

## DIVIDED SESSION OF SENATE PROPOSED

Committee on Rules to Draft Plan Calling for Recesses to Consider Bills.

## KELLAHER ITS CHAMPION

President Thompson Would Have Daily Meetings to Keep Legislators in Salem—Majority in Favor of Pauses.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The old proposal of a divided session hobbled up in the Senate today and after a debate of about an hour it was decided to have the committee on resolutions draft a plan for submission to the Senate tomorrow. Senator Kellaher had presented a resolution providing that the Senate after a session of 10 days, adjourn for 20 days, that the committee could have plenty of time for their work. It also stipulated that no member be allowed to introduce more than five bills. The committee on resolutions reported unfavorably upon it.

"Before this resolution of mine goes to the hay," said the Portland Senator, "I want to say my resolution is a step in the right direction. The proposed recess will give the people a chance to come before the committee and discuss the proposed legislation. Reports will be received from the committees at the end of 30 days, and the Legislature will be ready to adjourn."

Kellaher Once Against Plan.

I. S. Smith, of Coos, caused a general laugh when he announced that he would vote against the plan for a divided session when it was before the Senate in 1912.

"None so blind as those who won't see," retorted the Portland man. "If I was wrong then I am perfectly willing to acknowledge it. I don't mind getting right."

Kellaher asked Mr. Smith how he voted on a proposal in 1912 to draft an amendment abolishing the State Senate, and there was more merriment.

Butler said the trend of progressive legislation was for a divided session and that he favored the Kellaher resolution. He thought its adoption would be a harbinger of a constitutional amendment, declaring the people were not insisting so much upon economy as they were upon reform and the adoption of the right of initiative.

Moser favored the principle of a divided session, but thought it inexpedient to provide it at this amendment. It should be done by amendment.

Daily Meeting Advocated.

Kellaher said a suggestion of President Thompson that the recess be taken at the end of the fifth day of the session instead of the tenth, and that the vacation be shorter, suited him. What he was after was something in the line of obtaining better results. Vinton, secretary of the plan in any form. Strayer said he would place a limit upon the number of bills introduced, but that it would not be fair to take the power of the Senate away from the people. He said a purely local nature which had been approved by their constituents and which they expected to be passed by the Legislature.

President Thompson said the only practical way was to convene the Senate daily and take a recess at once for a certain period of the tenth, and the Senators could be kept in Salem during the recess; otherwise they would go home or to Portland. He opposed the plan of a recess of ten days, declaring that it was not fair now, for many members had numerous local measures which they would have to take care of.

A majority of the Senators spoke in favor of a recess so the committee could work on the measures, and the indications are that the plan will be adopted under the plan of meeting and taking a recess every day for at least a week or ten days.

## PETITION PEDDLERS TO LOSE

Bill Provides Straight Filing Fee for All Candidates.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Petition peddlers prepare to defend themselves against a new law. The Legislature is after their scalps.

Representative Olson, of Portland, has introduced a bill in the house that will drive you completely out of business.

Whenever a man or a woman wants to become a candidate for office, under operation of the proposed Olson law, all that will be necessary will be to file declaration of such intention with the County Clerk—if it be a county office, or with the State or Federal office. It will be necessary, also, to pay a small fee when the declaration is filed, and the varying importance and the compensation attached to the office.

"It won't cost a prospective candidate any more under the operation of the law that I propose than it does now under the old petition system," says Mr. Olson. A candidate always has to pay the petition peddlers and it won't cost any more to pay a flat fee than to pay them, and the state or the counties will get some good from the money.

"I can't see the object of this bill—that is, anyone excepting the petition peddlers."

## BILL AIMED AT COMMISSION

Schubel Would Abolish Offices and Make Others More Responsible.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—To abolish the State Fish and Game Commission and to make the Master Fish Warden and the State Game Warden directly appointive by the Governor are the principal provisions of a bill now in the course of preparation by Representative Schubel, of Clackamas. He may have the measure ready for introduction in the house tomorrow.

The Game and Fish Commission has been the foot ball of politics for years," says Schubel, "and it will be to the best interest of the state and to the fish and game to make its operations less drastic are provided for in a bill introduced in the House today."

"We need a master fish warden and a game warden as we have now, but let them be appointed by the Governor and make them directly responsible to him. We certainly don't need any commission."

## LESS DRASTIC LAW AIM

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