

HOUSE'S MAJORITY FOR VOTE REFORM

But Two-Thirds Vote To Take Bill From Unfavorable List Fails

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, March 19.—Advocates of election law reforms mustered a majority upon a roll call vote in the House Thursday, but the majority not being two-thirds nothing tangible was accomplished except to get a black and white record which cannot be wiped out or explained away.

Necessity for a two-to-one margin came from an unfavorable report by the elections law committee upon the bill embodying practically all the recommendations of the Democratic

State Executive Committee. Representative Jennings King, of Scotland, moved that it be taken from the unfavorable calendar and placed upon the favorable calendar. Inasmuch as there was no minority report from the committee, two-thirds were needed under House rules.

Representative Bob Patton, of Macon, moved to table the King motion and it was upon the tabling motion that the first roll call vote was had. Mr. Patton lost, 53 to 45, and so the motion of Mr. King, upon which the "ayes and noes" were demanded, was put. Vote on this motion was announced as 49 to 49, with Speaker Gregg Cherry later recording his vote as "No," although there was in fact no tie when the two-thirds provision was taken into consideration.

Argument on the matter followed expected lines with a majority of eastern representatives wanting a chance to consider election law reforms, while a tremendous majority of the western Democrats favored the status quo. Some easterners, such as Blount of Beaufort, Hobbs of New Hanover, Rouse of Lenor and Rasmussen of Green, joined with the moun-

tainers while a sprinkling of western or Piedmonters like Caffey and Pickens of Guilford voted with the east.

ANTI-BANK NIGHT BILL IS DEFEATED

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, March 19.—The effort made by Senator Ed G. Flannagan, of Greenville, Pitt county, to pass a bill prohibiting moving picture theaters in the State from holding "bank nights," at which prizes ranging from \$25 to \$250 in cash are given away to the holders of the "lucky" ticket numbers, failed by an overwhelming vote in the Senate Thursday. But it resulted in producing the most highly entertaining session the Senate has held so far this year and in bringing about a "true confessions" meeting which sound more like a Methodist prayer meeting than a session of a law-making body.

Senator Flannagan maintained that the "bank nights" held by some moving picture theaters are not only detrimental to the morals of the younger people by developing a taste for gambling, but that they have become nuisances by attracting so many people to the towns and theaters on these "bank nights" as to impede if not actually block traffic. Another senator asked Senator Flannagan if these crowds were not composed of good people, and the Senator from Pitt replied:

"Yes they are—I have been in them some times. But just the same, I think these bank nights should be stopped."

In the course of the discussion of Senator Flannagan's motion, some senator mentioned the fact that a good many of the senators had been given season passes to most of the Raleigh moving picture theaters and hinted that this might be a reason for the opposition to Senator Flannagan's motion to recall the anti-bank night bill from the unfavorable calendar and pass it.

There was an almost immediate scramble on the part of senators who had received these complimentary passes from theater lobbyists to "confess" they had received these passes—among these being Senator Flannagan—but to say emphatically that the acceptance of these passes had in no way influenced their views with regard to the motion picture theaters or to "bank nights."

After many "confessions," much apologizing, laughter and fun, a vote was taken on the Flannagan motion, defeating it.

Sitdowners Still Occupy Auto Plants

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arrest of 6,000 sitdown strikers in eight Chrysler automobile plants were issued by Circuit Judge Allan Campbell, but Sheriff Wilcox said he could make no attempt to eject the strikers until he got 600 extra deputies or the aid of the National Guard.

The strikers continued to defy a court injunction ordering them to evacuate. The dispute over exclusive bargaining rights for the United Automobile Workers Union has kept more than 55,000 Chrysler workers idle.

At Detroit fire departments of two suburbs were fighting a fire early today at the Chrysler Corporation's main Dodge automobile plant in Hamtramck. The factory is one of those occupied by sitdown strikers, about 2,500 U. A. W. members having held the plant since March 8.

Improvements Bill, For \$2,344,000 Sum, Becomes State Law

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Hobbs, of New Hanover, started work on a compromise bill to regulate winemaking in the State.

The House revived measures it had killed which would require bonds of all peace officers, provide for payment of teachers in 12 equal monthly installments, and clarify tax foreclosure laws.

The conference group on the school machinery act had not reported this afternoon.

A compromise bill to reduce the cost of automobile license plates was up for second reading in the House today as the General Assembly worked toward sine die adjournment by tomorrow night.

The House, which had tried to cut the cost from 40 to 30 cents per 100 pounds, concurred last night in a Senate amendment to reduce the cost to 35 cents. The Senate, meanwhile, agreed to a House section lowering the hundredweight tax on contract haulers from \$1.35 to \$1.15.

An obstacle to adjournment this week was seen in the status of the so-called "Ickes bill," authorizing counties and municipalities to issue revenue bonds to match PWA bonds. It has yet to be taken up by the Senate, and passage would require readings on three separate days.

Believe Over 600 Children Perished In Big Explosion

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from the basement of the south wing. Production Superintendent H. S. McGarry, of the Humble Oil and Refinery Company, estimated at 9 a. m., 450 bodies had been identified, and added he was confident "there are others still unidentified, 26 I understand."

Casualty in Paris Riot



His comrades are shown carrying a wounded gendarme from the scene of battle in the riot that ensued when Communists stormed a Fascist rally in Paris. Six men were killed, two of them policemen, and more than 700 were injured, scores seriously. This picture was flown from Paris to London, and flashed to New York by RCA radio. (Central Press)

Scrap Tobacco Measure Only Weed Bill Passed That Will Be Effective

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largely by assemblymen interested in the weed industry.

History of compact legislation is so well known as to need little review. Early days of the General Assembly's current session were enlivened by prolonged and at times somewhat acrimonious discussion of the problem. Eventually, however, the farmers, warehousemen, farm experts and legisla-

tors of North Carolina came to substantial agreement upon a compact bill which passed both Houses almost unanimously. It provided for a workable, efficient method of tobacco acreage control and every one except a few irreconcilables conceded that it took care of the "little man" (a chap who developed an enormous group of defenders).

Chief Justice Hughes Might Testify At Court Hearings

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the committee voted to ask the court clerk to furnish information on the condition of its docket from 1925 to date.

Proponents of enlarging the court unless justices over 70 retire have charged congestion of cases and an increasing burden of litigation has hampered the tribunal in recent years.

William Lewis, director of the American Law Institute, told the committee today the President's program actually was "conservative." Inaction in the court situation, he said, would invite "radical and regrettable action."

The schoolhouse explosion, in which hundreds of children were killed at New London, Texas, yesterday, was called officially to the attention of the Senate by Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, who said "the heart and sympathies of the people of Texas are profoundly moved by this stupendous calamity."

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