

BANKING BILL PASSES THE HOUSE; 286 TO 84

Gold Standard Reaffirmed in Amendment Adopted by 298 to 69.

MUCH CHEERING AT FINISH

Amendment Against Interlocking Directorates is Defeated, 266 to 100.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—By a vote of 286 to 84 the House of Representatives today passed the Administration currency bill to-day after having amended by a vote of 298 to 69 to still more emphatically reaffirming the act of 1900 whereby the gold standard was adopted as the basis of American money.

The House met at noon. The currency bill, its amendments in committee of the whole House having been completed at 11 o'clock last night, was the order of business. Immediately after the reading of the journal Chairman Glass called up the bill.

A separate vote was demanded by Representative Wingo of Arkansas on the sound money amendment. There was a division showing an overwhelming majority for the amendment, but Mr. Wingo demanded the yeas and nays. The yeas were 298 and the nays 69.

The yeas had not been completed before it was evident that there was a distinct Democratic defection. The Republicans were holding their lines tight. The Progressives were voting with the Republicans. When the roll call was completed it was found that the sound money amendment had won by a vote of 298 to 69, or more than four to one.

DR. HERSTEIN TO AID APPRAISER

The following Democrats refused to abide by the administration's expressed wish on this point.

Representatives Abernethy, Adamson, Aswell, Bailey, Bell of Georgia, Blackmon, Brockman, Brumbaugh, Buchanan of Illinois, Burnett, Calkins, Cannon of Kansas, Claypool, Collier, Connolly of Kansas, Crisp, Crozier, Davenport, Dickinson, Diferderer, Doolittle, Eagle, Elder, Ferris, Floyd of Arkansas, Francis, Goodwin, Gray, Gregory, Gurnea, Harbo, Harbo, Healy, Healy, Henry, Hensley, Howard of Georgia, Jacoway, Johnson of Kentucky, Johnson of South Carolina, Kindel, Lobeck, McGuire of Nebraska, Moses of Indiana, Murray of Oklahoma, O'Brien, Quinn, Sargent, Rube, Rucker, Russell, Shackelford, Sherwood, Sisson, Stansell, Stephens of Mississippi, Stout, Taggart, Taylor of Arkansas, Taylor of Colorado, Thomas, Thompson of Oklahoma, Tribble, Wingo and Witherspoon.

Only one Progressive, Lindbergh of Minnesota, and one Republican, Roberts of Nevada, voted against the amendment.

After the action of the House on the currency bill the gold standard amendment a record vote was demanded by the Progressives on the motion of Representative Walters of Pennsylvania to amend the bill by including a paragraph forbidding interlocking directorates in more than one bank by any individual.

It was the anti-interlocking directorate provision so frequently urged by the Progressives in general debates and in the recent discussion of the currency bill. The Progressives regarded this amendment as their official protest. Mr. Murdock moved for a roll call, and by a vote of 298 to 100 the amendment was defeated.

The Progressive vote solidly for the Walters amendment. The remainder of the 100 affirmative votes was about equally divided between Republicans and radical Democrats.

CLASS'S MOTION FOR PASSAGE

The anti-interlocking directorate amendment out of the way the House then took up the bill itself. The Progressive moved the passage of his own measure and the voting began. Only three members of the majority party voted against the bill on its final passage. They were Representatives Callaway of Texas, Witherspoon of Mississippi and Elder of Louisiana. The eighty-four negative votes included two Progressives, Walters and Temple of Pennsylvania. These Republicans voted for the bill. Representatives in the House of Representatives were: Callaway, Cooper, Cranton, Dillon, Each, Farr, Fess, Frar, Haughen, Helgeson, McLaughlin, Lannahan, Mapee, Nelson, Norton, Portex, J. C. Smith and Samuel W. Smith of Michigan, Smith of Minnesota, Stafford and Young of North Dakota.

Speaker Clark's announcement of the vote was greeted with prolonged applause and cheers.

Representative Glass, rising to a question of personal privilege, explained the position of the Banking and Currency Committee and of himself as to the sound money amendment. He took exception to a newspaper report of last night's proceedings in which it was inferred that the amendment had been forced on the majority by the Republicans. He told the House that this representation was unfair to him and the committee.

The paragraph of reaffirmation of adherence to the gold standard had been deemed by the committee as wholly supplementary in character, but important as setting at rest certain unjustifiable allegations that the committee was disposed or had been disposed to insert ambiguous phraseology framed to serve as the basis for a double standard or the creation of a fiat money system.

Representative Underwood of Alabama then said it was his hope that the conference report on the tariff bill would be ready next week, but there was no possibility of the report earlier than Monday. He suggested that when the House adjourned it would be with the understanding that it was not to meet again until Monday. This suggestion was followed.

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W. M. Berry of Pennsylvania suggests Amendments.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Coincident with the passage of the Administration banking and currency bill by the House there arose to-day the most serious opposition to the measure that has yet developed during the hearings conducted by the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency.

The most violent attack on the bill was conducted by a prominent Democrat, W. M. Berry, ex-Secretary of the Treasury of Pennsylvania, under whose administration the Capitol graft at Harrisburg was exposed. Mr. Berry was recently appointed a member of the Finance Committee by President Wilson. He told the Senate committee that the pending bill will fall utterly to remedy the objections to the existing law, as it passed the House to reduce the reserve requirements from 12 1/2 to 10 per cent, the present proportion, to 6-10 per cent.

After citing the Glass bill as an analogy to the old woman who only had two teeth left was glad they were left, Mr. Berry proposed to amend the bill so that the pending bill will contract the credit of the country by \$450,000,000. He declared that the only necessity existing for a new banking system is to protect the country with \$7,000,000,000 of credit, which he says, the business of the country now demands.

The feature of the bill which Mr. Berry especially assailed was the provision which would reduce the reserve funds required to be carried by the banks. In this he obtained the unqualified support of Senator Reed. Mr. Berry rather than the national bank charters than to enter the new system.

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On behalf of Judge Rosinsky it was urged that he has had to attend four funerals so far this month and that sometimes he tells in his chambers until 6 or 7 at night, or even later. Other friends of the Judge said that Judge Rosinsky's contention that hot weather made jurors too irritable to serve more than three hours was right. There were statements that the Tombs conditions were so abnormal, but this the Tombs census disproved.

James Parcell's Case.

When attention was called to the case of James Parcell, awaiting trial for murder since February 25, friends of the Judge said that Judge Foster's opinion of doubt and that it makes no difference whether he is in the Tombs, a death cell or an asylum.

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