

INDIANA LEGISLATURE.

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IN SENATE.

THURSDAY, April 2, 1885. GRAVEL ROADS. Mr. SELLERS moved to suspend the order of business and take up the gravel road bill (H. R. 117). He said: In my county there are many gravel roads that ought to be constructed which can not be without the passage of this bill. It is one of the most important bills that has come to the Senate. Mr. ADKISON: I hope the motion will prevail, as it is calculated to assist counties who have already exceeded the limit of bonds in the construction of gravel roads. Mr. SMITH, of Jay: This bill will allow counties to go beyond the constitutional limit to construct gravel roads. A bill of that kind should not be passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. HILLIGASS: This bill does not repeal, modify or change any law upon the statute book. It does not seek to create a county indebtedness, but it grants privileges to those who construct a turnpike to issue bonds—it is their debt, and not the debt of the county. It is a cumulative statute. The motion was agreed to by yeas 30, nays 11. On the further motion of Mr. Sellers the constitutional rule was suspended by yeas 37, nays 8, and the bill was read the second time by title and the third time by sections.

Mr. SMITH, of Jay, opposed the passage of the bill, pointing out objections. Under this bill any man with a forty acre tract that may be assessed would have hanging over his land, as a first lien, a certificate due in six, twelve, eighteen, twenty-four and thirty-six months, and if payment falls when the first due the whole becomes due and payable. The limit of 1 1/2 per cent. placed as the county indebtedness in the Constitution does not satisfy these gentlemen, but they propose to wipe out the little forty acre tracts of land.

Mr. HILLIGASS: This bill is in accordance with statutes that authorize a majority project a public improvement. It provides that if an error is committed no man interested shall take advantage of that error. The interests of all parties are protected. Objections have been made to the provision authorizing donations, but that is copied from the present law. The bill is based upon the principle that the people within two miles on each side shall have the right to tax themselves to build a good road, making it an indebtedness on their lands.

Mr. SELLERS: This bill prohibits the issue of county bonds for these improvements, but, instead, certificates are issued similar to a provision in the ditch law, which says many items of expense incident to the issuing of county bonds. In one county the expense of the Auditor, Treasurer and Court amounted to \$3,000. That is the difference between the old law and this—the contractor is to collect from those assessed at his own expense.

The bill passed by yeas 33, nays 8. Mr. SHIVELY explained: I was opposed to this bill at first, but after hearing a discussion of its provisions, I will vote "aye." GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS. Mr. WILLARD, from the Committee on Finance, returned the bill (H. R. 479) with sundry amendments. On his further motion the Senate resolved to take up the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Magee in the Chair) for the consideration of this bill.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Mr. BROWN (in Committee of the Whole) moved to reduce the Governor's civil contingent fund from \$1,000 to \$500 and the military fund \$500—in accord with the recommendation of the Auditor of State. Mr. FOULKE: The sum as proposed in the bill is less than the Republican Governor was allowed two years, and for one Mr. F. was willing to pay these expenditures to a Democratic Governor. The amendment was rejected.

The committee amendment increasing the amount allowed the Secretary of State for the distribution of public documents from \$250 to \$500 was agreed to. The Finance Committee recommended an additional amendment for clerk of the Auditor of State \$1,000. The amendment was agreed to upon a division—affirmative, 25; negative, not counted.

Mr. DAVIS moved to reduce the salary of the clerk of the insurance department from \$1,300 to \$1,000. The bill of 1881 made this salary \$1,000, as also does another; and still another bill \$800. The amendment was agreed to. Mr. DAVIS also made the same motion for the same reasons as applying to the land department clerk.

stitutions of the Senate, and the Committee is unable to furnish any information on this matter.

Mr. ADKISON: Inasmuch as these two committees have confessed they have no knowledge of these expenses, I think these items should be referred back to the Finance Committee with instructions to examine into these additional appropriations.

Mr. YOCHE: This bill raises the items for repairs some \$55,000 more than usual, and there certainly should be some explanation. I move that it be referred to the Finance Committee with instructions to examine and report thereon.

Mr. OVERSTREET: It is referred to the Finance Committee, and it is required to ascertain the facts in reference to all these institutions, it must either visit the several institutions or take the word of the Ways and Means Committee in the House as to the necessity of all these appropriations.

Mr. WILLARD moved as a substitute that the specific appropriations on pages 16, 17, and 18 be stricken out, as this bill will have to go to a conference committee anyhow.

Mr. BROWN: Here is a proposition to appropriate over \$60,000 that no light can be thrown upon.

Mr. McCLURE: Upon whom does this responsibility rest? Is it not upon the Committee of Ways and Means in the House? The substitute motion to strike out was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. HILLIGASS a proviso was added to item eleven.

Mr. DUNCAN, of Brown, moved to amend House bill by striking for the State University at Bloomington an additional sum of \$30,000 for repairs of building, museum and library destroyed by fire. At the regular session there was a bill passed appropriating \$30,000. The fire of 1883 entailed a loss of \$155,000. There was about \$100,000 to be applied by the State to make good the loss by fire.

Mr. MONROE: There has been generally donated \$50,000. There is nothing in the \$30,000 to supply the loss of the library. Buildings have been constructed, new grounds have been purchased, and the property is now securely in the State of Indiana. It ought not to be necessary for Trustees to come here and urge the appropriation they recommended in their report. It ought to be granted without questioning the motives of these institutions. This \$30,000, in addition to the \$30,000 already appropriated, will place this institution on a proper footing.

for a measure to impoverish the officers, by reducing their salaries, which are now low enough. I vote "aye."

Mr. SHANKS: I see no reason why this bill should be referred. I vote "no." Mr. COPELAND: I have no desire to conceal the fact that I am opposed to any other bill that makes any reduction in the fees and salaries of county officers. I would much rather kill the bill for the following reasons:

First, in my county the county officers do not receive too much for their services. Second, the people of my county do not desire to reduce the fees and salaries of county officers for we have a large and deserving class of officers as there are in the State, and they are as poorly paid. Third, if the people generally understood that in a county the size of Jefferson the Treasurer who gives a bond of \$250,000 realizes only about \$2,000 and a surveyor only \$600 per year, they would not demand that the fees and salaries be reduced. I therefore vote to recommend this bill.

So the motion to refer was agreed to, and the speaker appointed each special committee Messrs. Sears, Cartwright and Shanks.

SUNDAY CASE ROLL. The SPEAKER: The Senate has kindly sent to the House a copy of the amendments to the Sunday Base Bill (H. R. 6), which bill was lost. The Clerk will read the amendments. The amendments were concurred in.

The SPEAKER: Let the bill be enrolled. GRAVEL ROAD ASSESSMENTS. Mr. HANLON called up his bill (H. R. 283) relating to assessments on gravel roads, which was referred to the Finance Committee on March 25, and the vote reconsidered.

Mr. HANLON: This bill legalizes some imperfections in the assessments on gravel roads. The SPEAKER: I have received some remonstrances against the bill; but I voted for it on its passage before yeas 68, nays 20. The bill passed by yeas 68, nays 20.

LICENSING ENGINEERS. Mr. MURPHY's bill (H. R. 288) to license engineers, came up from the special committee appointed to strike out that part of it which relates to a boiler inspector.

Mr. DEBS: I am heartily in favor of the bill and hope it will become a law. It will not only benefit the service but will throw around all the boilers a safeguard. This bill will not cost the State one cent—merely a slight fee from the engines examined.

Mr. ENGLE: Notwithstanding the amendments there are some objectionable features in the bill. The first is that it does not apply to portable engines. It is necessary an examination once per year. If a man pass an examination and then have a year's experience, there is no reason that he should pass another and have to pay a fee of \$5 for it.

stand, the Supreme Court was some two years behind with the business. The Supreme Court Commission was created in 1881, consisting of five members whose labor has been equal to that of three Supreme Judges, and in four years, with the assistance of the commissioners, the court is within less than six months of being up with the business. It is believed that seven Supreme Judges can do the business of that court if the Constitution shall be amended as proposed by this resolution, and then we will not have two sets of reports, other Court House, libraries, etc., and will not have one court for the man or corporation who has \$1,000 involved in litigation or the man who commits a felony and an inferior court for the man who has a less amount involved, or who commits a misdemeanor, as would be the case with an Appellate Court. It is conceded that five Supreme Judges can not do the business of the Supreme Court, and that some relief must be given, and I think this resolution will meet the demands.

Only a Little One. [Philadelphia North American.] The office Mr. Higgins fills is an extremely important one, and the Republicans who are making such a do over this very subordinate appointment expose themselves to the rebuke that they must be sadly at a loss for something to find fault with. If the Democratic administration never does anything worse than that Higgins it will be all right.

The Ladies Can't Spare Them. [Atlanta Constitution.] Secretary of War Endicott is about to immortalize himself by scattering the horde of army guides, who are now to be met with on every street corner of the Capital. These men are to be ordered back to their regiments where good care is to be taken that they do their duty, or have their names scratched off the army pay roll.

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