

HAWAII ASKS AID OF GOVERNMENT IN ROAD BUILDING

Petition Congress For Share of Highway Fund Same as States

Petition to Congress to include Hawaii in the appropriation of the various state shares of the highway and roads fund of the United States is embodied in a concurrent resolution presented in the house today by Representative Notman K. Lyman of Hawaii.

The resolution sets forth that those islands have been contributing heavily to the United States treasury department by reason of the internal revenue applying to principal products and that these islands have received no direct benefit. It says that other states have received government aid in construction of highways and roads and Hawaii should get the same benefit.

The resolution follows: "Whereas, the territory of Hawaii, for the material development of its industries and the ready marketing of the products of its small producers, is dependent to a very considerable extent upon accurate and speedy mail communication between its several districts; and

"Whereas, in many of the outlying districts the only method of transportation of products to the markets by mail is over the public roads; and

"Whereas, the revenues and income available for the construction and maintenance of public highways is insufficient to keep such highways in such condition as to be open and passable at all times to the residents of the outlying districts; and

"Whereas, customs duties, internal revenue receipts, income tax receipts and other methods yield to the federal government a large amount yearly from the territory of Hawaii;

"Now therefore be it resolved by the house of representatives, session of 1915, the senate concurring, that the Congress of the United States is hereby requested and respectfully petitioned to include the territory of Hawaii within the terms of any existing act, or any act which may in the future be passed, by which the federal government aids in the construction and maintenance of roads within the states, to the end that the territory of Hawaii may secure aid for the construction and maintenance of post roads on the same basis as aid is given to the maintenance of such roads in the states, and to the further end that such aid may assist in the material development of the territory;

"And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the president of the United States, the president of the United States senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the delegate from Hawaii to the Congress of the United States."

The charge of failing to procure a license made by the police against a dozen hackmen was nipped at district court this morning. The defendants said they intended at the earliest date to comply with the new traffic ordinance.

APPROPRIATION BILL IS IN FINAL STAGE IN SENATE

\$10,000 Is Added By Two Amendments, Bringing Total Up to \$3,184,530

The general appropriation bill, for third reading in the senate today passed second reading in that body yesterday with two more amendments which add \$10,000, making the total appropriation \$3,184,530.

The amendments were obtained by Senator Metzger. He caused the item for the Promotion Committee to be set back at the original figure, \$12,000, this to be based on the proviso that the committee membership be increased from the present number of five to nine, the four additional members to be selected by the four large islands (Oahu, Hawaii, Maui and Kauai) as their representatives on the committee. This eliminates the reason for the opposition of the lawmakers from the outside islands to the increased fund for promotion work. They have not approved the committee and its work primarily because those islands were not represented to their satisfaction.

Metzger also succeeded, after lengthy argument and a skillful display of scholarly eloquence, in inserting a \$1800 item for the Glenwood experiment station on Hawaii.

Five finance measures, S. B. 116, 117, 120, 121 and 122, passed second reading yesterday afternoon. Chairman Rice of the ways and means committee explained that these are to be enacted only in case S. B. 171 does not become law. The last named is Rice's 3 per cent income tax bill on incomes over \$2000.

Many business interests are opposed to the straight 3 per cent income tax but favor the system in vogue at the present time, whereby the same amount of money is raised. Those business interests, he said, do not object to the proposition to abolish the special funds, hence the tax revenues derived by S. B. 116 and 117 would go directly to the general fund. S. B. 117 would assess one per cent on incomes of more than \$4000, while S. B. 116 takes the place of the construction tax.

S. B. 121 sets aside \$10,000 from the general revenues for immigration and development of agricultural resources; it also may be drawn upon by the governor to meet territorial warrants for current indebtedness. S. B. 122, as it passed second reading, gives the board of immigration power to expend from its appropriation, with the governor's approval, such amounts as are deemed necessary to aid sick or indigent immigrants. The bill originally set \$5000 as the limit which the board might spend in two years, but this limit was stricken, so that the board will have no limit on the amount it may spend in this sort of charity. The governor had informed Chairman Rice that he had raised by private subscription and spent in the cause of poor immigrants the sum of \$1700 in the last nine months.

The measure providing for a charter convention for the city and county of Honolulu yesterday received the endorsement of the Oahu select committee.

ONE HOUSE BILL ON CHILD LABOR GOES TO SENATE

Bill Prohibits Employment of Children Under 15 Years of Age

House Bill 202, prohibiting employment of children under 15 years of age for more than eight hours a day, was passed by the representatives today and is now pending in the senate.

The bill specifies that no child under 15 years of age shall be permitted to work in any mechanical, manufacturing or mercantile establishment more than eight hours a day, or between the hours of 6 p. m. and 7 a. m. on any place where the district magistrate decides it is detrimental to children's health or morals. The president of the board of health, the high sheriff, county sheriffs and their deputies and police officers are required by the bill to carry out its provisions.

The measure is a substitute for Crocker's child labor bill, which was killed by the house.

NAVAL MILITIA AS DISTINCT BRANCH, IDEA IN NEW BILL

Bill Would Establish Naval Militia as a Separate Branch of the Army

Senator Dillingham today introduced a bill to establish a naval militia as a distinct branch of the army, with its own officers, equipment and rules.

As it was introduced, it proposed to create a naval militia as a part of the national militia, a body of citizens, to be organized and regulated as the land militia of the citizen's militia. As it came out of committee and for second reading today it would set aside the naval force as an independent branch, distinct from the army, with its own officers, equipment and rules.

SOCIAL CENTER IN SCHOOLS IS AIM OF HOUSE BILL

Bill Would Establish Social Centers in Schools

As a result of the efforts of local social workers, what are known on the mainland as "social centers" or "community centers" will be available here if the senate passes House Bill 271, which was adopted by the house of representatives yesterday on a unanimous vote.

The bill, which was introduced by Representative Cooke, provides that school houses can be used for meetings and entertainments after the regular hours. It is aimed to make the school house the social center of the district. In some of the mainland cities organizations, the more common of which are known as parent-teachers' associations, give weekly entertainments in the various school buildings to which the communities are invited.

The text of the bill is as follows: "That the fullest freedom shall be given to citizens of the territory of Hawaii to use for lawful purposes all public school buildings throughout the territory during the hours such structures are not in use for strictly educational purposes; provided, however, that the department of public instruction, through its duly authorized agents, or the board of supervisors in whose jurisdiction any such building shall be, or its authorized agent, shall permit to the applicant, subject to reasonable requirements as to use and care of such building when the proposed use is shown to be lawful."

THE WHY OF CRAWFORD'S MILITARY BILL VOTE BY CRAWFORD HIMSELF

When it comes to diplomacy William J. Crawford must have overlooked a good point, according to the opinion of the legislative "war" college, because the rubber-heel activities of Representative Willie Crawford of the Oahu fifth district certainly cannot be exceeded by any of the foreign agents, according to the aforesaid table strategists.

Willie seems to dislike the newspapermen of Honolulu and particularly those assigned to duty at the house of representatives. Today he voiced his disapproval of one of the newspapermen to another scribe.

"I voted on house bill 418 against it because my 'constitutes' say so," said Willie. "The superintendent of Palama settlement came to me and told me to vote against that bill. But the speaker asked me to vote for the bill so to satisfy the speaker I am dumbly voting for it. I send him a note and tell him that I voted no when I saw the bill would pass anyway."

MAYOR AND AHIA DRAW REBUKE BY HOUSE SPEAKER

Milk Inspection Bill Is Said to Have Brought Them Up to 'Lobby'

Representative Vieira's House Bill to remove the status of milk inspection from the city and county of Honolulu and thus deprive the city of a good job, started a verbal explosion on the floor of the house of representatives today.

From 9 a. m. until 12 a. m. the starting hour of the house session, Mayor Lane and Supervisor Ahia stood at the entrance of the representative chamber and attempted each arriving session in what is regarded to be an attempt to lobby Vieira's bill to the house graveyard. The activities in the lobby preceded the session had convened the house leader spoke on a point of personal privilege.

"There is a pernicious system of lobbying going on around here," he declared, "which includes two government officials who have been standing out on the front steps from 9 o'clock until 10 o'clock this morning button-holing every member of the house when he arrived. These officials ought to be at their offices and performing their duties instead of being down here lobbying. I wish to inform the house of this matter for its own protection and the sooner this practice is stopped the better it will be for all of us."

Incidentally Vieira is attempting to shift the responsibility for House Bill 200 upon Representative Isenberg. He says the member from Wailua, who owns cows, drew up the bill and gave it to him to present. Vieira did not deny, however, that he asked the mayor to discharge Foreman Nute of the county bridge crew, as the mayor was quoted as saying in the Star-Bulletin yesterday. Vieira says the mayor apologized to him today.

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KUPIHEA CASE IS TACKLED BY GRAND JURORS

The territorial grand jury this afternoon undertook its investigation of the case of Representative David M. Kupihea with a view to returning an indictment against the house member if the charge against him warrants it. It is understood the inquirers will continue steadily at this case until it is disposed of.

Among the witnesses subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury are Manuel Moranha, Manuel Smith, James Farrally, Lot C. Keoloha, E. Wilson, Frank Oldham, William Bradbrook, Tretrualt, Eva Kupihea, Judge W. L. Whitney, Rose Johnson, Mrs. Lulu Johnson, Mrs. Kupihea, A. Wilson, Joseph Girard and Huff.

CHIEF CLERK OF SENATE SUBMITS RESIGNATION

President Chillingworth of the senate announced just before the adjournment of the upper house yesterday afternoon that Chief Clerk Albert Lloyd of the upper house desires to resign. The resignation was to be presented formally today and a question at once arose concerning the method of selecting the clerk's successor. The chairman wanted to know whether he should make the appointment, the senate confirming it, or whether the officer should be elected by the members. There was a brief debate on the point, no definite decision being reached at that time.

Lloyd has been offered a permanent high salaried position as secretary and cashier of the Honolulu Brewing & Malting Company, on condition that he take it at once, as President C. G. Bartlett desires to leave for Australia on the Niagara, April 21. Lloyd is to succeed Axel Aalberg, who has taken over the management of Wai-kiki.

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