WORK HOURS BILL HAS BECOME LAW

But Amendments Tacked on Greatly Curtail Its Effectiveness

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Raleigh, March 24—The maximum hour bill, in principle limiting employment of males to 55 hours weekly and of female to 48 hours, has become the law of North Carolina, although the measure has been so loaded down with amendments that its original shape is hardly distinguish-

Its original sponsors are, in general, glad that some sort of a bill was finally passed, though they are admittedly far from satisfied with the law as it was ultimately enacted.

Representative D. Lacy McBride Cumberland, who stuck to the bill through thick and thin, battled right down to the bitter end for its enactment, expressed the tenor of those who favor shorter hours in North Carolina. He said:

"I feel that we have accomplished



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the maximum that could be expected under the present set-up in North Carolina. We have, at least, secured recognition of the principle that the workers have a right to be protected from long hours injurious to their health and destructive of their hap-

power interests.

amended bill telieve.

commission.

dertakings within their limits and

within territory "contiguous thereto,"

court any effort by a municipality to

build a power line, or an airport, or

a waterworks or any other project

outside its limits, opponents of the

The second amendment throws fur-

ther obstacles in the path of any mu-

nicipality so inconsiderate of the

give its citizens cheaper power thro-

before any nuncipality shall be per-

mitted to engage in any enterprise

competing with a private business, it

must secure a certificate of conven-

ience and necessity from the utility

A third amendment requires that

act must have the approval of the

finally stricken out when the House

declined to confer and a conference

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mission appointments about the last

week in April. The new law provides

for the appointment of ten members

of the State Highway and Public

from the State as a whole, to be the

chairman, the ten members to be so

it meets. But the governor is ex-

pected to have most of the say-so as

to how these districts shall be de-

The governor must also appoint a

director of old age assistance, who

will be in direct charge of the admin-

istration of the old age pension law,

as well as make many other lesser

appoint two additional Supreme Court

judges, an additional superior court

judge, and appoint or reappoint num-

Highly Satisfied

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commendations made by Governor

Hoey which the assembly ignored was

his recommendation for the enactment of a reapportionment law and for a Statewide referendum on liquor

the General Assembly was one of the

most constructive and harmonious

sessions I have ever seen," Governor

Hoey said today. "The members show-

mount of work in a comparatively

"In summing up this session, I

would say that the General Assembly

has been economical without being

niggardly; that it, has tended towards

the ideal without losing touch with

the practical and that it has contem-

plated the future without neglecting

"The members at all times showed

a deep insight into and understand-

ed hard and diligently to find a fair

problems. They have been as liberal

State's revenue limitations, though

possibly not as liberal as they want-

the State are going to be more and

more pleased with the work done by

this General Assembly as time goes

by and they have a chance to look at

this work with a better perspective.

For it has greatly increased governmental service to all the people, but with no material increase in taxes."

Social Security First. Of the long list of measures enact-

ed which he advocated, Governor

Hoey regards the carrying out of his

social security program the most im-

portant, he indicated. He also regards

the enactment of the free textbooks

law as of far-reaching importance

both to the parents and school chil-

dren. Other measures which he re-

gards as of unusual importance to the

people of the State are those setting

up a Statewide probation system for

those convicted of first offenses, set-

ting up a State bureau of identifica-

tion and investigation, the measure

reorganizing the State Highway and Fublic Works Commission, the law providing for additional aid for adult

education, for more vocational educa-

actment of the social security program, as a result of which more than

\$8,000,000 a year will be provided for

old age pensions, aid to dependent

children, aid for the blind and unem-

ployment insurance, is the most out-

standing accomplishment of this Gen-

eral Assembly," Governor Hoey said.

"It also shows that the General As-

sponsibility of the State to provide

more adequately for the more under-

privileged and dependent people in

to make the last days of the older de-

pendent reople happier and more com

its population. Great good is going to come from this legislation designed

sembly now fully recognizes the re-

"I am firly convinced that the en-

tion and others.

"I feel confident that the people of

"On the whole, the 1937 session of

With Legislature

Governor Hoey Is

control.

ed to be.

Appointments Soon

committee was appointed.

Hoey Will Decide

"We now have a starting point for further improvements. Any changes in the law at later legislative sessions must almost necessarily be for the

The Cumberlander said he was a very personal feeling with respect to working hours, pointing to the fact that he has himself worked 14-hour night shifts in textile mills of Cabarrus county.

"When I was going to school, I worked in mills on shifts that were 14 hours long," he said, "I believe the present measure, inadequate as it is, will be of very positive benefit to thousands of North Carolina workers. We couldn't get all we wanted, but we got something.'

So many amendments were added to the bill-either in the House or in the Senate-that it will be some time before a connected idea can be gained of the exact purport of the measure, which will be the law of North Carolina after July 1.

Numerous categories of employes have been excepted from the provisions and numerous exceptions in the number of hours which may be work-

ed in "emergencies" have been made. The outstandingly distasteful amend ment to original sponsors of the bill as that which made the entire measare inoperative as to businesses in or less employes.

"This is discrimination of a very bad sort," said Representative Mc-Bryde in commenting on the amendment, "I want it made clear that it was not advocated nor supported by those who originally introduced the bill. We fought the amendment".

The Cumberland law-maker said that the bill would be of particular benefit to employes of the smaller textile mills, many of whom are working 11 and 12 hour shifts at present. The larger textile mills are operating on shorter work schedules than are provided in the bill, he said.

"But there are many small mills down near my home in Fayetteville, which are working their people on hours at small pay," he said.

He pointed out that the provision limiting employment of women to 48 hours weekly meant that textile appointments. Before July 1 he must mills working men and women side by side would be, in effect, forced to cut the working hours of their male employes to 48 weekly, rather than to erous department and divisions heads. the 55 allowed in the bill.

He adverted to reports of the Mc-Lean mill strike at Lumberton and said the maximum hour bill would prevent troubles of that sort, where reports are that the employes are working 11 and 12 hours daily, at pay rates from 10 to 25 cents per hour and with an average pay rate of 20

One "Ickes" Bill Enacted Into Law

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that it has been so re-written at the behest of "special interests" that it is not only worthless, but is positively dangerous as a possible restriction on non-existing powers of municipalities ed a most businesslike and harmonto engage in revenue-producing enter- ious spirit and did a tremendous a-

It was rassed in the Senate by the short period of time. They are to be no originally opposed commended. it and over the vigorous efforts of its original advocates. A roll call resulted in a 22-22 tie and Lieutenant Goverfor W. P. Horton voted for the measure to break the deadlock.

The original bill provided that coun ties, cities and towns might issue revenue bonds for revenue producing present needs. undertakings upon a majority vote of members of their governing bodies present; that these governmental ing of the problems before them, work units might engage in these undertakings "within and without" their and satisfactory solution of these territorial limits; and that there should be no liability on the unit ex- as they could be, considering the cept upon the bonds themselves.

The municipalities would be authorized under the original bill to engage in the power business, erecting dams, etc., any distance from their limits. This drew the undying opposition of the power interests.

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Chrysler, Lewis Confer-The first amendment confines muence Yet Without Accord nicipalities to operation of revenue un

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a vague and almost meangingless definition which is a wide open invitato settle the Chrysler strike involving tion to special interests to carry into

about 80,000 persons. CONFERENCE RECESSES

WITHOUT ANNOUNCEMENT Lansing, Mich., March 24.-(AP)-Governor Murphy's automobile strike conference adjourned at 1:30 p. m. great power interests as to attempt to until 3 o'clock this afternoon. Murphy's only comment was the conferugh municipal plants. It provides that ence so far has "been satisfactory." None of the other conferees made any statement.

The governor denied any settlement had been reached, and said there had been no communication between any one of the conferees and any one in Washington. bonds issued under provisions of the

The recess taken here came shortly

after Representative Rabaut, Demo-

Local Government Commission in Racrat. Michigan, had "announced" in An amendment which would have the National House of Representamade it almost impossible to tell tives a settlement had been concludwhether or not the bonds were legally ed and would be announced at 3 p. m. issued, was adopted by the Senate, but When the conference here resumes the governor said, Homer Martin, president of the striking U. A. W. A.

> discussions, which this morning brought together Walter Chrysler and John Lewis. LARGE SCALE EVICTIONS

ON WIDE STRIKE FRONT

and other union officials may join the

(By The Associated Press.) Large scale eviction of sitdown strikers and the start of a new parley in the nation's biggest industrial dispute raised hopes today for settlement of several controversies on the

Works Commission and one member strike front. In a number of disputes employers have made evacuation of their factories and business establishments a selected that each will represent a prerequisite to negotiations on strikdistrict. These districts are to be set up by the new commission when

ers' demand Chicago was free from sitdown strikes for the first time in a month after police dislodged hundreds of workers from plants and stores. Sitters also were evicted in several other

Prospect of peace in the Chrysler Motor Corporation strike, involving 60,000 workers, brightened after Governor Frank Murphy, of Michigan, succeeded in arranging a conference at Detroit between Walter Chrysler of the corporation, and John Lewis, C. I. O. chairman.

An orderly throng massed in

Cadillac Square in Detroit late yesterday at the call of leaders of the United Automobile Workers Union, a C. Springs, N. Y. Died at Englewood, N. I. O. affiliate, which called the Chry- J., May 24, 1929. sler strike. Its president, Homer Mar-

1851-Garrett P. Serviss, popular astronomer- author, born

1874-Robert F. Callan, Major-genetin, hinted in his speech to the crowd ral, veteran of Spanish-American and a unionization drive would be carried World Wars, born in Baltimore. Died

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