

OIL TAX IS REDUCED FROM THREE TO ONE PER CENT IN SENATE

House Refuses to Concur in Amendment and Conference Committee Is Appointed; Same Course Pursued on Bills Placing Levy on Cement and Coal Production and Amended.

Staff Correspondence.

Helena, March 2.—After a sharp fight the senate Wednesday adopted the majority report of the committee on taxation recommending passage of H. B. 115, imposing a license tax on the production of oil and gasoline in Montana, but amended it to fix the license at one per cent of the gross revenue. The minority report fixed the license at 1 1/2 per cent, and this report was rejected by a vote of 19 to 32.

When the amended bill was taken back into the house, Chairman Conroy, of the revenue and taxation committee, moved that the house refuse to concur in the amendments, his objection being to the flat one per cent rate. His motion was sustained and a conference committee was appointed, consisting of Conroy, Riggs and Roniveau, to meet with a senate committee, drawn out of the differences. Similar committees were appointed in the house on the motion of Conroy to adjust the differences arising through the senate's changes in the bill imposing production taxes upon cement and coal.

Went Uniform Rate. As the bill came over from the house, a tax of 3 per cent on free simple lands was provided and a tax of 1 per cent on lands from which the state derived a royalty through the government. Connelly, chairman of the committee on taxation, said it had been held that this house bill was unconstitutional in making such a distinction and it was necessary to impose a uniform rate. The majority report was signed by Connelly, Hazelbaker, Kirtan, Galwey and White; the minority report by Foster, Loy, Harmon and Dixon. Harmon urged passage of the minority report, insisting a rate of 1 1/2 per cent was not excessive. Edwards said the

oil industry is the only hope for immediate relief from financial conditions in Montana, and that it was dangerous to levy a tax that would hinder development. He said in Texas a rate of 1 1/2 per cent is levied in lieu of all other taxes. Kentucky imposes a tax of 1 per cent and there is no tax imposed in Wyoming, Kansas, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Foster for Minority. Foster spoke on behalf of the minority report, and said the argument there were many dry holes and much expense connected with the development of the industry could be applied with equal force to the "dry holes" of the Montana farmers the past two years.

White, on behalf of the majority report, said the production in Montana now is 600 barrels of oil daily and that Montana receives as its share of royalty from the government on this oil \$750 a day. He said the average cost of sinking a well 2500 feet was \$54,540 with ordinary luck. In the Cat Creek field, with an organized concern, with experienced drillers and under the most favorable conditions, he said the cost of putting down a well was \$18,567. "Let the oil men alone until they have developed something," he urged.

Kill Bergeson Bill. House bill 7, by Bergeson, providing for the taxation of intercounties property, was killed on the adoption of an adverse report of the committee on taxation. There was no discussion and no opposition. Chairman Connelly, asked regarding this action, said the bill was a companion measure to the tax commission, and as it had been killed, this bill was superfluous.

WEATHER

Table with columns: Observations taken at 6 p. m., Mar. 2, for preceding 24 hours; High; Low; Precipitation. Rows for Great Falls, Calgary, Havre, Helena, New York, St. Paul, Seattle, Williston.

Weather Conditions - Pacific Slope, Northwest and Canadian Northwest: A light rain fell in northwestern Washington and northwestern Montana while fair weather prevailed elsewhere Wednesday. Temperatures are generally considerably above normal. Moderate pressure covers the northwest with cloudy weather prevailing in the eastern Montana, western North Dakota and in northern Wyoming, where the skies are clear.

Montana Forecast: Partly cloudy and somewhat unsettled Thursday and probably Friday; not much change in temperature.

From the Benedictine Sisters. Coughs and colds are infectious, and prompt measures should be taken to stop the coughing and spreading of germs. The following letter from the Benedictine Sisters, Holy Name Convent, San Antonio, Fla., is of value to every mother: "We have just received shipment of Foley's Honey and Tar. It is a household remedy. We have used it since we knew of it, for our children especially, and always found it beneficial." Great Falls Drug Co.—Adv.

MELLON QUILTS BANKS. Pittsburgh, March 2.—A. W. Mellon, who will serve as secretary of the treasury in the Harding cabinet, Wednesday announced his resignation from the executive boards of numerous banking institutions here.

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Bills Passed

BY THE HOUSE

- H. B. 222—Providing for seven per cent interest on state warrants registered from March 1, 1921, to January 1, 1922.
H. B. 223—Relating to actions at law for trespass of sheep.
H. B. 194—Relating to assignments for benefit of creditors.
H. B. 211—Designating district court judges as commissioners of the supreme court.
Sub S. B. 221—Relating to statements of foreign corporations.
H. B. 198—Establishing an amortization method in bond valuation of insurance companies.
H. B. 217—Prohibiting use of saccharin in food preparations, and sale of food stuffs.
H. B. 229—To permit physicians to issue liquor prescriptions in compliance with the Volstead act.
Sub H. B. 27—Providing for licensing of real estate dealers.
Sub H. B. 145—Transfer of land classification records to new counties.
H. B. 200—Licensing public eating places, bakeries and packing plants.
H. B. 227—Requiring exhibitions of various methods at all times.
H. B. 222—Extermination of all noxious weeds.
H. B. 256—On liability for killing livestock.
H. B. 241—Relating to apportionment of license fees.
H. B. 216—Permitting sale of non-beverage alcohol for medicinal, scientific and manufacturing purposes.
H. B. 208—Permitting state banks to deal in drafts and acceptances.
H. B. 153—Requiring registration of auditors and abstractors of insurance policies.
H. B. 290—Amending the absent voter law.
Senate Sub. for H. B. 103—Amending law on exemption of property from execution.
H. B. 213—Making pipe lines common carriers.
H. B. 223—Declaring the waters of the state belong to the people of the state and are held by the state in trust.
H. B. 180—Providing for apportionment of school funds on Indian reservations.
H. B. 220—Permitting cities and towns to stage band concerts.
H. B. 229—Providing for appointment of inspectors and detectives by the state livestock commission.
H. B. 227—Defining estray stock and providing a penalty for taking them.
H. B. 11, to tax freight line companies.
Sub H. B. 117, providing for a revenue license tax of 1 1/2 per cent on the net proceeds of metal mines.
Sub H. B. 116, a method of determining net proceeds of metal mines, coal mines and oil wells.

BY THE SENATE

- H. B. 17—Providing for the suitable burial of veterans.
H. J. M. 7—Asking for passage of legislation for rehabilitation of injured soldiers.
H. B. 227—Relating to estrays and penalty for taking them up.
H. B. 229—Amending law relating to appointment of stock inspectors.
H. B. 78—Authorizing collective buying and selling by agricultural corporations and agricultural districts.
H. B. 220—Authorizing special levy by cities for band concerts.
H. B. 11—Providing for taxation of freight line companies.
H. B. 112—Imposing a tax on all coal mines of 10 cents a ton.
H. B. 114—License tax on cement, cement plaster and gypsum plaster.
H. B. 116—Relating to taxation of net proceeds of mines.
H. B. 117—Imposing a license tax on all mines other than coal mines.
Sub H. B. 56—Amending workmen's compensation law.
H. B. 115—License tax of one per cent on gross revenue from crude oil production.
H. B. 306—Classification of property for taxation purposes.
H. B. 330—General tax levy for next two years.
H. B. 206—County levy to pay court-ty bounties on predatory animals.
H. B. 873 and 374—Appropriations for university of Montana for next 23 months.
H. B. 258—Mining deficiencies various local offices.
H. B. 388—Deficiency claim deaf and dumb school.
H. B. 377—Salary deficiency three months state land office.
H. B. 283 and H. B. 284—Appropriating \$470,000 district judges, county attorneys and transportation printers for next 23 months.
H. B. 393—Refund of \$2,000 for taxes illegally collected.
H. B. 360—Minor deficiency claims various state offices.
H. B. 375—Transferring several special funds to general fund.
H. B. 281—Returning inheritance of G. F. Howarth, declared escheated through error.
H. B. 284—Deficiency claim of \$234 against state.
H. B. 385—Deficiency of Seventeenth session for publication of Journal.
H. B. 387—Deficiency girls' vocational school.
H. B. 70—Acceptance by Montana of federal vocational training system.
H. B. 170—Prohibiting adulteration and misbranding of gasoline and lubricants.
H. B. 258—Changing boundaries of Teton and Chouteau counties by adding some territory to Teton county.
S. B. 107—Relating to drainage districts.
S. B. 150—Relating to extermination of gonbers.
S. B. 201—Relating to publication of state officers reports.
S. B. 225—Relating to county high schools.
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S. J. M. 4—Relating to prohibition of immigration.
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SENATE KILLS STATE INCOME TAX BILL AND HOUSE MEASURE TO CUT NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN ASSEMBLY

Helena, March 2.—On the adoption of the majority report of the joint committee on apportionment, the senate Wednesday killed the substitute house bill providing for the reapportionment of representation in the lower branch of the legislature. The senate also killed the administration income tax bill. Of seven bills reported out by the judiciary committee six were recommended unfavorably and the seventh then was killed by the senate. The most important measure killed and in which no defense was interposed, the anti-alien bill, prohibiting aliens not eligible for citizenship from owning property. Administration revenue measures providing a license tax of 1 1/2 per cent of the net proceeds on metal mines, in defining the method of ascertaining the net proceeds of metal mines and oil wells, and providing a tax on freight line companies, and a tax of one per cent on a gallon of gasoline and distillate are being prepared for submission to Governor Joseph M. Dixon. The last step of the assembly was taken when the house Wednesday morning concurred in senate amendments. Governor Dixon Wednesday received 50 senate and house bills, more than have been received by him any previous day of the session and, aside from the codification measures, nearly as many measures as have been received during the entire session.

of the McFadden bill to protect the gold monetary reserve. H. B. 228—Relating to branding of livestock. H. J. M. 11—Relating to Belknap reservation.

SENATE SWINGS AX ON SEVERAL BILLS WHEN REPORTS MADE

New Conference Committee Named on Gasoline Tax Measure, and Game and Fish. Helena, March 2.—On third reading Wednesday, the senate killed 18 to 28 H. B. 262, for the regulation of motion picture machines and booths. Others killed were H. B. 274, service fees of judges; H. B. 254, relating to investment of common school funds; H. B. 144, semi-annual payment of taxes; H. B. 237, relating to serving writs of attachment; and H. B. 294, relating to tax sale certificates. On motion of Donlan, H. B. 170 by Fairgreive, to prohibit misbranding of gasoline and oil, was favorably reported by the committee on oil and gas.

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On H. B. 18, relating to the state game and fish commission and a new committee was named composed of Foster, Pauline and Leuthold. Pauline explained stockmen felt they were not given adequate protection under the bill if the conference report were adopted. With only four negative votes, McKay, Paul and Horvik, the senate concurred in house amendments to S. B. 280 by Stegriodt, permitting physicians to prescribe liquor for medicinal purposes. Slattery, Parker and Larson were named as conference committee on H. B. 120, the bachelor tax bill. Leuthold, Stearns, Dear Lodge and Conne on S. B. 117, relating to creation of new counties; and Marsen, Booth and Hazelbaker, on S. B. 215, relating making all pipe lines common carriers.

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