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LEGISLATURE IS

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for Swain stood by his ruling and the motion to table was put and carried. Senator Mendonhall gave notice that this morning he will carry the parliamentary point to Lieutenant Governor Cooper.

The House today passed the bill giving the Secretary of State authority to employ special detectives to ferret out drivers of automobiles who are violating the license tax law. The Department has been busy for the past year that thousands of people in the State have been driving their automobiles under fictitious numbers and are thereby evading the license law.

State banks will have to undergo two examinations yearly by the banking department, according to an amendment to the 1921 banking law passed at the last general session. The amendment to the bill was put through the House by Representative Connor and others who pointed out the need for more frequent examinations as evidenced by the fact that large numbers of banks have failed during the past year. Some of these failures might have been prevented, in their opinion, by more adequate supervision by the State.

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 a 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 offered 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 believed 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 wanted to adjourn. He did not want to keep them away from home one day longer than was absolutely necessary, and while he believed the amendment wholly wrong and not in accordance with the wishes of his people, in the interest of time he was willing to withdraw his objections in the form of an amendment, and allow the bill to go on its three readings just as it came from the House. 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 from Madison.

Both the Representative and Senator are Republicans, so 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 Sol 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.

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

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