

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLEGES ARE PASSED BY HOUSE

Neglect to Provide for the 60 State Scholarships at the University of Vermont Remedied by Amendment.

### MONDAY'S HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS.

University of Vermont Medical College—\$30,000 annually.  
University of Vermont scholarships—\$4,800.  
Norwich University—\$20,000 annually.  
Middlebury College—\$12,500 annually, including \$2,500 for scholarships.  
Randolph Agricultural school—\$12,500 annually and \$7,000 for a dormitory.  
State Industrial school—\$6,000.

Montpelier, March 29.—The appropriations for the colleges, the Agricultural school, and the Industrial school went through the House in the morning as recommended by the appropriations committee. The oversight of the college authorities and the committee in neglecting to continue the 60 State scholarships at the University of Vermont was remedied by an amendment continuing them.

The appropriations committee and the House attempted to establish a State policy of treating all institutions alike. By making the appropriations to Middlebury and to Norwich continuous instead of biennial, and continuing the same amounts as at present to all institutions, it was hoped that much of the college agitation could be removed from future sessions. The appropriation for Norwich was made continuous at \$30,000, that for Middlebury at \$12,500, making the total continuous appropriations to Middlebury \$3,800, and to the Medical College \$3,000, an increase of \$5,800 over the past two years.

The Medical College was the only institution to get an increase, but the House agreed without any opposition to grant the addition when the critical condition of the Medical College both as to grading and support was explained. The Medical College must have an increase of \$3,000, according to the standardizing body, the American Medical Association, if it is to remain in class A. Mr. Black of Burlington explained that student tuition fees of \$15, the lowest of any large medical school, brought in about \$12,000. The State appropriation of \$3,000 will, therefore, have to be supplemented by private subscription of about \$3,000.

There was no marked opposition to the college appropriations. Debates arose on two points. A policy of appropriating for six years at a time was advocated by Mr. Moore of Ludlow in an amendment to the Norwich bill. He believed that the House should exercise the right of reviewing the appropriations every five years. Conditions might change and he thought it a sane precaution to bring around the institutions every six years to defend their appropriations. To repeal a bill was difficult, he said, and this provided for automatic lapse after six years.

This proposal was turned down after Mr. Stone of Vergennes and Mr. Proctor of Proctor explained the desirability of making all appropriations continuous, thus enabling the colleges to look ahead into the future, and would make their position permanent and not precarious. Mr. Moore of Ludlow said in reply that the policy of the colleges was not fixed. If all appropriations were made continuous he thought that the situation would get beyond the control of the Legislature, and the incentive to get on a fixed and harmonious basis would be partly gone. The newly created budget system would straighten out the whole question, said Mr. Smith of St. Albans, making it a biennial proposition. Appropriations will not be continued unless the budget committee approves. A six-year limit would therefore be useless. The amendment was defeated.

The other discussion arose over a continuation of the senatorial scholarships to the University of Vermont. The 1912 appropriation of \$1,800 for 50 State scholarships had lapsed, and the committee recommended that the renewal of the scholarships. This oversight was corrected by an amendment introduced by Mr. Proctor of the appropriations committee. The situation was complicated for a time by an amendment offered by Mr. Lane of Cabot under a misapprehension. He favored continuing the scholarships out of the medical college funds. He was shown how this would cripple the Medical College, which even now must find about \$5,000 every year, and his amendment was defeated.

Two court measures were considered by the House. H. 27, which was passed, requires the supreme court on appeals to render decision within one year after submission of briefs. The Ware bill, which would dispense with the side judges except in questions of fact, and would make a superior judge constitute a quorum on all other occasions, was ordered to a third reading by a slim majority. The assistant judges would have to be the court house so much under such conditions, Mr. Foote argued, that they would still draw their pay, and no appreciable economy could be effected. Provision for a proper memorial for Ira Allen was made by a resolution which passed the House unanimously in the afternoon. A statue of bronze, marble or granite will be erected on the State House grounds. The Vermont Historical society may erect one nearby to Thomas Chittenden.

State co-operation in agricultural extension was ordered by the Senate to-day by passing in concurrence H. 42, which appropriates \$5,000.

### LAMPS ON CARRIAGES.

The question of lights on carriages came up in the House and Senate bill, which was passed to a third reading by a narrow majority. This requires lamps on all light vehicles, but not for heavy teams.

### OFFICIAL RECORD.

#### SENATE—AFTERNOON.

Convened at 3:00 p. m. Devotional exercises by chaplain.

### READ THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

H. 139, authorizing Burlington to build a convention hall.  
PASSED IN CONCURRENCE.  
H. 299, relating to employment of prisoners.  
H. 423, regulating railroad demurrage.  
H. 449, for support of government.  
H. 456, relating to employment of prisoners outside house of correction or State prison.  
H. 467, to pay Chelsea.  
H. 467, relating to persons escaped from penal institutions.  
H. 470, to purchase land for use at State prison.

### ORDERED TO LIE.

H. 445, relating to taxation of personal property and providing for debts owing Senator Powell moved that it be a special order at 1:30 a. m. Tuesday.

### THIRD READING ORDERED.

H. 194, relating to fish and game laws.  
H. 277, providing for appraisal of bank stock.

### RECOMMITTED.

H. 461, relating to care and education of feeble minded children.

### ORDERED TO LIE.

H. 140, relating to Poulton interests repealing act of 1915. Upon motion of Senator Stebbins it was made special order for 2:00 p. m. Tuesday.

### HOUSE PROPOSALS CONSIDERED IN.

H. 126, relating to county agricultural extension work.

### HOUSE BILLS REFERRED.

H. 283, relating to Norwich University. To appropriations.  
H. 298, relating to State school at Randolph. To appropriations.

H. 261, relating to appropriations for scholarship in Middlebury College. To appropriations.

H. 297, relating to expediting causes in supreme court. To judiciary.

H. 431, relating to University of Vermont medical college and State agricultural college. To appropriations.

H. 435, relating to simplifying court procedure. To judiciary.

### RESOLUTION REFERRED.

Joint resolution relating to salary of commissioner of weights and measures. To State and industrial interests.

### CALLLED UP.

H. 432, relating to appropriation for rural extension service. Called up by Senator Divoll after which the bill was passed in concurrence.

### RULE 20 SUSPENDED.

Senator Powell moved that the part of rule 20 relating to fixing time for third reading, explaining the purpose being to expedite business. Motion agreed to.

Adjourned at 3:55 p. m.

### HOUSE—MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. W. Miller of Bethel.

### BILLS INTRODUCED.

H. 479, from the judiciary committee, an act to provide for the removal of damages done by floating lumber. Ordered to lie and be printed.

### PASSED IN CONCURRENCE.

H. 122, an act to appropriate a certain sum to build a laundry and creamery.

H. 490, from the committee on internal affairs, an act in amendment of and in addition to chapter 211 of the public statutes and amendments thereto relating to foreign and domestic creamery companies. Ordered to lie and be printed.

H. 19, an act to repeal section 131 of the public statutes, requiring supreme court to furnish opinions to the Governor.

H. 126, an act to amend section 5 of No. 82 of the acts of 1910, relating to the creation of a State school of agriculture. (\$12,000 annually.)

H. 125, an act to appropriate \$500 to the committee of management of the State boys' and girls' agricultural and industrial exposition.

H. 133, an act to appropriate a certain sum to purchase the Bitham place in Vergennes for use of the Vermont Industrial school.

### READ THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

H. 28, an act to provide an additional appropriation for the State school of agriculture at Randolph.

H. 432, an act relating to Norwich University. Appropriates \$20,000.

H. 353, an act to amend section 5 of No. 82 of the acts of 1912, with reference to appropriations for scholarships and instruction in Middlebury College, and to provide a board of trustees of public funds in said college.

H. 37, an act to expedite causes in the supreme court.

H. 431, an act to provide an appropriation for the college of medicine of the U. V. M. and State agricultural college.

Mr. Lane of Cabot moved to amend by setting aside \$4,800 of the \$30,000 for scholarships.

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Mr. Proctor of Proctor explained that this was to reimburse the fish and game commissioner for sums he had paid out to carry on his work and that this money was to come out of the funds of his department.

Mr. Moore of Hardwick objected to this method of doing business. Mr. Graham of Rockingham explained that a similar resolution was defeated two years ago.

Mr. Lane of Cabot explained that this money was used to complete work that had been begun.

Mr. Lund of Canaan favored the resolution.

Mr. Graham of Rockingham read some correspondence between Mr. Titcomb and Governor Fletcher.

Mr. Moore of Ludlow moved that the resolution be recommitted to the appropriations committee. And it was so ordered.

### THIRD READING ORDERED.

H. 115, amending an act relating to the organization, compensation of secretary and appointees of the State board of health. Mr. Mayo of Northfield explained that the bill corrected a typographical error in the law.

H. 131, amending an act relating to attachment.

### ORDERED TO LIE.

H. 46, an act in addition to chapter 95 of the public statutes and to provide for the consolidation of railroads under certain conditions.

Mr. Chalmers of Rutland city explained that the bill had been reported without recommendation by the committee because of a lack of full and complete information on the subject. He moved that the bill be ordered to lie and be made a special order for 7:30 o'clock this evening, and it was so ordered.

H. 460, an act to amend sections 130 and 139 of the public statutes, relating to the county courts and the duties of assistant judges.

Mr. Ware of Townsend spoke at length in favor of the bill, thinking that it would also result in the reduction of court expenses. Mr. Foote of Cornwall opposed the bill, and advocated eliminating some of the superior judges if economy was really desired. The motion of Mr. Ware was lost by a vote of 94 to 32. Mr. Foote motion to divide the bill was declared lost. The third reading was ordered by a rising vote of 75 to 22.

### SPECIAL ORDER.

For Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

H. 275, an act to prevent the floating of logs in the White river or any of its tributaries. On motion of Mr. Morse of Hardwick, who called attention to the new bill introduced pertaining to the same subject, the bill was made a special order for Tuesday morning.

### PASSED IN CONCURRENCE WITH PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENT.

H. 72, an act relating to the open season for fishing in Willoughby lake. On motion of Mr. Moore of Barnard the House reconsidered its vote whereby it amended the bill. The bill was amended, fixing open season for trout and salmon from May 1 to September, and the bill was passed.

### BILL INTRODUCED.

H. 481, from the committee on highways and bridges, an act to amend section 4309 of the public statutes, as amended by No. 140 of the acts of 1910, relating to the disposition of fees by the State highway commissioner. (Relates to Sand Bar bridge.) Ordered to lie and be printed.

### THIRD READING ORDERED.

H. 475, amending an act relating to the bank commissioner and to prescribe his duties.

H. 477, an act to provide a penalty for escaping from lawful custody.

H. 478, amending an act relating to the extermination of insect pests.

### SENATE PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENT NON-CONCURRED IN.

H. 87, an act to amend section 74 of the public statutes, relating to the taxation of trust companies. Mr. Wilson of Chelsea opposed the proposals of amendment, while Mr. McClary of Windsor favored them.

The committee on State and court expenses made a report, favoring the appropriation of \$5,000 for a bronze, marble or granite statue of Ira Allen, to be erected on the State House grounds. Mr. Hargrove of Peru moved an amendment providing for a companion statue of Thomas Chittenden, Vermont's first Governor, and the bill as amended was adopted on the part of the House.

### THIRD READING ORDERED.

H. 135, an act relating to vehicles on wheels carrying lights at night on public highways. An