

Weekly Legislative Summary

Editor's 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 1963. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

On Thursday the General Assembly moved from its new \$6.2 million building to hold a session in the old \$210 million battleship U.S.S. North Carolina. The vessel withstood the test without a tremor, but the consensus, as the last legislator abandoned ship, was that the rippling fountains on Halifax Street are a happier setting for legislative battles than is the once-mighty warship anchored in the Cape Fear.

Highway Safety

Governor Sanford delivered his message on highway safety on Tuesday, rather than on Monday as originally scheduled. The Governor recommended a 9-point program: a coordinating committee to conduct continuing examination of the accident problem, implementation of the court amendments to develop uniformity in handling traffic cases, adoption of interstate compacts dealing with driver licenses and vehicle safety equipment, closing of loopholes in the point system, additional highway patrolmen, a seat belt requirement, driver education for beginners, a chemical drunkenness test, and periodic checks of safety equip-

ment. On Wednesday the two interstate compact bills were introduced. SB 228 (HB 468) enacts the vehicle equipment safety compact. An Equipment Safety Commission composed of a representative from each of the party states is empowered to make studies, analyze data, and adopt codes governing safety equipment. The NC Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or one of his departmental officers would represent this state, and the Commission's codes would not take effect in NC until approved by act of the General Assembly. SB 229 (HB 467) enacts the driver license compact, which establishes a system of mutual reporting of driving violation convictions among the party states; party states would give effect to specified convictions in other states, for purposes of suspending or revoking driver licenses, and applications for licenses would be checked against records in other states, to limit a driver to a single license at any one time. On Friday the resolution (HR 474) creating the Governor's Coordinating Committee on Traffic Safety was introduced.

HB 483, by Rep. Crawford, prohibits the use of airplanes by the Highway Patrol to discover violations of the rules of the

road. HB 448, by Rep. Sermons allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to reissue a license suspended for 3 years because of prearranged racing, after 18 months of the suspension upon proof of good behavior and proper attitude on the part of the applicant. The Department can impose such conditions as it sees fit.

HB 433 limits the right of insurance companies to cancel automobile liability policies for which the full premium has been paid; cancellation in such a case is limited to fraud of misrepresentation, conviction of a relatively serious offense, or suspension or revocation of the operator's license of the policyholder or a regularly authorized operator of the vehicle.

HB 9, the seat belt bill, is in the Senate Highway Safety Committee; opponents claim enough strength to kill the bill. HB 96, which would have created a Department of Highway Safety, independent of the Department of Motor Vehicles, was reported unfavorably Friday by the House Committee on Highway Safety.

Highways

HB 224, the \$200 million road bond bill, adjudged mortally ill last week when Governor Sanford stated that he did not think it was necessary, showed surprising vitality Thursday in the House Committee on Roads. That committee approved the bill, after rewriting it to specify that of the \$100 million which originally was to be expended on the State primary system and on urban streets, \$15 million is to be spent on the State system within municipalities, and \$15 million is to be spent by the municipalities on non-State streets. The committee substitute was adopted in the House Friday and was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Counties, Cities and Towns
SB 217, by Sen. Currie empowers boards of county commissioners to assess all or part of the cost of construction, reconstruction and extension of water and sewerage systems against property served or subject to being served by the systems. Assessments may be levied on the basis of abutting frontage, acres of land served, valuation of unimproved land, equal rate per lot, or a combination of these bases. The commissioners may hold in abeyance for up to 10 years the assessment against any class or classes of property not actually connected to a system. The commissioners can require owners of improved property to connect to an available system and can fix the charge for connection. Detailed procedures governing notice and hearing as to proposed projects and assess-



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ments are included in the bill. HB 450 allows municipal governing bodies to adopt resolutions allowing an extension of time for payment of special assessments; GS 160-94 presently authorizes such action if taken prior to February 1, 1945.

HB 466 authorizes county boards of equalization and review to make adjustments in farm valuations for ad valorem tax purposes when changes are made in commodity acreage allotments, if such allotments were taken into account in fixing the present valuations.

HB 471 provides that a vacancy in the public membership of a county board of health shall be filled by a majority of the ex officio members at a meeting called by a majority of the ex officio members for that purpose; present law provides for filling of such vacancies by the ex officio members at the next meeting of the board.

HB 286, appropriating \$25 million in surplus funds for distribution to counties on the basis of "average daily membership" for construction and improvement of city and county school plants, was reported favorably by the House Education Committee and was re-referred to Appropriations. HB 260, which allows counties and cities to let contracts up to \$500 in informal bids, has passed second reading in the Senate; final consideration is scheduled for Monday, April 8. SB 185, limiting the collection of taxes outside the taxing unit to a period within 10 years of the due date, has been ratified.

Workmen's Compensation

On Tuesday Rep. Brooks introduced a package of nine bills amending various parts of the Workmen's Compensation Act. HB 430 specifies that the law is not to be construed to require a Christian Science practitioner who has been treated according to the tenets of his church to receive medical treatment, and such person is entitled to compensation as if he had received treatment. HB 431 allows a review of awards for possible modification if application is made within two years of the last payment. HB 442 adds back injuries to the list for which an employer or insurer may be assessed.

HB 443 broadens the definition of occupational disease to apply to any disease contracted in the course of employment and which results from the cumulative effect of continued exposure to risks inherent in and usual in the nature of the employment. HB 444 specifies that a party to an approved settlement agreement may not subsequently deny the truth of matters to set out in the agreement, in the absence of fraud, misrepresentation, undue influence, or mutual mistake. HB 445 requires employers, within 60 days after notice of injury, to advise the Industrial Commission as to whether or not liability is admitted. HB 446 adds exposure to radioactive materials to the list of occupational diseases. HB 447 imposes a penalty on an employer who fails to secure payment of compensation. HB 477, introduced Friday, increases the maximum weekly compensation from \$25 to \$37.50, and the maximum total compensation from \$10,000 to \$14,000.

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Lunch Room Menu

Menus at John A. Holmes High School lunch room for the week of April 17-19 are as follows:
Wednesday: Grilled luncheon meat, buttered potatoes, turnip greens, bread, butter, ice cream, milk.
Thursday: Beef vegetable soup, sandwiches, cheese, meat salad and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, pears, milk.
Friday: Weiners, weiner rolls, pork and beans, cole slaw, cherry pie, milk, butter.

Spoilsport

As his wife lay on her deathbed, she pleaded, "John, I want you to promise me that you'll ride in the same car with my mother at my funeral."
He sighed, "O. K., but I gonna ruin my whole day."

Legal Notices

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Notice of Seizure in Admiralty
Edward L. Valentine, Libellant
vs.
EMMETT WIGGINS and the VESSEL "BIGWIG," her engines, hull, tackle and her appurtenances thereof, Respondents
Elizabeth City Division Court No. _____
Whereas, on the 5th day of April, 1963, Edward L. Valentine, Proctor, Charles F. Blanchard, attorney-at-law, Raleigh, N. C., filed a libel in the District Court of the United States for Eastern District of North Carolina against the "BIGWIG," her bats, tackle, apparel and furniture, in a cause of Admiralty Libel in Personam and In Rem in the amount of \$175,000.00 civil and maritime;
And whereas, by virtue of process in due form of law, to me directed, returnable on the 19th day of April, 1963, I have seized and taken the said "BIGWIG," her engines, hull, tackle and her appurtenances thereof and have her in my custody.
Notice is hereby given that the owner or owners and all persons who may have or claim any interest are hereby cited to appear on or before April 26th, 1963, and file claim, answer or other pleading with the Clerk of the United States District Court, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.
HUGH SALTER,
United States Marshal,
Raleigh, North Carolina.
EDDIE R. SIGMON,
Deputy U. S. Marshal.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Neppie Burke, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, North Carolina, on or before the 21st day of March, 1964, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate, will please make immediate payment.
This 21st day of March, 1963.
ANNE BELL MELTON,
Executrix of
Neppie Burke Estate.
G. E. Tillet, Attorney
Mar21,28, Apr4,11p

in Edenton, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, that certain lot or parcel of land in Yeopim Township, Chowan County, North Carolina, described as follows:
1. That tract of land in Yeopim Township, being a part of the Woodside Farm, beginning at the corner of the Tigersville and Snow Hill Roads; thence Westwardly along said Tigersville Road 9.90 chains to a ditch, W. W. Lowther's line; thence Southwardly with the said ditch and W. W. Lowther's line 14.75 chains to Thomas Lowther's line; thence 27 1/2 degrees East 10.12 chains along Thomas Lowther's line to Snow Hill Road; thence Northwardly along Snow Hill Road to the Tigersville Road, the place of beginning, containing 16 acres, more or less.
2. That parcel of land or tract on East side of the Snow Hill Road, being a part of the Woodside Farm aforesaid, beginning at a point on the Snow Hill Road 9.11 chains Southwardly from the corner of the Tigersville and Snow Hill Roads; thence South 89 1/2 degrees East 30.55 chains along the Garrison Lam line to a black gum in the branch; thence down said branch 1.70 chains to the two maples and a beech; thence North 87 3/4 degrees West 30.30 chains to Snow Hill Road; thence Southwardly along the said road to the beginning, containing 5 acres more or less.
Excepting and excluding from the real estate above described those parts of the same heretofore conveyed.
This 23rd day of March, 1963.
JOHN F. WHITE,
Commissioner
Mar28, Apr4, 11, 18c

Having qualified as executrix of the estate of J. R. Briggs, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, North Carolina, on or before the 28th day of September, 1963, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate, will please make immediate payment.
This 26th day of March, 1963.
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Executrix of
J. R. Briggs Estate.
Mar26, Apr4, 11, 18c

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