

# Weekly Legislative Summary

**A First Reading on the 1969 Session (Part 2):** With this edition of the Summary we complete a two-part progress report on pending measures that have been front and center during the opening weeks of the 1969 legislative session.

**Highway Safety—Motor Vehicles:** Of the 30 measures to make their way into the respective Highway Safety Committees, seven relate to drinking and driving; one has passed both houses. That bill limits punishment for first and second convictions of driving under the influence of maximums of \$500 and six months, thereby preventing the offenses from being classed as misdemeanors for which recent decisions require court appointed counsel for indigents. Three other drunk driving measures still within committee would beef up penalties: heavier fines, earlier license revocation and mandatory jail sentences. A House resolution calling for a demonstration of the breathalyzer may affect the outcome of a House bill that would make use of N. C. highways serve as a motorist's implied consent to chemical testing of his person for detection of drunk

driving (H 5), and one that would provide for license revocation, in addition to misdemeanor penalties, for refusal to submit to chemical testing (H 12). Four highway safety proposals deal with levying heavy penalties for speeding (over 80 mph in the three House bills; 85 mph in Senate version) to avoid apprehension by peace officers. Driver licensing measures affecting renewal of licenses by mail in certain situations (passed Senate); surrendering out-of-state licenses as a condition of receiving a N. C. license, (passed House); submitting chauffeurs' licenses (too) to the Motor Vehicles Department upon revocation of operating privilege, and rewarding safe drivers (clean record for four years) by exempting them from written and road tests at renewal time, remain in committee. But a bill that would permit holders of learners' permits to enjoy night driving practice became the first highway safety bill to the Assembly this session. A bill that would place "private" and "parochial" school buses and school activity buses on the same footing and subject to the same regulations and safety standards as "public"

school buses (H 251) was introduced to combine child safety with highway safety. Slow moving vehicles (e. g. farm vehicles) using the highways will be required to be equipped with special reflectorized rear warning devices to keep closing vehicles from running upon them if H 233 becomes law. Lawyers will be particularly interested in H 199, which would include within "conviction" in traffic cases "prayer for judgment continued" and "nolo contendere" pleas vis-a-vis license revocation.

**Affairs and Alarms:** The current of disorder, endemic to our times, is lapping at the shores of the North Carolina General Assembly. While little definite action has yet been taken by the Assembly, a number of measures are pending that are responsive in some measure to the campus and racial disorder of recent times.

Positive efforts to shape or reshape institutions for dealing with disorders or for channeling youthful energies into more peaceful pursuits are reflected in two early introductions. One would create a system of Youth Councils to provide opportunities for development of youth leadership and responsibility. The other would broaden the membership of the Governor's Committee and Law and Order to include local and citizen representation plus additional state and judicial officials. This bill passed both houses this week with minor amendments.

Greater publicity has attended a number of proposals to strengthen law enforcement machinery. A list of the pending bills in this category include:

S 126—To create a statutory crime of riot or inciting to riot, punishable as a felony, and to forbid those convicted from attending or being employed in institutions of higher learning for one year.

H 134—To increase the punishment for sit-ins and similar incumbrances and recumbencies in public buildings.

S 101—To prohibit (among other things) refusals to vacate buildings or facilities of institutions of learning, both public and private, in obedience to the orders of law enforcement personnel, and obstructions of access thereto by sit-ins or the

like. (H 280 would apply similar prohibitions to public schools, would prohibit carrying weapons in or around schools, and would empower school officials to stop-and-frisk pupils who are thought to be in possession of such weapons).

H 66—To make an assault on a policeman or fireman a felony.

S 168—To immunize National Guardsmen aiding civil authorities from civil or criminal liability for their good faith acts during public crises.

Also pending in committee now is a resolution which begins as a vote of confidence in college and university trustees and administrators for their leadership in time of crisis, and swells to an exhortation against negotiations or confrontation with student or faculty groups.

**Health, Welfare and Related Matters:** A subject of lively concern for the medical profession nationwide has been the need for legislation to clarify the legal status of organ transplants. Working through the Uniform Laws Commissioners, medical leaders evolved a proposed Uniform Anatomical Gift Act which is now pending before a number of state legislatures. North Caro-

lina's version has passed the House, and a related bill rewriting the autopsy statute has passed the Senate.

A proposed licensing bill for day care facilities, which grew out of a study by the Legislative Research Commission, is now in committee in both houses, after heated public hearings on a perennially warm subject.

## "Beauty Bath" Helps Refresh

If you're suffering from an attack of midwinter doldrums, treat yourself to a "beauty bath" to make you feel clean, refreshed and pampered. The bath is a time for relaxation, quiet and privacy—and it's time for beauty care, too. Avon Products suggests these steps for a soft soak that will work wonders for uncomfortable, dry body skin. Pour a few drops of an emollient bath oil into a tub of hot water. Wash with an emollient-based soap, then soak for 10 minutes. Dry gently, wrapping yourself in a soft, fluffy towel. Apply a perfumed skin softener to problem areas such as heels, legs, knees and elbows.

## Disabled Urged To Apply Early

Workers under 65 who become disabled should not delay in filing a claim for disability insurance benefits which may be payable to them under social security.

Although payments do not begin until the seventh month after the month of disability, the disabled worker should file his claim as soon as possible after the disability begins. This will give the worker and the social security office time to obtain the proofs and documents needed to process the claim. Delays may thus be avoided, and it can mean that benefits will be received on the date they are due.

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under lipstick to prevent cracking—and take along a suntan preparation if the sun is bright. That's right! Snow will reflect up to 85 per cent of the sun's rays, and that can be double trouble for unprotected skin.

To keep bright shining hardware closings on clothes and accessories from becoming discolored, apply a protective coating of clear nail enamel to the metal. To protect the surrounding fabric or leather from smudges, "frame" the hardware with strips of masking tape before you apply the enamel.

Before you skate or ski or even spectate, Avon suggests these steps to "winterize" your skin. Even if you don't wear makeup, do apply a moisturizer generously on your face and neck to guard against chapping; use a colorless lip moisturizer.

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