

Many Bills Acted Upon Past Week

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week, and a measure calling for a \$675,000 bond issue for a new State office building in Raleigh was amended by the Senate and returned to the House for concurrence, which that body gave. The board of health also got permission to issue \$100,000 in revenue bonds for a building.

A move by Senator Grady, of Nash to increase the permanent improvements allotment to more than \$4,000,000 was turned back in the Senate by a narrow margin.

Also ordered ratified into law was the important revenue machinery bill, under which municipalities and counties levy taxes. As the act stands, the property of homesteaders will not be exempt from taxation.

Both houses agreed to a conference committee's changes in the motor vehicle code, and the proposal will be law as soon as it has passed third reading. As amended in the House, the bill calls for a reduction from 40 to 35 cents per hundred pounds of car weight in the price of automobile license plates, with the minimum charge cut from \$8 to \$7.

The House concurred in minor Senate amendments to the highway reorganization bill, advocated by Governor Hoy, enacting the measure into law. It provides for the appointment by the governor of 10 highway commissioners and a commission chairman. The State then would be divided into 10 highway districts, with a commission member residing in each district.

Another Hoy "must" measure ordered ratified was a child labor bill, which will prohibit children under 16 years of age from working in industry and regulate employment of all children under 18.

Passed by the House and sent to the Senate was a resolution endorsing President Roosevelt's Supreme Court reorganization plan. The proposal was given a "without prejudice" report by the Senate Calendar Committee, and may be acted upon by the higher branch before adjournment.

A proposal which would have required all persons wishing to purchase liquor at county alcoholic beverage control stores to obtain annual \$1 permits reached the Senate, but was killed after brief debate.

Killed in the House was a measure to regulate trade practices of tobacco warehouses, described by its sponsors as "similar to the old NRA code," and a \$5,000,000 road bond bill for secondary roads.

Enacted into law were measures to create a State bureau of identification; tighten the present regulations for optometrists; amend the 1933 fertilizer law; place a prohibitive tax on the sale of low-grade, scrap tobacco; create a State planning board and impose a tax on agricultural lime.

Under a resolution adopted two weeks ago, the legislature was to ad-



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Vance Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

Journal sine die last Thursday. Present plans call for business sessions Monday morning or afternoon, a "love feast" Monday night at which presents will be given to presiding officers and possible final adjournment Tuesday.

Adjournment For Legislature Now Seen Wednesday

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The assembly to adjourn tonight. But it soon became evident that it would be impossible to do this, even if the clock should be turned back. As a result, most of the members have already made up their minds to come back again next week, although some are announcing today they do not expect to come back. As a result, indications are that there will not be many more than a quorum in either house next week. A House quorum is 62 members, or one more than half its membership, while 26 members constitute a quorum in the Senate.

Virtually all of the administration "must" bills have already been enacted, as have most of the other State-wide bills, such as the revenue and school machinery bills, the motor vehicle regulation and tax bill, the omnibus board of education and justices of the peace bills. These are always among the last bills enacted in the session, since they are always held open until the more pressing and important revenue and appropriations bills have been passed.

One of the things which has greatly delayed the General Assembly this past week, however, has been the large number of efforts made by mem-

bers to revive bills killed in committees earlier in the session and get them enacted and the tremendous drive for the enactment of local bills. Members who have been in previous sessions know that in the closing days of any legislature it is often possible to get the rules suspended and a bill transferred from the unfavorable to the favorable calendar when this could not be done before. They also know that in the closing rush it is often possible to get local bills enacted that could never have been put through earlier.

This session, however, the calendar committees and the presiding officers have kept a very close watch on the closing rush and most observers agree that there has been a closer watch kept on legislation than usual.

Barber Racket Is Balked In House

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used by the board for the employment of additional barber shop inspectors.

The members of the State Barbers' Board, however, tried to get the bill through without any provision for the employment of additional barbers and made a determined effort to alter the Fenner amendment, which had the backing of virtually all of the journeymen barbers and of many of the master barbers and shop owners. For most of these barbers have been frankly disgusted with the manner in which the three members of the State Barbers' Board—M. C. Whitney, J. M. Cheek and Sid R. Figh—have not been carrying out the law and have not been enforcing the inspection provisions, they told the committees which heard the original bill. They agreed to support the bill, however, if the Fenner amendment to require all this additional money to be spent for additional inspectors was added. The bill and the amendment passed both houses some weeks ago.

But the board members were not satisfied to see the thousands of dollars in additional fees that otherwise would have been theirs to use as they pleased, earmarked for the employment of additional inspectors and the enforcement of the law, it was pointed out in the debate Friday. So a bill was slipped into the Senate and passed there, virtually repealing the previous bill and removing the effect of the Fenner amendment, so that the board members could do what they liked with the additional money.

The bill did not get by Representative Fenner however, who showed the bill up and demanded that it be killed. It was.

Burials Are Begun for 455 Victims of School Blasts

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accumulated gas as a result of inadequate radiator vents, another a nitroglycerine explosion.

The casualty list showed 94 injured and two missing. The list, as relief workers checked it, still was subject to revision.

The military court was convened while this stricken community and surrounding oil country prepared to bury its dead.

Dr. E. P. Schoch, University of Texas chemist, held out a belief the explosion Thursday was caused by gas forced into cells of the hollow school room walls by lack of proper vents for gas-fired individual radiators.

The Tyler Morning Telegraph quoted Captain Z. Z. Coombs, member of the military court, as saying two oil field workers turned over to him short pieces of sewer pipe from the blast ruins, which they said show traces of nitroglycerine.

The pipes, they contended, had been blown to bits by a terrific explosion within.

The captain explained other witnesses discounted the men's theory, but he said he would call them as witnesses and show their exhibits.

Resolution Over Court Might Fail

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to a luke-warm indorsement. The general belief is that the committee would have preferred to report it unfavorably, but hesitated to do so because of the fact that it had passed the House by a large vote—though without a record vote.

Indications are that the action of the Senate in re-referring to resolution to the calendar committee is nothing more than an indirect method of killing the bill, since most observers doubt if the resolution will ever come back from the committee. In fact, the belief of many observers is that the Senate is only too glad to find this way out and escape from being put "on the spot" by the resolution. It is no secret that a large proportion of the lawyer members of the Senate are opposed to the President's Supreme Court reorganization proposal, but that they have no desire to be put on record by means of this resolution



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