

TWO BILLS THAT CUT GOVERNOR'S POWER TABLED

Senate Judiciary Committee Fails to Approve Changing Naming of Magistrates

Senate judiciary committee members swung the axe on two closely related bills from the two houses this morning when they voted to table House Bill 26 and Senate Bill 16, both of which chose to take from the governor the power of appointing district magistrates.

Senate Bill 16, introduced by Pacheco, put the power of appointment into the hands of the chief justice, while the lower house measure gave it to the supreme court.

Chief Justice A. G. M. Robertson, who was invited to the committee meeting to express his opinions, was opposed to both measures. The power of appointment was an executive rather than a judicial power, he said. After some discussion the committee moved to table.

Senator Mikaele had another of his bills tabled this morning when the judiciary committee decided to put away his proposal to raise jurisdiction of district courts from \$500 to \$500.

House Bill 59, introduced by Representative Andrews, was deferred to consider next Thursday morning. This bill provides that persons injured by automobiles may seize the same for damages. It is not believed the bill will pass the committee.

BIG ISLAND ASKS BRANCH MARKET

Residents of Hawaii favor the house bill which provides for the creation of a territorial marketing division and urge that, if the bill becomes a law, a branch of the market be established at Hilo, according to a letter received by the house from the members of the Hilo board of trade. The letter asserts that, despite the large expense of creating the branch, it could be made self-supporting within a very short time.

The letter follows: "House Bill 139, which is now before the members of the house, is an act in which the citizens of the different districts of Hawaii are deeply interested. The board of trade of Hilo, at a special session held a few days ago, heard the report of a committee which was strongly in favor of a marketing division for the island of Hawaii, to be established at Hilo. Section 6 of the house bill covers this point and it is a matter in which we wish you would look closely. This section reads as follows:

"The superintendent shall maintain in Honolulu and in such other places as he may deem necessary proper branches of the Territorial Marketing Division, for the receiving, sale and distribution of the agricultural, dairy and farm products of the territory of Hawaii.

"We would appreciate it if you would call to the attention of the mover of this bill the following facts: That the citizens of this island are very desirous of having a branch of this institution established in Hilo; that, though the creation of such a branch may require the expenditure of from \$6000 to \$10,000 at the outset, we have not the slightest doubt but that it would be self-supporting within a very short space of time.

BETTER ROAD WORK BY PRISONERS SOUGHT BY BILL IN SENATE

Senator Stephen L. Desha of Hawaii is preparing to introduce in the near future a bill requiring that territorial prisoners on road jobs shall, during actual work hours, be under the control of county boards of supervisors.

Desha's contention is that with the present system of putting territorial lunas over the men not enough attention is paid to scientific road building. "Let the territorial government name their guards," he says, "but let the county name lunas to handle the prisoners on the construction work."

COMMITTEE FROM SENATE PAYS VISIT TO CHILDREN

Five senators representing the health committee and the ways and means committee of the upper house paid a visit yesterday to the homes for children of leprosy patients. The boys' home was first visited and next the home for girls, about two hours being spent at the two places.

Superintendent J. D. McVeigh of the Kalapaups Settlement went with the party, which consisted of Senators Shingle, Hind, Cooke, Correa and Pacheco.

The Swedish match factories have decided to reduce the size of matches owing to the fact that Russia has forbidden the export of aspen wood.

RUSH OF NEW BILLS CAUSES HOUSE TO HOLD SECOND SESSION TODAY

First Hour of Morning Meeting Given Over to Introducing of New Legislation

Creation of a delinquent tax commission in each of the several counties is provided for in a bill introduced in the house today by Representative Marquet. Each commission, says the bill, shall consist of five persons to be appointed by the governor with the approval of the senate.

Ex-officio members of the commissions shall be the auditor and treasurer, as well as the tax assessor of the division, the other two members to be residents of the county in which the commission exists. The term of office shall be for not more than one year after July 1, 1917.

The duties of the commission are outlined as follows: "It shall be the duty of each commission to thoroughly examine all delinquent tax accounts in its respective tax division and determine, as nearly as may be, the possibility of collecting all such delinquent tax. They shall cause to be prepared a complete list of such delinquent tax accounts as are, by them, considered uncollectible and shall endorse at the foot of said list a statement to the effect that the commission has considered all of said accounts and that said accounts are by them declared uncollectible."

Second Session Necessary A few moments after the solons were called to order this morning the house was flooded with bills that continued to pour in for nearly an hour. So great was the pressure of the morning business that another meeting is being held this afternoon for discussion on bills that are to come up for third reading.

A measure of importance was introduced by Representative C. H. Cooke which proposes broad amendments to sections 1207, 1223, 1223, 1225, 1246 of the revised laws of 1913, as well as other sections, and to repeal sections 1224, 1226 and 1227 of the revised laws, relating to taxation.

Representative Marquet introduced a bill to amend the law prohibiting officers and employees of the territory or its political subdivisions from becoming interested in public contracts. The bill provides that the act "shall not prohibit any such officer or employee from bidding in open competition with others for the purchase or sale of any property or the performance of any work in this section set forth, nor from the acceptance by any government, county or municipal officer of any such bid."

A bill introduced by Representative Kelekolio forbids the imposition of penalties for the non-payment of water and sewer rates and substitutes an interest charge in lieu of such penalties. This interest charge is at the rate of six per cent a year, to attach 15 days after the rates become delinquent.

Another bill by Kelekolio makes it unlawful for any public officer to use any territorial or county conveyance for his private use or pleasure, a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$100 being provided as a penalty for violation.

Medical License Required In a measure introduced by Representative Miles it is provided that no person shall practise medicine or surgery in the territory, or append the title "doctor" to his name without possessing a valid unrevoked license from the treasurer.

It provides that licenses may be granted to persons to practise osteopathy and chiropractic who hold diplomas from any legally chartered colleges and upon the applicant passing an examination before the board of medical examiners to show he is able to diagnose diseases, particularly contagious and infectious diseases.

A petition by Representative Lyman asks for an appropriation for the construction of a road along the banks of the Waialoa river. Upon recommendation by the agriculture committee, Representative Kelekolio's bill to give the board of agriculture certain additional powers, including investigation into the shipment of live stock, passed third reading.

Representative Waialoha introduced a resolution instructing the superintendent of public works to proceed with the repairs of the Pukoo, Moloak, wharf, and that an appropriation of \$15,000 be made to cover the expenses of the repairs.

Citizens Given Preference Representative Andrews introduced a joint resolution that contractors on government works give to citizens or persons eligible to become citizens the preference in the employment of labor. The resolution points out that at the present time many contractors are employing aliens on government work, many of the aliens not being eligible for American citizenship.

Another petition introduced in the house urged the passage of House Bill 91, which provides for the licensing of chiropractors. This bill is now with the health committee, a public hearing on the measure having been held recently.

Despite hot opposition, led by Representative Kelekolio, the bill to set aside a tract of government land at Pihoonua, South Hilo, as public grounds for a high school, agricultural and botanical gardens, passed third reading in the house, the vote being 17 for and 12 against.

Representative Kelekolio introduced the following resolutions: "Resolved, by the House of Representatives in regular 1917 session assembled that the delegate to Congress from Hawaii be instructed to introduce in Congress a law to amend Section 66 of the Organic Act relating to executive power, so that the governor of this territory cannot under any circumstances alter or set aside the judgment of a judge of the circuit court in all cases where death is the judgment pronounced by said judge of said circuit court."

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, regular session 1917, that the delegate to Congress from Hawaii be requested to introduce in Congress a law amending Section 26 of the Organic Act relating to compensation of members, making it \$900 instead of \$600.

"Be it further resolved, that the said delegate from Hawaii be also requested to introduce another law in Congress amending Section 43 of the said Organic Act relating to the sessions of the legislature, making it 93 days instead of 60 days."

The following bills were introduced in the house today: House Bill 248 Substituting bill relating to recovery of costs and attorney's fees by an employee recovering against employer for claim for wages.—Judiciary committee.

CHARTER HITCH IS POLICE CHIEF

With but minor amendments, including some of those proposed by the Chamber of Commerce, Representative Lorrin Andrews' city charter bill has practically been accepted by the Oahu delegation of the house, barring one section on which a hinge is a mild disagreement, or rather an uncertainty.

Every section of the charter bill, with the exception of the one providing for the appointment of a chief of police by the mayor with the approval of the board of supervisors, has been passed, it was learned today, the semifinal windup having come at a meeting of the delegation yesterday afternoon.

The difficulty now confronting the delegation is the provision regarding the chief of police. The problem for the delegation to solve is to provide for a chief of police with jurisdiction throughout the island of Oahu, or to turn the powers back into the hands of the sheriff, who now holds them.

One member of the delegation says it was understood that the idea was to have the mayor appoint a chief of police only for the district of Honolulu, deputy sheriffs to have control of police in the outside districts on this island. But now the matter has simmered down to the question of whether the chief shall be vested with all the powers, or whether there be no provision for the creation of this office.

Department Heads Elected The delegation has agreed that the heads of departments shall be elected by the people, and not appointed by the mayor and supervisors. It has been further agreed, as announced in the Star-Bulletin yesterday, that there shall be six instead of seven supervisors, three from the fifth and three from the fourth district. When the vote was taken on the supervisors yesterday, only six members were present, four voting for and two against. It was learned today, however, that two other members went to the meeting later and agreed with the majority on this point.

Superintendent to Be Appointed Another charter provision that has been agreed to is that regarding the superintendent of city works. The Star-Bulletin is informed that the delegation has agreed that the superintendent shall be appointed by the mayor with consent of the board of supervisors.

Asked what was done with the amendments proposed by the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the delegation said today: "Wherever possible, and wherever it was thought feasible and in the best interests of the voters, the Chamber amendments were adopted."

A report from the house Oahu delegation on the charter bill is expected this week.

WHY WOMEN OF GOTHAM ARE RIOTING FOR FOOD NEW YORK, N. Y.—Almost unbelievable increases in prices of vegetables were announced by Commissioner of Weights and Measures Hartigan, following an exhaustive search and study of market conditions. Vegetables have formed the East Side's chief diet for months, meat having long since outlasted the slender purses of the congested tenements.

Article— Today Ago + Onions, cwt. \$ 14.00 \$ 2.50 + Cabbage, ton .. 160.00 11.00 + Turnips barrel... 3.50 1.50 + Carrots, barrel... 4.00 2.00 + Spinach, barrel... 5.00 1.75 + Parsnips, barrel... 4.00 1.50 + Potatoes, lb.07 .02

Attractive and of huge proportions are fans of ostrich feathers, dyed in brilliant colors, mounted on handles that are straight ivory sticks. Exports of specie from the port of New York from February 5 to February 10 were valued at \$4,389,508.

John James Platt, author and poet, died at Cincinnati. Because of the possibilities of danger from the present international situation, army officials have taken steps for extra precautions at the Panama canal.

Thieves robbed the National Bank at Lincoln, Neb., and escaped with \$2,500. For use in blasting a combined fuse-cutting, cap-crimping and fuse-slit tool has been invented by a Wisconsin man.

C. C. Green of Waynesboro, Mass., who has reappeared after a year's sojourn, no one knows where, has found himself buried and his estate settled up.

The Boston Bar Association paid tribute to former Governor John D. Long, one of its founders. Gross earnings of the Boston Elevated in January show an increase of \$123,900 over January last year.

A tornado struck Lincoln county, Ky., blowing away half of the two-story high school at Hustonsville. Merchandise entered for warehouse at the port of New York for the week ended January 26 totaled 3,415,704.

ART EXHIBITION

by E. W. Christmas, R. B. A. Paintings of the Islands. Also The Tragedy of the Lusitania 1061 Alakea St., over von Hamm-Young Show Rooms. Visitors Invited.

BILL WOULD SAVE BATHING BEACH FROM POLLUTION

Measure Will Be Introduced to Spend \$15,000 to Divert Stream at Waikiki

"It is one bill I will indorse if it tends to make the superintendent of public works do something," declared Representative Lorrin Andrews, chairman of the house judiciary committee, commenting on a proposed measure to divert the stream that empties fifth into the ocean between the Outrigger Club and the Moana Hotel.

"This is a nuisance that, I think, has been tolerated just about long enough," he adds. "We are permitting these waters to be spoiled before the eyes of tourists, to say nothing of local bathers. It is even worse than our poor streets."

A proposal that the bill be introduced has been made by J. Ashman Beaven, secretary of the Outrigger Club. The bill was drawn this morning and was slated to be introduced by Representative Andrews this afternoon. It appropriates \$15,000 to divert the stream, the appropriation to be under control of the superintendent of public works.

That C. R. Forbes, superintendent of public works recently demurred to a plan to fill in the lagoon between the club grounds and the Moana is the assertion of Beaven, who says that the club had planned to buy 1000 wagonloads of dirt for the project. Forbes explained, Beaven adds, that the matter of diversion had been arranged with the governor and that within a week the government would take up the work of diverting the stream.

LARGEST ZINC PROPERTY IN COLORADO IS SOLD FOR FOUR MILLION DOLLARS DENVER, Colo.—A mining sale involving \$4,000,000 in money was made recently. The Black Iron, the largest zinc mine in the state, one of the richest ever discovered, was sold by the American Zinc Company of which A. K. McDaniels of Denver is the head, to the Empire Zinc Company of Denver and New York. The Cheeseman estate of Denver sold the ground, and received about \$1,000,000; the American Zinc Company received approximately \$3,000,000 for the lease and bond on the property it secured two years ago.

SHORT SKIRTS MEAN MIL. LIONS TO SHOE MEN PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Every inch added to the length of woman's dresses means a loss of \$10,000,000 a year to the shoe business, according to A. D. Anderson of Boston, who told the delegates to the convention of the Pennsylvania Retail Shoe Dealers' Association they should cooperate with the designers and keep the short skirts in fashion.

The Rockefeller Institute will investigate the infantile paralysis outbreak in Fairmont, W. Va.

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