

LEGISLATURE IS IN DEADLOCK

Solons Are Anxious To Return Home But Are Unable To Agree On Laws

COMPROMISE PROBABLE

By M. L. SHIPMAN
 RALEIGH, March 30.—The Senate will have its inning this week with the controversial revenue bill and other major legislation, and there is no telling when the Legislature will adjourn. It is evident that the members want to go home and they will make a herculean effort to complete their labors in time to spend Easter with the home folks. While this is true, there was no assurance at the beginning of the week that the Legislature will get through this week, much as everybody desires it.

After battling all the week with the revenue bill, the House had only advanced it to its second reading. As the Senate was expected to turn down the general sales tax there was the possibility of a deadlock, but experienced parliamentarians predicted that the final outcome would be a compromise on the so-called Hinsdale luxury sales tax, but even with the sales tax out of the way, there will be the job of providing for extra revenue from other sources, if the MacLean act is not repealed, and while the Senate may vote for its repeal, there is no indication that a repealer could be put through the House.

The Legislature could adjourn without balancing the budget, as there is such a wide divergence of opinion over what the new taxes it will levy will produce, and leave it up to Governor Gardner to call a special session at a later date. Such talk has been common around the capitol, and in fact some supporters of the MacLean act advocate such a course. The difficulty in the way now is that with the MacLean act in force the counties cannot legally levy taxes for the support of a six months' school term and it might result in the closing of the schools in some counties.

Never before in recent history has there been so much confusion over revenue. It is very evident that the State is going through a revolution even if it has not already gone through one, and so many varying opinions are expressed by the leaders that nobody can predict what may happen. Instead of clarifying the situation with his address in opposition to sales taxes, Governor Gardner only added to the confusion for the House flatly refused to follow him. It was in an ugly mood because it was looking for the way out, the folks back home are clamoring for continuance of the MacLean act, and he did not show them the way to go home. The Senate was in a more hospitable mood. His views were in accord with those of the Senate leaders, who want to provide a ten million dollar equalization fund, repeal the MacLean act, and go home.

Not only did the majority of the House resent the Governor's slap in the face, but many members were also angered by what they felt was the unwarranted intrusion by Senator Morrison with his congratulatory message to the Governor. Some of the legislators thought that he butted in at the wrong time. If he had spoken at the beginning of the session they might have welcomed his advice, but already committed as they were to

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By GENE BYRNES



the MacLean act they did not relish being told that they were gumming up the works. From the reports that came in they have the impression that the folks at home are counting on them to stand hitched, even if it means a general sales tax.

Every legislator wants to be in good standing when he returns home, not only with the farmers, the home owners, the working man, but also with the power and tobacco interests, but how to do it is the question. On every hand they are met with the stern request to be lenient in levying taxes, for the depression has hit everybody, but schools can only be maintained with money and where to get the money is a puzzling problem. If only somebody would answer the question and solve the problem, he could be the next Governor of North Carolina or have anything else in political honors that are available.

But while the House was in an

ugly mood toward the Governor when it came to sales taxes, it did not let its resentment prevent the passage of the administration bills providing for a personnel commission and for a purchasing agent. The Governor said he could save the State four hundred thousand dollars a year with a purchasing agent and that looked mighty good to the Legislature, which is for anybody or anything that means cutting down taxes. It also would like for a personnel commission or some other agency to take still further steps toward cutting down expenses.

While the House struggled along with the revenue bill, the Senate let the Governor's bill providing for a State banking commissioner sleep peacefully in a pigeon hole. There is promise of getting it to the floor this week, but strange enough it is the Senate which was so hospitable to the Governor's opposition to a sales tax, that threatens to kill it.

All of which is a tribute to the effective lobbying work done by the Corporation Commission and its attaches. The Commission doesn't want to be slapped in the face and is unwilling to take the blame for the large number of bank failures. At the beginning of the week it was in doubt as to what would be the fate of the bill, which has been sleeping in committee for most of the session.

Another bone of contention between the House and the Senate is redistricting the State for Congressmen. With the Revenue bill out of the way, the House shoved all discussion aside and put through a bill to split up the "Imperial Fifth" into two districts transferring Randolph to the Fourth, so that its Republican majority can be offset with strong Democratic counties in that district, and passed it on to the Senate.

While both the House and the Senate was worrying along with the revenue problem, Senator Baggett continued to hammer on his bitt to tax stocks of foreign corporations. There does not seem to be much sentiment for going back to the old method of levying taxes, but anybody with a promise of finding money gets a hearing in the Legislature. Senator Baggett doesn't mind being heard from.

The House scrapped the Brummitt plan to include intangible on the basis of market values for stocks of ordinary business corporations, estimated to raise a million dollars, and the Maxwell recapture plan to tax excess profits of corporations, estimated to produce \$600,000, and the White amendment to raise income taxes one-half of one per cent. Determined to relieve real estate of some of the tax burden, the House did not want to kill the goose that lays the golden egg. It wanted corporations to continue to do business in the State.

So much noise was raised when it was recommended by the Governor that all State Salaries be cut ten per cent that the General Assembly let the matter drop for the time being. It bobs up from time to time and now a bill is under consideration to make more drastic cuts than the Governor recommended.

The chief recommendation of the general sales tax was that it would produce the necessary revenue for the six months school term without pinching anybody too hard at any one time, but legislators didn't like the idea of taxing the farmers' fer-

tilizers after it had already paid a tag tax and exempted this item from its bill. The House would have been for the Hinsdale luxury tax bill, if it would have produced the revenue needed. The vigorous fight waged by Senate leaders against the general sales tax also helped the House to go the limit. It was realized that only drastic action by the House would bring the Senate even half way. The House took the drastic step, but even then by a narrow margin.

While the Legislature battled over money, the voters of Raleigh went to the polls and approved a quarter of a million dollar bond issue for a new auditorium. The vote was close, but the city has to have an auditorium, for gatherings are constantly being held here. Civic leaders joined hands to put it over. The city already owns the site, so that the cost will not be prohibitive. It can get some revenue from such an auditorium with which to pay interest on bonds, and hard times can't last always.

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