterling, it was decided to try to have the bill reported out of the education committee of the House next week and push the measure on to final passage. Mr. Sterling is now engaged in rounding up votes for the bill.

WEAPONS LICENSE BILL AIMS TO CHECK BANDITRY

Measure Drawn by Smyth Gives Police Power Over Permits

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, March 1.—Licensing of gun toters to halt the wave of banditry is proposed in a bill drafted by City Solicitor Smyth, of Philadelphia, and introduced in the House by Representative Franklin. The bill is expected to receive the full support of the Moore administration.

It applies to blackjacks, brass knuckles and all forms of deadly weapons which can be concealed.

The bill specifies that to carry any such weapons outside of the home requires a license to be granted by the police authorities after proper examination. A fee of $1 is provided for the issuance of the license.

Violation of the act would be punishable by a fine of from $100 to $500 and imprisonment of from six months to two years, or both. Any person refused a license by the police authorities has the right to appeal to the court.

Representative Dithrich, Allegheny, introduced a bill making it unlawful for corporations or dealers to display dangerous and deadly weapons, or to sell weapons to persons of weak mind, intoxicated or known to be criminals, and making it unlawful to carry deadly weapons with intent to use against any persons.

ECONOMY AX TO SWING

State Appropriations Bill of Millions to Be Pruned

Harrisburg, March 1.—Estimates being filed with the House appropriations committee by heads of departments will aggregate high in the millions and some of the first work of the committee will be to prune it. The plan is to frame the bill and introduce it within a week and then recommit it for consideration and hearings if necessary.

The Department of Forestry has asked $5,000,000 appropriation for the purchase of lands and $1,000,000 for fighting fires.

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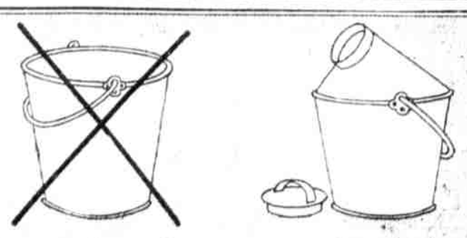
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