

## WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Note: This is one 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 1959. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

The Assembly's week was highlighted by the Wednesday trip to New Bern, where the legislators participated in the formal opening of restored Tryon Palace. The session was held at the place where 182 years ago the first General Assembly of North Carolina convened. Lieutenant Governor Bardhardt timed the Senate session with an hourglass. The dignified and impressive surroundings were reflected in the conduct of the session. Resolutions of appreciation to those responsible for the restoration of the Palace were approved and the meeting adjourned.

**Minimum Wage**  
Again this week the minimum wage occupied the center of the House stage. HB 121 found the going rough, but its supporters successfully steered it through a multiplicity of amendments to approval on second reading Thursday. The committee amendment which would have removed all exemptions was soundly defeated by a vote of 88-23. Two and one-half hours and 18 votes later, the bill passed second reading by a vote of 62-48. As it now stands, the bill requires a minimum wage of 75c per hour, and exempts, among others, persons engaged in farming, dairying and domestic service, as well as part-time workers, handicapped workers, and apprentices. The most serious defeat suffered by sponsors of the bill was the adoption of an amendment exempting employers of five or fewer persons, instead of three or fewer as provided in the original bill. Third reading of the bill, scheduled for Friday, was postponed until Tuesday, April 14.

**Municipal Annexation And Zoning**  
Three bills implementing recommendations of the Municipal Study Commission were introduced in the House Thursday. HB 506 and 508 (applying to

larger and smaller cities respectively) empower municipalities to annex contiguous territory, provided the territory has developed according to certain specified standards and provided the municipality can provide all municipal services to annexed area within a limited time. The bills set out procedures to be followed, and provide for appeals to the courts by any affected property owner. HB 507 rewrites the law governing annexation of an area upon petition of all owners of real property in the area; principal changes are simplification of publication requirements and application of the law to any area presenting a petition, without regard to population.

HB 488, also implementing the Municipal Study Commission's work, empowers cities of 10,000 or more people to zone areas up to five miles beyond city limits. The county commissioners must approve such action, and the areas affected must be presently developed for urban-type uses, or to be reasonably expected to be so developed within five years, and the area must be important to the sound development of the city.

**Courts and Judges**  
HB 513 would end the present practice under which periodic legislative provision is made for appointment by the Governor of four special Superior Court judges for 4-year terms, and would provide for eight special judges to be elected for 8-year terms; two of these judges would be nominated by the voters of each judicial division, and they would be elected by voters of the whole state. SB 225 permits service as Attorney General to be combined with service as Superior Court judge in determining qualification for retirement benefits. SB 218 modifies the jurisdiction of courts with respect to actions under the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act.

**Public Welfare**  
SB 219, introduced by Sen. Peel, was described as one alternative to the sterilization bill as a means of discouraging the

bearing of illegitimate children for purposes of obtaining aid-to-dependent-children payments. . . the bill authorizes the county superintendent of public welfare to apply to any of various courts in his county to have a personal representative appointed for recipients of old age assistance, aid to dependent children, or aid to disabled persons. If the superintendent shows to the satisfaction of the court that the recipient of assistance is mentally or physically unable to manage the payments, or is otherwise unable to manage to the extent that deprivation or hazard to himself or others results, or that payments for dependent children are not being used for the children, the court will appoint a representative to receive the payments and use the proceeds for the benefit of the proper person.

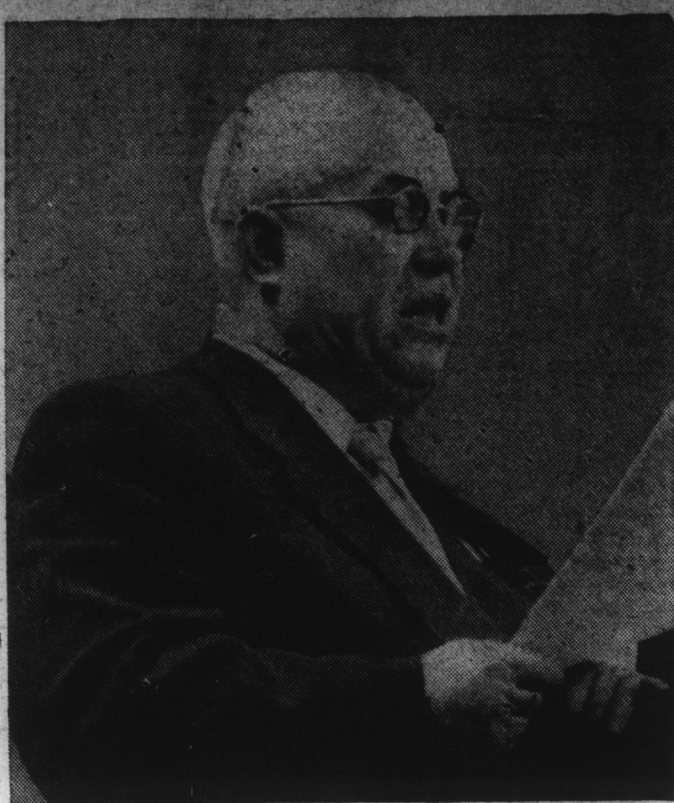
**Education**  
The compromise measure to resolve the differences between the State Board of Higher Education and the Trustees of the Consolidated University passed the House without a dissenting vote being heard. SB 203 (HB 478) permits district lines among school districts having the same supplemental tax rate to be changed without abolishing either the tax or the districts. SB 204 (HB 479) requires re-advertising of building contracts if fewer than three acceptable bids are received initially, and permits award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder if second advertising does not produce at least three acceptable bids. SB 205 (HB 480) makes numerous changes in the public school laws, including a revision of the laws relating to fire hazards and the responsibilities of principals with respect to fire.

**Occupational Licensing**  
Prospective titorial artists would be required to complete eight months' training at an approved school by TB 514, which makes numerous changes in the regulation of barbering and barber schools. SB 217 requires three years of pre-medical college training plus a written examination for licensing as an osteopath. HB 476 allows the licensing without examination of refrigeration contracts having an established place of business in a city of more than 10,000 population, and who have paid the State revenue tax for the year during which the city reached that population level. HB 477 brings the Board of Refrigeration Examiners under the Uniform Revocation of Licenses Act.

**Local Water Supply Bonds**  
SB 216, introduced by Senators Davis, Duncan and Reavis, allows cities and counties located in a single river basin to finance jointly municipal or industrial water supply features incidental to Army Engineers' flood and drought control projects. Though general in form, the proposal is prompted by Yadkin River basin interests who seek the construction of a federal dam in Wilkes County. After being amended to deny any implication that it

would permit diversion of water to other watersheds, the bill was hurried through second reading an effort to achieve final passage in time for consideration by Congressional appropriations subcommittees now sitting.

HB 468, introduced by Rep. Zollicoffer, requires a person possessing various types of explosives to obtain a permit from the clerk of Superior Court. . . Senator Lanier introduced SB 214 to change the primary election date from the last Saturday in May to Tuesday after the third Monday in April; he stated that the change would give week-end vacationers and farmers a better chance to get to the polls without serious disarrangement of plans or work. . . HB 502, introduced by Rep. Turner, amends the Constitution to require that 90% of any surplus tax revenues in any budgetary period be applied to payment of the State debt, and if there be no debt attributable to the fund in which the surplus occurs, then to establishment of a reserve for capital improvements. . . HB 511 would reward foreign insurance companies which establish "regional home offices" in NC by taxing such companies at the domestic rate.



**WORDS-WORDS-WORDS**—Caught by the camera in an unusually untouled condition, Soviets' boss Nikita Khrushchev is shown as he delivered one of many speeches on his recent visit to East Berlin.

ing specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, repay the loan and sell in the open market prior to July 31.

Thigpen reports that North Carolina farmers have already repaid loans on about 1,000 bales. Most of these loans have been repaid in the last six weeks.

"This action reflects an increased demand for certain grades and staple lengths," Thigpen said. "North Carolina farmers, who still have 157,011 bales under government loan, should keep in touch with the market."

**Accident Facts**  
You're driving down a highway at night. The bright lights of the oncoming car blind you.

If you're smart you (a) counteract the effect of the other car's lights by flicking on yours, (b) speed up so you can get past the other car quicker, (c) slow down and keep your eyes on the right edge of the road.

If you picked "c" you're hep to the safer points of driving, the National Safety Council says. And if you didn't? Well, see if you can't do better on these questions:

1. Good drivers know they should brake (a) before entering a curve, (b) on the curve.

2. It's advisable to slow down below the posted speed limit when (a) other traffic is whizzing past you, (b) it's raining, (c) a police car is behind you.

3. If the wheels of your car go off the right side of the road and onto a soft shoulder, you should (a) jerk the wheel to the left before the tires have a chance to sink down in the soft ground, (b) hit the brakes to stop the car quickly, (c) take your foot off the gas pedal and wait till your car slows down before returning to the highway.



I believe that spring has turned the corner now and that we can expect a little better treatment weather-wise. Hope so anyway.

I dislike bringing up the subject of disease and insect pests, while we are enjoying the flowering trees and shrubs which are now in all of their seasonal beauty. Remember that they have a way of sneaking up on us and causing real trouble before we realize what is happening.

Here are some of the worst offenders: The Lace Bug, especially bad on pyracantha, azalea and Washington Hawthorn; White Fly and Cottony Cushion Scale on pittosporum and gardenia. All of these may be controlled by spraying thoroughly with Malathion (25 per cent wettable powder) at the rate of two table-spoons in one gallon of water. If the 50 per cent emulsifiable concentrate is used, add two tea-spoons of Malathion for each gallon of water. Be sure to cover the under sides of the leaves. Red Spider mites on azalea can also be controlled with either of these mixtures.

Be careful when using spray materials of any kind. Keep labeled and stored in a safe place. Avoid breathing either dust, or spray drift. Carefully follow manufacturer's instructions printed on the container. Your County Agricultural Agent can supply you spray calendars covering the control of insect and disease pests which attack fruit, vegetable and ornamental crops. Make plans to prune your water-melons this summer if you want some big ones. Save two or three of the best shaped melons on each vine and remove the rest. Pruning should be done when the melons are about the size of a quart jar.

Plan the vegetable garden well and keep it growing. Don't give

**OH, MY ACHING BACK**  
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store last fall. Prune the early flowering shrubs if they need it. Plant gladiolus every two weeks for continuous bloom. Prune hedge plants when the new growth is about six inches. Top dress the lawn with a quickly available source of nitrogen, as needed.

The object of art is to crystallize emotion into thought, and then fix it in form. —Francis Delsarte.

**Plant North Carolina Approved Hybrid Corn**

- V26Y Extra Early (Y)
- N. C. No. 27 (Y)
- Keystone No. 255 (Y)
- Keystone 107-W (W)
- Wood's V125 (W)
- Trucker's Hybrid (W)
- Pioneer 309A
- Speight D-4 (Y)
- Speight No. 288 (Y)
- U. S. 523W—White
- N. C. 42 (Y)

**Soybeans**

- Wood's Extra Early Certified
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Markets are people with money to spend. Each year the market areas in North Carolina are growing in spending power. This spending power attracts business of all kinds, which in turn makes more jobs, higher wages, better living. But, some areas are growing faster than others.

Almost without exception the fastest growing market areas of North Carolina are the same areas that have adopted "legal control" of the sale of beer and ale as the system proven to be in the best interests of progressive, law-abiding communities.

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