

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

NOTE: This is the eleventh of a series of weekly summaries prepared by the legislative staff of the Institute of Government on the work of the North Carolina General Assembly of 1957. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

Late-spring sunshine and a two-day jaunt to Dare County for the dedication of the new Umstead Bridge slowed the legislative pace to a walk this week. Even though neither house missed a session as a result of the trip, only one-third as many bills were introduced as last week, and calendar action fell off accordingly. The major floor fight took place in the Senate once more, as the Governor's minimum wage proposal struggled through a jungle of hostile amendments.

Business Regulation
A staple of Governors' legislative programs for the past several legislative sessions, the 75c minimum wage proposal finally cleared the Senate by a 43-4 vote, but it may not be out of the woods yet. By narrow margins in several instances, proponents of the measure first beat down five out of six committee amendments designed to exempt particular types of employees from coverage, then defeated several amendments offered from the floor, and finally accepted amendments restricting application to employers of more than four employees and exempting several minor classifications of employees. Pending over the weekend, however, was a motion by Senator Whitmore to reconsider the measure, offered for the avowed purpose of excluding summer camp employees from coverage.

The sale of meat and meat products without inspection would be outlawed by SB 346. It sets up an inspection system for slaughtering and meat-processing plants to be administered by the Commissioner of Agriculture. Costs of the program would be borne by the plants inspected, and small-scale producers would be exempted. The sale of lye (except in bulk in sealed containers) in such form that, when mixed with water, it gives a milk-like appearance, is forbidden by a House bill. High costs of transporting coal are reflected in proposals authorizing condemnation of easements for pipelines carrying coal in suspension; introducers said these lines might help keep electric utility plants in the state instead of at mine sites. The real estate licensing board bill ran into a series of amendments but passed second reading by a wide margin in the Senate before being sent back to committee for further study.

Motor Vehicles
Persons suffering from recurrent involuntary seizures will be in danger of losing their drivers' licenses if HB 882 is enacted. It would require their physicians to report seizures to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, who would have to suspend their licenses if there had been another seizure within the preceding year. The suspension would remain in effect until the patient had been treated at a recognized medical center which certified that he had had no attacks for 12 months and that the attacks were not likely to recur. After restoration of a license, the patient would have to furnish an annual statement that he had had no further attack.

Representative Long came back from the long Easter week-end with a bill which would require that persons following a slow-moving driver (without electing to pass) must leave an interval of 150 feet so that others can pass safely. The bill is similar to an existing law which requires that trucks following one another leave an interval of 300 feet between them. The State Highway Patrol may once again use unmarked cars. Both houses this week adopted a conference committee's report which limits the number of unmarked cars to 21 per cent of the total patrol cars, requires warning signs to be posted at highway entrances to the state alerting outsiders of the existence of the unmarked cars, and requires patrolmen to use sirens when stopping vehicles after dark.

The House showed little sympathy for drunken drivers, when it adopted an amendment to HB 405 providing for permanent revocation of the license of a person convicted of this offense for the third time.

Taxation
As a subcommittee began consideration of the Revenue Bill, special relief was sought by two types of businesses. Hand-pressed nut manufacturers would have their net

public school teachers by providing up to 300 teacher-loan scholarships worth \$350 each during 1957-58 and up to 600 in 1958-59. Another 200 summer-school grants of \$75 each would be available. Recipients could use the scholarships at any college in the state approved by the State Board of Education. While offered as loans, the scholarships could be repaid simply by working as a schoolteacher in the state, with each year's service discharging a year's scholarship. Scholarships would be awarded according to subjects in which the demand for teachers is greatest. A group of four Senate bills would extend the types of unclaimed funds which escheat to the University of North Carolina.

Miscellaneous
The "doe deer bill," spiked in past sessions by opposition of sportsmen, has been ratified. It will permit the Wildlife Resources Commission to open the hunting season on does in specified areas, after public hearings and a determination that the step is necessary to reduce deer populations. A bill raising hunting and fishing licenses to \$4.10 each and combination licenses to \$5.25 has passed the House. HB 839 would amend the Constitution to increase the terms of constables from two to four years. SB 358 would prohibit appointment of legislators to state jobs for 24 months after the end of their General Assembly terms.

Local Government
Three bills dealing with municipal financial procedures were introduced in the House during the week. One reflects post-war inflation by increasing by 1000 the maximum amounts for which public contracts may be let without observing the formalities of advertising, bidding, and bonding required by GS 143-129 and makes it possible for local governments to purchase automobiles costing more than \$1500 without obtaining approval of the Governor and Council of State. A second permits municipalities to invest idle funds in specified ways. The third simplifies the Municipal Capital Reserve Act, authorizing appropriations from the general fund to the capital reserve fund, broadening permissible purposes for which the reserve fund may be used, and allowing the investment of reserve funds in income-producing securities pending use for capital improvements; the bill thus eases the path of the municipality seeking to pay as it goes.

Municipal power to order the condemnation and removal of partially destroyed or complete buildings which constitute a nuisance is spelled out by SB 342. A bill to do the same thing on a grander scale, the Urban Redevelopment bill, moved closer to final passage with a favorable Senate committee report.

A major deterrent to some municipal annexations would be removed by SB 348. Under a quirk of existing law, school bus transportation is furnished children living more than 1 1/2 miles from their schools only if they live outside a municipality. Earlier this year the State Board of Education sought funds to grant such service to children inside town, but it was turned down by the Advisory Budget Commission. This week's bill would simply forbid the cutting off of existing school bus service as the result of an annexation.

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ABUNDANT LIFE BY ORAL ROBERTS



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