

rectly interested in the pilotage business and charged that the board has made arbitrary regulations prohibiting a large number of old pilots from carrying on their business. The bill, he explained, provides that the pilotage board shall be composed of five members, one of whom shall serve on the board and opens the business to all of the former and present pilots. Mr. Bellamy, of Brunswick, strongly opposed the bill and the re-opening of the pilotage question. He urged that the members vote down the bill as not wanted by any parties at all interested and insisted that Wilmington and the local board can and does readily cope with the situation.

The House bill for pensioning disabled firemen in the service of Wilmington, passed the Senate and was ordered enrolled for ratification.

House—Night Session
The House voted tonight 50 to 34 against the establishment of a State tax commission separate from the Corporation Commission but left open until Tuesday the question of whether there shall simply remain the present State tax commission composed of the Corporation Commissioners or, as proposed by Representative Justice in an amendment that he will offer, the appointment of a tax commission to act in conjunction with the chairman of the Corporation Commission.

Leaving this question open, the House passed on many of the subsequent sections of the machinery bill.

Before taking up the machinery bill many measures came up.
The bill from the Senate to allow women to hold positions on school committees and boards of trustees of educational institutions came up. Mr. Bowie moved its reference to the committee on Federal relations. Speaker Connor suggested the committee suggest immediate passage. In the end the bill went to the calendar committee.

Bills passed included: Provide for election of assistant cotton weighers throughout the State. Change the title of corporation clerk to deputy Secretary of State. Provide pay for Commissioners of Bladen. Allow chairman of Commissioners of Haywood pay for extra work.

Chairman Williams, of the Finance Committee, introduced the machinery bill and its consideration was taken up immediately. Its principal new feature being the proposed State tax commission to supersede the Corporation Commission in that capacity. Chairman Williams declared that not less than \$200,000 was lost during the past year to the State through failure to collect Schedules B and C taxes, the inheritance tax and the other taxes.

The separate commission and centering of duties and responsibilities in it, he believed would be a good investment.

Mr. Bowie estimated that the separate commission would cost \$20,000. He thought with the re-assessment knocked out, there was no use for the separate commission for the next two years. Mr. Page advocated the separate commission. Mr. Justice, in notice of his proposed amendment for one commissioner to be appointed to act with the chairman of the Corporation Commission and the clerk to the Corporation Commission.

This matter was left open after the definite vote against full separate commission 50 to 34.

The House went into committee of the whole after 10 o'clock tonight, in an effort to clear the middle in the machinery bill caused by voting down the first section to create a separate State tax commission with the result that Sections 1 to 13 of the 1911 machinery act, including the Corporation Commission as State tax commission and adopting for the remainder of the machinery bill the sections of the old 1909 act, that has the effect of abolishing the county tax assessor appointed by the State tax commission and leaving the assessing in the hands of the assessors and listers appointed in the counties. In this form the machinery bill passed second reading near midnight and took its place on the calendar for final passage in both Houses tomorrow.

During the work in committee of the whole Mr. Justice charged that re-assessment was receded from because the members did not have the courage to vote for it and face their constituents back home and that the Finance Committee backed down under pressure from the corporation interests. Chairman Williams denied the charges and pointed out that whatever concessions had been made to corporations had been made on the floors of the two Houses and not in committee. Mr. Justice passed a sharp criticism on members of the Corporation Commission for being in the lobbies working against any change in the present law constituting the commissioners the State tax commissioners.

An important amendment to the machinery bill was an amendment by Brawley, authorizing city and commissioners to make contracts with professional tax collectors.

The House worked until midnight on calendar bills.
The Senate tonight passed the Jones-Grier bill putting telegraph, water and electric light and gas companies under the control of the Corporation Commission with the section that would direct the Corporation Commission to require physical connection between competing telephone lines stricken out. It exempts municipally-owned plants. Other bills passed included: The Bellamy bill permitting county commissioners to make deductions for sentences of convicts for good behavior. The clause allowing the payment of money allowance for the convict's family was stricken out. Allow widows to draw pensions of husbands for one year after death. The Kellum resolution for a commission to recommend to the next Legislature as to the advisability of the State publishing school books for children at cost. Amend the law as to the liability of stockholders in State banks. Amend the law as to forms of life insurance contracts. Amend the law as to polling places and registrations. Repeal the law permitting the use of saccharine. Allow the State treasurer to take up certain old outstanding bonds. Amend the revised law relative to taking depositions of non-residents. Require the securities of insurance companies whose stock is being sold at time of organization to be submitted to the commissioner of insurance for approval. Amend the act of 1905 to cut

down number of justices of the peace in New Hanover.

Bills tabled or otherwise defeated were: Establish reformatory for women. Penalize telephone and telegraph companies for failure to deliver messages correctly and promptly. Bill for non-partisan school boards, provide for assistant pharmacists. Restrict the use of the term "trust" in names of corporations. Abolish joint tenancy between husband and wife.

Toward the close of the night session Senator Hobgood, in behalf of the assistant clerks, presented Chief Clerk Self with a handsome gold-handled umbrella, and Senator Council, speaking for the pages, bestowed upon Lt. Gov. Daughtridge a box of cigars, which the president of the Senate said he appreciated as highly as any gift he had received, notwithstanding the value of the others.

Bills passed for an inspection tax on liquor shipped into the State. Senator Hobgood's bill extending immunity from prosecution to parties testifying for the State in gambling cases.

At 11:40 the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

House—32nd Day
The House convened at 11 o'clock; prayer by Rev. L. F. Johnson. The committee on appropriations reported unfavorably the resolution to allow the postmaster at the State House a bonus of \$20 for his services during the Legislature. He is paid by the Postoffice Department. The committee on Propositions and Grievances reported unfavorably the bill for a State Board of Examiners to license barbers.

Revenue Bill
The revenue bill as amended by the Senate, was reported to the House. Representative Williams made the point that the Senate had raised the tax rate on the people and cut considerably the franchise tax on corporations. Representative Doughton moved that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments to the bill. This motion was carried and the Speaker was directed to appoint a conference committee.

The solicitors' salary bill as passed by the Senate came up and Representative Doughton spoke against it, making a motion that prevailed that the bill be referred to the committee on propositions and grievances, the understanding being that there will be no report from the committee, the bill being "put to sleep."

The House passed the bill to appropriate \$10,000 for the State School for the Feeble-minded at Kinston. This institution asked for \$250,000.

The House voted down the joint resolution from the Senate for a special committee from the Legislature to investigate and report to the special session on the advisability of North Carolina representation at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.
Speaker Connor announced as the committee on the part of the House for adjusting the differences between the Senate and the House on the Revenue bill, Representatives Williams, of Buncombe; Doughton, Wallace, Young, of Harnett, and Ross.

The vote by which the bill was defeated some days ago to restore to the Indians of Robeson county their ancient name of "Cherokees" was reconsidered and the bill passed on its readings. It gives these Indians the name "Cherokees of Robeson."

Bills Passed Final Readings

Require railroads to provide shelter for employes at division points. Amended so as to require protection from hot sun as well as weather. Amend Buncombe road law. Senate bill relative to the election of United States Senators. Resolution asking aid in construction of post roads. Amend Randolph road law. Amend charter of Asheville. Regulate use of roads in Black Mountain district. Relative to bond issue by Belhaven. Bond issue by Northampton. Amend Charter of Concord. Relative to charter of Raleigh. Relative to sale of certain bonds of the Appalachian Training School. Relative to dog tax in Rockingham county. Provide for election of trustees Henderson graded schools. Provide a bonus of \$10 to laborers serving the Legislature and allow them railroad fare to and from their homes. Allow extra pay to S. W. Walker, janitor of Supreme Court. For repairs public roads in Wayne. For the relief of the sheriff of Madison. For relief of former Sheriff DeLapp, of Davidson. For employment of primary teachers in Wake. Prohibit sale of merchandise within one mile of certain churches in Vance. Amend laws controlling roads in Haywood, between Clyde and Waynesville. Regulate use of traction engines in Franklin. Amend the game laws of Vance. Relative to tags on fertilizer bags. Bill amending the health laws of the State. Relative to registration of ancient deeds. Protect policyholders in assessment companies. Make uniform the crime of larceny throughout the State.

The House took a recess at 2 o'clock until 8 o'clock tonight.

Senate—62nd Day.

With most of the Senators in their seats the Senate convened at 10 o'clock; prayer by Rev. T. W. O'Kelly. The bill making uniform bills of lading was called up by Senator Daniel, who explained that it stopped a railroad from denying what its agents had signed, holding it hard and fast to the recital of facts in the bill of lading, and also made the bill of lading negotiable; that it was asked for by the bankers, and that several other

States already had the law.
Senator Peterson, saying he spoke for the merchants, opposed the bill, saying it would work a hardship on that class, and that only one State, Louisiana, had passed a similar act, and it had not worked well there. Senator Nimocks spoke for it as protecting the bankers and as being similar to an act passed by the United States Senate and ten other States. Senator Evans, of Pitt, opposed on the ground that it sought to make negotiable instruments of something that was materially different from its accepted legal definition. The bill failed to pass by 16 to 21.

By consent Senator Nimocks introduced a resolution expressing the thanks of the Senate for the fair and courteous consideration shown by President Pro Tem Pharr while in the chair. Adopted by rising vote. Senator Pharr briefly expressed his thanks and appreciation.

Another resolution by Senator Nimocks was for a committee to investigate the employers' liability and compensation act and report to the extra session.

Senator Hannah offered a resolution in behalf of the engrossing clerks of Senate and House and the enrolling clerk and assistants.

Upon receipt of the message that the House had failed to concur in the Senate amendments to the revenue bill, Senators Cook, Long, Gilliam, Barnes and Bryant were appointed on the conference committee.

The substitute bill allowing women to serve on school committees and as trustees of educational institutions, but not State or county school boards, precipitated some discussion. Senator Mason thought it was not a matter of legislation to declare what were public officers, and Senator Jones suggested that the matter ought to be referred to the constitutional amendments committee. Senator Bryant did not consider it so much of a constitutional matter, and favored women serving in such positions. Senator Hobgood agreed with Senator Bryant and submitted the observation that women did have somewhat to complain of at the hands of men. Senator Nimocks also supported the bill, saying the militant suffragettes did not want these little places.

Senator Pharr was bitterly opposed to anything that would get women mixed up in politics. Moreover, the House had already killed the bill. Senator Daniel considered that this question was before the Supreme Court now, that tribunal would put its ear to the ground, as it often did. Practically all of the primary education of the State was entrusted to the women.

Senator McLean did not believe the women of the State were demanding this thing. If we passed this bill, in two years the women would come asking for the suffrage. Senator Evans, of Pitt, likewise denied that women were asking for it, and insisted, among other objections, that to have women on boards would cause friction. Senator Davis feared some Senators were seeing ghosts. With two-thirds of school teachers women, they ought to be represented on committees.

Senator Council did not think the constitutional question need bother the Senate, for the Supreme Court would not declare the act unconstitutional, and he doubted the hardihood of anyone to raise the question anyhow.

Senator Carson bore witness that in the West the women had proved their ability to handle the school systems. Senator Scott quoted a few lines from the oration of his graduating speech on "Women's Rights", apothecizing her sway of home and affections. Senator Peterson said he loved women too well to vote for the bill.

An amendment by Senator Pharr that the bill do not apply to offices voted for by the people was adopted, and the bill was passed by 27 to 18 and ordered sent to the House.

Senate bills passed final reading: Amending Revised so as to extend time six months for veterinarians to obtain license, with an amendment by Senator Jones not to apply to veterinarians now practicing. Supplemental bill introduced by Senator Brown replacing in the railroad shed bill the provision for protection of workmen on cars against hot sunshine as well as rain, snow and cold. Amending charter of Linde. Allowing chairman of Haywood commissioners extra pay. Providing for pay of Bladen commissioners. Promoting teaching of agriculture and domestic science in Wake. Taxing dogs in Wayne and making them subjects of larceny.

House bills passed final reading: Requiring ratemaking bureaus to report same to State Insurance Commissioner for approval. Approving bond issue by Belhaven. Road law in Magolia township, Duplin. Amending charter of Tabor. Granting charter to Sharpshurg. For special road tax in Robeson. Authorizing Brunswick commissioners to issue bonds for townships. Relative to stock law boundaries in Haywood, Transylvania, Avery and Pamlico. Allowing Guilford commissioners to establish farm schools. As to fees of Madison officers. Requiring burial of dead animals in Robeson. Proposing State grant \$19 to Jas. Willis. Requiring hunting deer. Amending Rowan drainage law. Taxing dogs in Duplin. Amending Haywood road law. Incorporating First Presbyterian church, Burnsville. Empowering Onslow commissioners to aid in erection of Confederate monument. Requiring certain reports of officers in

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