

RUSH AT FINISH

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Washington's General Appropriation Passed by House.

FEW CHANGES IN MEASURE

Neither Upper Nor Lower Chamber Has Made Provision for the Support of the Higher Institutions of Learning.

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With the completion of today's work by the Legislature disposition has been made of almost all the more important bills.

Tomorrow is the last day of the session, and while the important bills are out of the way, the calendars in both houses show many bills of minor importance.

Today both houses adopted resolutions declaring that no bills or resolutions other than measures in the hands of conference committees shall be considered after noon tomorrow.

The Senate two years ago adopted a similar rule, but at noon the clock was stopped and the Senate worked on bills until 4 o'clock.

The House calendar today at the close of work contained 26 Senate bills undischarged and 56 House bills.

The Senate quit with 23 bills still on the calendar. There has been a great scurrying tonight of the friends of these bills to get them in advantageous places on the Senate and House calendars, and the rules committee, which has charge of the daily calendars, has had the most difficult meetings of the session.

The bills of most general interest still on the calendars are:

The general appropriations bill; passed by the House.

The appropriations bill for the higher educational institutions; passed by neither house.

The Congressional districting bill; passed by the Senate.

The oil inspector bill; passed by the House.

The House state census bill.

In the evening session the Senate passed the House bill prohibiting the use of trading stamps or the offering of prizes by lottery to induce the sale of other articles.

The Crane House bill, providing for the issuance of bonds to pay off the illegal warrants drawn against the sections of normal school fund was indefinitely postponed.

The issue provided for aggregated \$100,000, and a tax was levied by the bill to pay off the bonds, which were to have been sold to the permanent school fund.

The Senate passed the House bill regulating the use of automobiles.

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Senate Gives Coup de Grace After House Mangles.

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Prior to today the chances for the bill appeared to be favorable, though close in the Senate, but a story was circulated that John L. Wilson proposed to use his Seattle newspaper and the primary law to club out of public life all those politicians responsible for the "Piles-Sweeney" agreement.

The story, which was undoubtedly true, led to the defeat of the bill although there was no positive alignment along that basis.

When the measure came from the House, Senator O'Connell met it with a motion indefinitely to postpone. Senator Palmer opposed the motion, arguing that the bill should go on the calendar and opportunity given for amendment. The vote was by viva voce and a number of Senators who might have been driven into a full-out vote today to kill the bill.

Senate Firm in Refusal.

The second attempt to regulate the depositing of the state funds was as futile in the Senate as the first. The Scott bill, passed by the House in the form that depositors were required to pay interest, was promptly met in the Senate by a motion indefinitely to postpone.

Twenty-eight Senators voted to kill the bill, carrying the motion.

The announcement in the House of the action on these two bills, made soon thereafter by the Secretary of the Senate, caused Maloney of Stevens to move that all Senate bills on the House calendar be indefinitely postponed. The Speaker ruled that motion out of order.

Bill for Public Printer.

The last of the important bills passed today included the public printer bill. Four years ago the Legislature repealed the law similar to the one now enacted, the principal difference being in the schedule of prices fixed on different classes of printing. The plan of appointing a printing expert and letting contracts by competitive bids was then adopted by the Legislature in 1921.

The Legislature repealed all printing laws and for the last two years the state office have contracted for printing for their printing as they saw fit. The bill passed today originated in the Senate and was amended in a few particulars in the House before passage.

The printer is appointed by the Governor, and the Governor has supervision over regulations and accounts. A rebid of those bills fixed for work.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Senate refused to require the State Treasurer to charge interest on state deposits, a bill that originated in that body requiring treasurers of cities of the first class to exact interest on municipal funds passed the Senate without difficulty and today was approved by the House.

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