

"effect of law". Codes to be drafted by representatives of labor, management and public, under Industrial Accident Board guidance.

"Aye" votes were or approval of HB 87 and the reduction of industrial safety hazards, and are listed on page 338 of House Journal.

Roll call on HB 87 in senate not carried in "box score" because amendment aimed at pulling the teeth of the bill prevailed. Sen. Padbury led a successful attempt to knock out the "effect of law" provision. As watered down, HB 87 received senate approval.

### HB 115—Lift 500-Week Limit On Comp.

Another indication that the 1951 Assembly was not interested in the welfare of people was the vote on HB 115 (introduced by Emmons, Clark, Blikken, Trout, Graybill, Tripp and Cook). HB 115 would have lifted the 500-week limitation on compensation payments to permanently disabled industrial workers. Because of adverse house action on HB 115, permanently disabled Montanans after a maximum of 9½ years on compensation will continue to live out the balance of their lives as welfare recipients—a burden on ALL taxpayers rather than the industry which caused their disability. HB 115 was killed by a 50-35 vote (House Journal, pg. 267). "Aye" votes were "right" votes.

### SB 90—Plan II Corrective Legislation

Plan II, the private insurance division of the Workmen's Compensation Act, permitting employers to provide industrial accident coverage by insuring with private casualty companies, has for many years been subjected to severe criticism by Montana labor. Of recent years, one Idaho company operating as a compensation insurer, has been particularly flagrant in its violations of the act. To correct such abuses as "claim shaving", tardy comp. payments, etc., Senators Moss and Mahoney introduced and steered it through the senate with only 7 dissenting votes (Senate Journal, pg. 341).

In the house the influence of the insurance companies was much stronger, and the bill was emasculated, and amended to such an extent that it would have repealed various protective sections of present law and tied the hands of the Industrial Accident Board in dealing with private insurers.

Senate roll call is based on original passage of bill and "Aye" votes were for correcting Plan II defects. House roll call was on a motion by Emmons to have SB 90 re-referred from house insurance committee to workmen's comp. committee for purpose of saving original intent of bill (House Journal, pg. 441). "Aye" votes on Emmons motion were for correcting Plan II. The emasculated bill was vetoed by Governor Bonner.

### SB 9—Cabinet Gorge Damsite

Only ten members of the two houses felt that giving away the Cabinet Gorge dam site in Sanders county without Montana getting a thing for it was too important to the state to be allowed passage via rules suspension. Time may prove the wisdom of their votes. Already sportsmen are complaining about the lack of facilities—a fish ladder—to permit the "big ones" to continue coming upstream into the western Montana fisherman's paradise.

SB 9 was steamrolled through both houses by rules suspension, given a hurry-up signature by the Governor, and presto, the legislature had given the gorge away—water, power and reservoir site. To the Washington Water Power Co., went this juicy plum; to the state of Idaho, 99 per cent plus of all taxable revenue that would accrue from making a sizeable part of western Montana's Clark's Fork valley just another lake.

The ten legislators who wanted the bill to be given more careful scrutiny and consideration before approval and who voted against SB 9 were:

Senators Dahl, Mahoney, Cotton, and Phillips, and Reps. Cook and Holtz, Valach, Blikken, Wilson and Beck.

### Unemployment Comp. Fund Threatened

Had HB 170 gotten past house committee and on through the legislative mill to the status of statutory law, the Unemployment Compensation fund would have been seriously weakened. This bill would have authorized a new schedule of "merit" ratings which would have reduced employer contributions to the fund to a minimum of one fourth of one per cent, as compared with the present 1.5% minimum.

HB 170 was introduced by: All six Yellowstone county members of the house—Crist, Gebhardt, Pierce, Peters, Prill and Schiltz; Sykes of Flathead; Hawks of Big Horn and Cowley of Rosebud.

### Use Tax Not Continued

Despite the efforts of Sen. Leo Cremer (R., Sweet Grass), the 1951 Legislature refused to tack a \$2 "use" tax on to the family auto. The 1949 session, it will be recalled, approved a similar measure of \$3 per car, for 1950 and 1951.

### 1952 Election

All seats in the House of Representatives must be filled by the voters in 1952.

Senators will be elected by the voters of: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Lake, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, McCone, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Powell, Prairie, Roosevelt, Sweet Grass and Treasure.

#### Legend, Notations, Etc.

"A" is for an "AYE" vote; "N" for a "NAY" vote; "O" indicates either Absent or Excused. For implication of each Aye and Nay vote, see explanatory material above.

\* Both Senator Roehl and Repr. Bradley have passed away since the assembly adjourned.

† "Nay" vote by Moss, one of the sponsors of SB 22—the property classification bill, was for purpose of securing "reconsideration" should the bill not make the grade the first time it was up for roll call. Since such was the intent of Sen. Moss, in figuring his "batting average" we have given him credit for an affirmative vote on this measure.

	HB 388 Anti Co-op Tax Measure	SB 37 Aid for Farm to Market Roads	HJM 1 Anti MVA Memorial to Cong.	HB 39 Street Light Contract Revision	HB 42 favoritism for Priv. Utilities	HB 186 Ban SEC Utility Superv.	HB 36 \$75 Old Age Monthly Pension	HB 125 Funds for Law Enforcement	HB 454 Law Enf. Funds Amendm't	HB 404 50% Const. Amend't, Schools	HJR 4 25% Limit, Fed. Income Tax	SB 22 Property Reclassification	MUC Right To X-Exam. Amend.	HB 56 Move To Up Disabil. Comp \$5	HB 87 Safety Codes	HB 115 Lift 500-wk Disab. Pay Limit.	SB 90 To Correct Plan II Defects	For Majority of Montanans %
MEAGHER																		
Ebert	A	A	A	A	A	A			N		A	N					A	20
Rostad	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	N	N	N	00
MINERAL																		
Tibbals	A	A	A	A	A	A			A		A	A					A	40
Jensen	O	A	O	N	N	O	A	A		A	O		A	A	A	A	A	100
MISSOULA																		
Worden	A	A	A	A	A	A			N		A	N					N	10
Haines	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	A	N	O	7
Karlberg	N	O	N	N	N	N	A	A		A	N		A	A	A	A	A	100
Page	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	O		N	A		N	N	O	N	N	00
Reed	A	O	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	A	N	O	8
MUSSELSHELL																		
Liggett	N	A	A	A	N	A			N		A	N					A	40
Clark	N	A	N	N	N	N	A	A		A	N		A	A	A	A	A	100
PARK																		
Parriott	A	A	N	A	A	A			A		N	N					A	50
Ammerman	N	A	N	N	N	A	N	N		N	N		A	O	A	A	A	71
Working	A	O	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	A	N	N	7
PETROLEUM																		
Cole	A	O	A	A	A	N			N		A	N					A	22
Skibby	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	N	N	N	00
PHILLIPS																		
Phillips	N	A	N	N	N	N			A		N	A					A	100
Watkins	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	N	N	N	00
PONDERA																		
Anderson	N	A	N	N	N	N			A		N	A					A	100
Seifert	N	A	A	A	A	O	N	N		N	A		N	N	A	O	N	23
POWDER RIVER																		
Toman	N	A	A	A	A	O			N		A	N					A	33
Scofield	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	N	N	N	00
POWELL																		
Valiton	A	A	A	N	N	A			N		A	A					A	50
McElwain	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	A	N	A	13
PRAIRIE																		
Brown	N	A	N	N	N	N			A		N	A					A	100
Bradley*	A	N	A	N	N	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	A	N	N	20
RICHLAND																		
Nutter	A	A	A	N	N	A			N		A	N					A	40
Andersen	N	A	N	N	N	A	N	A		N	N		A	A	A	A	A	80
RAVALLI																		
Winters	A	A	A	A	A	O			N		A	N					A	22
Iten	N	N	A	N	N	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	A	A	N	33
Lockridge	A	A	N	N	N	N	N	A		A	A		A	A	N	N	A	66
ROOSEVELT																		
Wallander	N	A	A	A	A	A			N		A	N					A	30
Lien	N	A	N	N	N	O	N	A		A	N		A	A	A	A	A	93
ROSEBUD																		
Harken	N	A	A	N	N	N			A		N	N					A	80
Cowley	O	N	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	N	N	N	00
SANDERS																		
Larson	A	A	A	A	A	A			N		A	A					N	20
Hauge	A	N	A	N	N	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	A	A	N	27
SHERIDAN																		
Dahl	N	A	N	N	N	N			A		N	A					A	100
Michels	N	A	N	N	N	N	A	A		A	N		A	A	A	A	A	100
SILVER BOW																		
Evahs	A	A	A	A	A	A			N		A	N					A	20
Babich	A	N	O	A	A	A	N	N		N	O		N	N	A	N	N	8
Blewett	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	A	N	N	7
Dwyer	A	O	O	A	A	O	N	A		N	O		A	N	A	O	N	30
Foley	N	A	N	A	A	A	N	A		N	N		A	A	A	N	A	60
Freshman	A	O	A	A	A	A	O	N		N	O		A	N	A	N	N	17
Loughran	A	O	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		A	N	A	N	N	14
McCarthy	N	N	N	A	A	A	N	N		N	N		A	A	A	O	N	43
Mountain	A	O	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	N		A	N	A	N	N	23
STILLWATER																		
Keller	A	A	A	N	N	A			A		N	N					A	60
Leuthold	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	N	N	N	00
SWEET GRASS																		
Cremer	A	A	A	A	A	A			N		A	N					O	11
Esp	A	O	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	N	N	N	00
TETON																		
Rice	N	A	N	N	N	N			A		N	A					A	100
Omholt	A	O	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	A	N	N	7
TOOLE																		
Wilson	N	O	N	N	N	A			A		N	A					A	89
Aronow	N	A	N	N	N	A	N	A		N	O		A	A	O	A	O	75
TREASURE																		
Manning	N	O	A	A	A	N			A		A	A					A	55
Wilson	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	N	N	N	00
VALLEY																		
Cotton	N	A	N	N	N	N			A		N	A					A	100
Barnard	N	A	N	N	N	N	A	A		A	N		A	A	A	A	A	100
Blikken	N	A	N	N	N	N	O	A		A	N		A	A	A	A	A	100
WHEATLAND																		
McQuitty	A	O	A	A	A	A			A		N	N					A	33
Van Dyke	O	A	N	N	N	A	N	A		N	N		A	A	A	A	A	78
WIBAUX																		
Nesvig	N	A	N	A	A	A			A		N	N					O	55
Parker	N	A	N	N	N	N	N	A		A	A		A	A	A	A	A	87
YELLOWSTONE																		
Hibbs	A	A	A	A	A	A			N		A	N					A	20
Crist	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	O		N	A		N	N	N	N	O	00
Gebhardt	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		O	N	A	N	O	7
Peters	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	N	N	N	00
Pierce	A	O	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	O		N	N	N	N	N	00
Prill	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	N	N	N	00
Schiltz	A	N	A	A	A	A	N	N		N	A		N	N	A	N	N	7