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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Lively Debate in the House of Representatives

INVESTIGATE THE PEN

Legislature Unanimously Passed Resolutions for the Election of United States Senators by a Direct Vote of the People.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Norman.

A petition of the citizens of Sampson county for the appointment of a cotton weigher was filed by Senator Robinson and referred to a committee. Senator Wilson's bill to investigate the Agricultural and State departments was reported favorably; and also a bill to repeal the act regarding the distribution of dead bodies. The following were introduced: Act to repeal section 2691, Laws 1895; bill to repeal chapter 125, Laws 1895.

A bill relating to distribution of dead bodies reported unfavorably, as similar bill has been passed; a bill to establish a criminal court of Hertford was referred to committee; also a bill to repeal cotton weighers at Dunn referred to committee.

A bill allowing Reidsville to issue bonds for water works, reported favorably and a bill to repeal chapter 218, Laws 1895.

A bill to protect fish in Alleghany county.

Bills referred to committee were as follows: To appoint a cotton weigher at Duram, Harnett county; committee on Propositions and Grievances; to establish the criminal court of Hertford county to Judiciary Committee; to authorize the appointment of a tax collector of Hertford county; bill for the better government of Hertford county; to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns; A bill to regulate the duties and powers of town constables and to validate proceedings based on processes served by them, to Judiciary Committee; to amend section 163 of the Code; to appoint a tax collector in Salem; to amend the charter of Salem, referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns; to amend section 283 of the Code, to Committee on Propositions and Grievances; bill for the relief of A. J. Houser, to Committee on Pensions; to amend section 148 of the Code, to Judiciary Committee; to unite Piedmont, Petersburg and Carthage Railroad Co. to R. R. and R. R. Commission Committee.

An act to repeal the charter of Elizabeth City, and a bill empowering the executive to issue bonds for improvements, passed final reading.

A bill to repeal chapter 216, Laws 1895, was laid on the calendar until tomorrow.

A bill to empower the city of Charlotte to issue negotiable bonds for water works and sewerage passed second reading.

By Senator Cooks, resolution, Resolved that United States Senators be elected by the people, was passed unanimously.

Senator Ward requested that the rules be suspended and that a bill introduced by him, to establish a fish culture station in North Carolina be placed upon its immediate passage. The bill then passed its readings.

By Senator Glenn, Resolved, that no bill of a private nature be introduced until after February 15th. He thought that all public bills would be introduced before that time and that no matters of private bills should be taken up until then unless of extreme importance. An amendment except by a vote of two-thirds majority and the resolution referred to committee.

Upon motion E. B. Norvell was elected enrolling clerk, ayes 46, noes none. The clerk was ordered to have 200 copies of the Senate rules printed.

The Senate adjourned at 11:30.

HOUSE.

The House met at 10 and Rev. James B. Avrett offered the opening prayer.

A favorable report was made on the bill raising a special committee to look at the acts of 1895 and 1897 and decide which of them are meritorious. There was also a favorable report on the resolution providing for a complete investigation of the penitentiary, with power to enforce the attendance of witnesses, the fine for refusal to attend and give testimony being not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000. There was an unfavorable report on the bill to repeal all the acts of 1897, and on the one prohibiting the employment of convicts on State farms.

Resolutions were introduced as follows: By Reinhart, requesting information of the Secretary of State as to fees allowed county officers; Carroway, inviting Rev. J. B. Avrett to deliver before the legislature January 15th, his birthday, his address on Gen. R. E. Lee; Rountree, regarding the printing of constitutional amendments, requiring all of these to be printed.

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Hoffman, to allow Morganton to buy electric light plant; Boushall, to amend the charter of St. Mary's school, Raleigh, putting it in charge of the S. C. as well as the North Carolina Episcopal diocese; Anstin, for the relief of S. B. Dillinger of Yancey; Clarkson, to incorporate the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati; Justice, to amend section 590 of the Code in regard to evidence. (It excludes evidence of any persons directly or indirectly interested in any transaction between himself and a dead man, unless the dead man's relatives offer evidence.) To allow McDowell to levy special tax for the relief of the sheriff of McDowell. Fourness, to authorize Durham to issue school bonds; Lowery, to allow exemption from taxation to manufacturing enterprises which comes to North Carolina; Gattie for relief of Sheriff J. K. Hughes of Orange; Allen, to pay A. L. Swinson balance of a ferry as enrolling clerk in 1897; Bambill, to make it a misdemeanor for railroads to kill cattle in Pitt county; Fleming, for relief of the Superior Court Clerk of Clay county; Ray, of Macon, to amend section 35 of the Code, by making bastardy a civil action; allowing a woman to appeal from a magistrate's decision. The calendar was taken up. There was quite a debate on Julian's bill to repeal the act of 1897, which requires all officers of State banks, railroads and other corporations to file oaths with the State Auditor. Overman, of Rowan, championed the bill, saying it was an insult to the business men of the State, and ought to be wiped from the statute books. He said the private banks in Salisbury were obeying the law, and lending money at 6 per cent, while the national banks there were charging 8 per cent and were not taking any other. Stevens opposed the bill and said many corporations were violating the law, and that they did not wish to take the oath. He declared his belief that there was something behind this bill. Justice said the law was a stigma upon the character of a particular class of men. Allen said he knew of cases in which national bank officials did not take any oath, though the aforesaid statute required it. Rountree said that he thought the law was not of any use. He said the law also applied to persons as well as corporations, and that it did not apply to such a corporation as the Virginia and Carolina Chemical Company, which is chartered in another State. Justice thought it easier to detect persons who violated the law as to usurious interest if this law were kept on the statute books. Craig saw no good reason for the repeal of the act. He was no enemy to corporations, but considered them necessary to government. If the usury law is not tight repeat it. If it is tight then let all the laws stand which tend to enforce it. The oaths are not required to be taken annually, but only when they take office, for they are officers of the State.

Allen said that the banks which took the oath were, to his knowledge, placed at a disadvantage as compared with national banks which did not take it. Overman said it referred not only to banks but to all corporations. A motion to re-refer the bill to the Judiciary committee was lost. He then said the directors of cotton mills, to his knowledge, took the oath annually. He declared the law to be cumbersome, inconvenient, useless. If it referred to banks alone he would favor the retention of the oath, yet it would not prevent a bank from violating the 6 per cent law.

The previous question was ordered. Johnson of Sampson, demanded the ayes and noes. The bill failed to second reading, yeas 40, nays 71.

A resolution declaring that elections should vote directly for United States Senators was taken up.

It was adopted without discussion. It calls on the Senators and Representatives in Congress to use all their influence to have such a amendment to the constitution submitted to the legislatures of the various States.

Resolution raising a special joint committee to examine the public laws of 1895 and 1897, and ascertain which of them are of value, was adopted.

Bill passed amending the act in regard to the working of convicts on roads in Anson county, amending chapter 252, public laws 1897.

Bill to repeal all public acts of 1897 was tabled. Bill repealing the act of 1897 providing for working Northampton's roads by taxation passed.

By consent Overman introduced a bill to amend, revise and consolidate the charter of Salisbury, and Robinson a bill to amend the charter of Fayetteville.

The following committees were announced:

Institutions for Insane—McNeill, Craig, Brown, of Stanly, Hoffman, Russell, Brown, of Johnston, Garrett, Hart, Davis, of Hyde, Ellen, Wood, Hendren, Williams, of Graham; Hampton, Johnson, of Sampson.

Claims, Wall, chairman, Abbott, Hoffman, Davis, of Haywood; Ellen, Wood, Bantley, Robinson, Noble, Johnson, of Johnston; Snipes.

Hoffman was added to the committee on deaf mute school; Gilham to that on education.

The House went into the election of enrolling clerk, E. B. Norvell, Democrat, and E. C. Capps, Republican, were nominated. Norvell received 22 votes, Capps 16. Johnson, of Sampson, Populist, was excused from voting, saying his party had no candidate.

Resolution to raise a special joint committee of 5 to investigate the penitentiary came up. (To investigate the management for the past four years, the committee being given wide latitude and full authority.) There was no debate. The resolution was adopted.

Bill passed allowing the bank of Fayetteville to reduce its capital stock from \$200,000 to \$100,000 passed.

Another bill to repeal the act requiring banks, railroads and other corporations, to file oaths came up. Ray rebuked the House for ignoring the report of its Judiciary committee. The bill was, on motion of Winston, referred to the committee.

Resolution was adopted asking the Secretary of State what fees are allowed county officers under existing laws. (It is all in the fee bill.)

Carroll is added to the committee on education; Julian to that on railroads.

At 12:40 the House adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

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