

# The Special Session Must Get Hump On Itself Say Lobbyists

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posal; it generally does. The Democrats have the advantage in making the special session of the legislature, and the House amendment which is giving the trouble was introduced by Representative Hendrix, of Madison, and provides that Madison county towns will not have to submit the proposition of bond issue to the vote of the people before the bonds may be issued. Mr. Hendrix and Senator Ramsey, who also lives in Madison, are at variance on the amendment. Senator Ramsey does not believe the Hendrix amendment represents the sentiment of the people of Madison county. He does not think that they would be willing to have bonds put on them without a vote of the people and he offers an amendment in committee to strike out the Hendrix amendment. The committee stood with Senator Ramsey and reported the house bill as amended.

Despite the fact that he believes the Hendrix amendment was not representative of the wishes of the people of the towns in Madison county, Senator Ramsey told the senate that he realized that the time was drawing near when the legislature would be adjourned. He believed that, possibly the courts and other laws would protect the people of the county from the exemption thrown into the bill by the representative of Hendrix.

Both the representative and senator are Republicans and the majority is not confronted with a partisan issue on the question, which is purely local in its application, but which affects the whole bill.

In the interest of time Senator Ramsey said he would withdraw his amendment to kill the Hendrix amendment. But soj Gallert and some of the other members of the senate were of the opinion that the exception of the towns of any particular section from the operation of the bill would render it unconstitutional, and therefore invalid.

There was a good deal of discussion on this point, which finally resulted in a resolution offered by Lunsford Long calling on the supreme court for information as to the validity.

The bill passed second reading, but the vote was reconsidered and the bill referred in order that the opinion of the court might be secured in time for action on Thursday night. But for the fact that the rejection of the Hendrix amendment would necessitate six more days in Raleigh instead of two more, the senate would stand by the senator from Madison and refuse to exempt Madison county towns from the bond issue provision.

**Other Business.**  
An hour of the senate's time was taken up on Thursday with reading the hundred or more bills sent over from the house. Practically all of these went to committees, for the senate is making an effort to examine every bill that comes up unless there is request that they go on the calendar without reference. Consequently, while Wednesday night the calendar of the senate was clear, the house message containing bills introduced early in the session has again clogged the docket.

The senate passed the joint resolution coming over from the house granting the extra pay to clerks and to the other employees of the general assembly during the period of the extra session.

**Numerous New Bills.**  
The following new bills were offered in the senate on Thursday:

Stubbs—Authorize Washington to issue school bonds.  
Vester—Provide more adequate fire insurance for state property, the appropriation for which will now buy protection for only 25 per cent of the value of property.  
Griffin—Prevent fires by careless smokers by making carelessness of this kind a misdemeanor.

Burgwin of New Hanover—Repeal law relating to the police pensions of Wilmington, passed three readings.  
Erwin—For the relief of a simple of Buncombe county.

Erwin—Joint resolution in behalf of the telegraph operator and postal clerk on duty during the session.

Byrd—Amend laws relating to fishing in Black River, Mingo and Toney Run in Harnett, Cumberland and Sampson counties.

Long, of Halifax—Relating to a bond issue of Littleton.

Discussion in the house at Thursday's session centered on the amended bank bill which provides, among other things, that there shall be two examinations yearly of all state banks, and makes other changes in the banking law of the state which was passed at the regular session of 1921.

Representatives Austin, of Guilford, and Connor, of Wilson, championed the cause of the amendment, which was opposed by Ross, of Moore, who thought its adoption would place too great a burden upon the banks in standing the expense for double inspection. In addition to the two yearly examinations the banking department of the state corporation commission is authorized to examine any state bank as often as it is deemed necessary.

The amendment, sponsored by Austin and Connor, was carried after considerable debate and after both representatives had quitted. Representative Ross, who alone opposed the change.

"The fact that there have been so many bank failures in North Carolina in recent months," said Mr. Connor, "indicates that there has been too few inspections in the past. If that is true, then let's examine the state banks oftener."

An amendment offered by Representative Matthews, of Hertie, seeking to strike from the bill the provision providing for employment of special counsel by the state banking department in cases where it is apparent that officers of a state bank have been guilty of misappropriation of funds and in other cases wherein the banks have been fined against was voted down.

The amended bill was finally passed on its third reading and enrolled for ratification.

The house concurred in the senate amendment to the Murphy bill, which authorizes the refund of taxes erroneously collected and paid into the state treasury by the counties. The senate amendment reduced the time of refunding the taxes from five years, as was originally proposed, to two years, and enforcement of the state automobile law is provided for in a bill which passed third reading in the house Thursday.

This bill authorizes the employment of five or six special officers by the secretary of state to curb violations of the automobile law, such as operating cars without the proper license, operating cars with mutilated and fictitious numbers, etc. Minority leader Williams sought to defeat the measure but failed to obtain any support, the bill passing without a roll call.

Proposal contained in a bill to grant a divorce after the wife or husband is confined in an insane hospital for a period of five years was rejected, the measure lying upon the

table upon the motion of Representative Townsend of Harnett.

A letter from Marshal Poch of France expressing his inability to visit Raleigh and to address the general assembly in compliance with an invitation extended to him by the legislature was read.

The house made good progress clearing its calendar at Thursday's session, passing several score local bills.

Governor Morrison today extended the parole of M. L. Lowder sixty days. The order to the sheriff of Guilford reads:

The parole of M. L. Lowder is hereby extended 60 days longer in order that he may receive medical attention which is certified by a credible physician, that he is seriously in need of, upon condition that he execute a bond in the sum of \$5,000, which is satisfactory to the clerk of the court of Guilford county.

Other cases are as follows:  
Lee Stone, Person county; August term, 1921. Manufacturing liquor; 12 months on county roads. Presented by N. Lunsford, attorney, declined.

C. H. Lamar, Forsyth county; March term, 1921. Retailing; 18 months on county roads. Presented by William Porter, attorney, declined.

R. M. Newell, Forsyth county; March term, 1921. 18 months on county roads. Presented by William Porter, attorney, declined.

**MANSLAUGHTER HEARING AT DURHAM POSTPONED**  
(Special to Daily News.)  
Durham, Dec. 15.—Julian Perry, charged with manslaughter, as a result of the death of Harold Beck, of East Durham, early Tuesday morning, will be given preliminary hearing December 21. Postponement was granted yesterday by Judge Graham, an agreement of both sides. Perry, a young man of 20, is a resident of New Light township, Wake county. He ran down Beck, a 14-year-old youth, Sunday on Angier avenue here, Beck dying as the result of his injuries. Perry is also charged with driving a car while under the influence of liquor, and of driving at a rate exceeding the speed limit. Perry is now at liberty on \$5,000 bond. Beck was buried yesterday.

**Mrs. Ribelin Dead.**  
(Special to Daily News.)  
Salisbury, December 15.—Mrs. Louis J. Ribelin, wife of one of the best known farmers in the Dunn's mountain section of the county, died Wednesday. She had been ill a long time, suffering from cancer.

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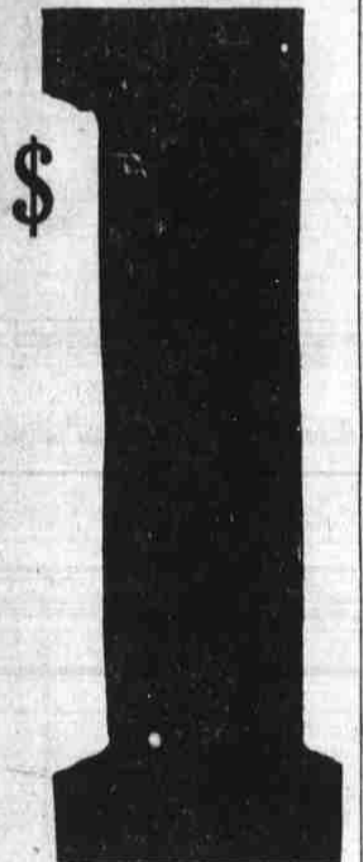
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