

INCOME TAX AMENDMENT

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Consideration of It.

SUGAR SCHEDULE TO FORE.

Senator Cummings Pointed Out Danger
of Free Sugar from Island Posses-
sions, Senator Foster With Him.

Washington, May 27.—By the decisive vote of 50 to 33, the senate decided today to postpone until June 10, the further consideration of the income tax in connection with the tariff.

Consideration of the sugar schedule was continued, but after two amendments to it were voted on the senate switched to a discussion on the possibility of getting a vote on the Bailey income tax amendment. Mr. Bailey forcibly argued for a vote, but did not succeed in prevailing on Senator Aldrich to co-sponsor a vote in advance of the tariff schedule.

The two amendments to the sugar schedule voted upon were those of lowering the duty on refined sugar from 1.90 cents per pound to 1.82 1/2 cents per pound. Both were defeated, the former by a vote of 36 to 47, and the latter by a vote of 32 to 53. On the first vote, 11 Republicans voted with the Democrats for the amendments, but for the second only seven Republicans broke ranks.

It was considered somewhat significant that the two Louisiana senators, Messrs. Foster and McEnery, the only senators representing a cane sugar producing state, should have been the only Democrats to vote with the Republicans on the Dutch standard provision, and this was made the fact that today for the first time the possibility of a sharp conflict between the cane sugar and beet sugar interests was indicated. Mr. Cummings made this point of a lengthy speech. The cane sugar men did not respond.

Mr. Cummings advocated the striking out of the Dutch standard, and a differential on refined sugar. This action he thought would restrict the profits of the sugar trust and thus cause that institution to lose its domination in the sugar trade, while on the other hand the beet sugar makers would be benefited.

DANGER OF FREE SUGAR.

Pointing out the danger to beet sugar development in the United States by the continued admission of free sugar from Porto Rico and Hawaii and the sugar islands, if the pending bill should authorize such admission from the Philippines, Mr. Cummings questioned the wisdom of permitting cane sugar to be grown in the beet sugar industry, as he said it might. He said he had no doubt that Cuba would also in time send her sugar here free of duty.

Interpreting Senator Foster suggested that he would join the senator from Iowa in any effort he might make to keep out free sugar from the Philippines.

Mr. Cummings declared that ample ability exists to supply the entire demand for sugar in the United States by the culture of beets, and he believed the time had come to handle this question.

Mr. Cummings commented at length upon what he characterized as the natural warfare between the cane and beet sugar, which, he said, would be shown in the future as the importations of free sugar increase in volume. He commented upon the bounty as a means of protecting beet sugar growers, but did not offer an amendment for such a bounty. He opposed the inclusion of the Dutch standard in the pending bill at all, and said it was in favor of the cane industry and against the use of beet sugar. "I would rather raise the duty on raw sugar than reduce it," he said.

SUGAR PROTECTION.

Senator Root read a letter to the senate showing that while the American and Mexican sugar companies produced 1,679,236 tons of the refined sugar produced in the United States, other independent companies in 1908 produced 532,712 tons, or 32.15 per cent of the entire product.

A vote was then called for on the amendment of Mr. Bristow to eliminate the Dutch standard in the testing of sugar, but the amendment was defeated by a vote of 32 to 53, the present rate of 1.90 cents on refined sugar being retained.

INCOME TAX.

Mr. Bailey immediately seized upon this opportunity to offer his income tax amendment, and it was read, much to the amusement of the senate, for it was realized that the Republican leaders had no intention of permitting a vote at this time.

While the reading of the amendment was proceeding there were many hurried conferences on the floor. Mr. Cummings, author of an income tax amendment, talked with Senators Borah, Dixon, Beveridge and other supporters of his plan. Mr. Hale and Mr. Aldrich, who had learned that the latter intended to demand that a vote be taken now or that a time be fixed for the taking of a vote.

Mr. Aldrich moved that the consideration of the Bailey amendment be postponed until June 10. This motion was carried. Mr. Bailey to take the floor, a senator from Rhode Island, Mr. Bailey said, had at times shown some impatience for a vote upon his tariff bill and yet, he added, he was not willing to vote on the most important amendment that would be offered. The orderly manner of carrying this measure, said Mr. Bailey, would be to first dispose of his amendment, because the adoption of an income tax would permit cutting down the amount to be raised from customs duties to \$50,000,000, which might be raised upon income.

The doubtful validity of an income tax was suggested by Mr. Clapp as a reason why it should be questionable to depend upon revenue from such a retro.

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Mr. Bailey predicted that the majority would sidetrack his amendment so that the senate would be placed under the necessity of voting directly for or against the adoption of an income tax amendment.

Stating that he hoped that every one favoring an income tax would go on record on that policy, Mr. Cummings declared his intention to vote for the Bailey amendment. He said he feared that if such an amendment was adopted, the income tax there would be too much revenue.

Mr. Aldrich declined to entertain any proposition for an arrangement to vote in any particular upon the income tax amendments. He agreed to a suggestion by Mr. Cummings that the income tax amendments should be disposed of immediately upon the disposition of the tariff schedules.

Mr. Bailey, fearing that under this agreement he could not get a direct vote on his amendment, declined to accept it.

Mr. Aldrich suggested that there might be some senators who would "honestly favor the income tax," and yet if the tariff bill provided sufficient revenue, might not be willing to vote for additional revenue that was not needed.

Senator Borah appealed to the senate for a direct vote on the income tax amendment.

Mr. Aldrich replied that the first thing to do was to complete the schedules and see how much revenue was available. "The senator from Texas," said Mr. Aldrich, "stated that it was his purpose, if the income tax is adopted, to go back and revise the tariff schedules. If such an amendment was adopted, he said, he would join the senator from Texas in revising the bill."

"It would be our imperative duty to devise them, not in the interest of protection, but in the opposite direction. If the senators on this side of the chamber abandon the protective policy or accept an income tax for the purpose of destroying the protective system, I will say, as one senator said, 'I do not intend to accept that program. I intend, so far as it may be in my power, to proceed to the consideration of this bill. Until the senator from Texas is placed in charge of this bill and until it is taken from my charge, I intend to press it for consideration.'"

A motion offered by Mr. Aldrich to postpone consideration of the income tax until June 10 was adopted, 50 to 33. Republicans voting against postponement were Senators Borah, Bristow, Clapp, Cummings, Dooliver and LaFollette.

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Messrs. Douglas (O.), Olmstead (Pa.) and Scott (Kan.), advocated the bill. The action of the Porto Rican assembly in refusing to pass the appropriation bill was characterized by Mr. Douglas as revolutionary.

The Porto Ricans had as their champions Messrs. Martin (Colo.), Garnett (Tenn.) and Larrinaga, their resident commissioner, each of whom represented the Porto Ricans in the light of being prohibited from a vote in the affairs of their government.

Mr. Martin protested against the people being made the servants of a "carpet-bag government." He defended the bill as "the first speaker, arranged the house of delegates of Porto Rico for making it a condition precedent, as he charged, to its assent to appropriations that the executive council or upper body agree to certain legislation. "It amounts to revolution—nothing else," he exclaimed.

He declared in response to a question by Mr. Fitzgerald of New York that while he was willing to admit that revolution may be justified in cases of oppression, there had been no oppression in Porto Rico calling for such a course. He defended the bill as well as the policy of the government toward the island possession.

Criticism of the Foraker act was made by Mr. Garrett of Tennessee. "That act," he said, "was the same to the Porto Ricans as was the Constitution of the United States," but he maintained that affairs were more in the hands of the people of the island under Spanish rule than they were under the Foraker act.

Mr. Garrett contended that the Porto Ricans should not be compelled to bear the expense of their federal court. Tennessee, he said, did not bear such expense, nor did any other state.

He was reminded by several members, however, that Porto Rico got the benefit of her customs and internal revenue.

Jumping from his seat, Mr. Larrinaga got a round of applause when he declared that Porto Rico would be willing to surrender her customs duties and much more in exchange for rights and privileges enjoyed by the states. "Give us some of those," he exclaimed, "and you will hear here in Washington a hurra from Porto Rico blessing this government."

Opposing the bill in its entirety and entering a general defense of the Porto Rican people, Mr. Martin of Colorado declared President Taft should "go slow in his recommendations regarding that island." He said that some hope should be held out to the Porto Ricans that their conditions would be not only remedied, but remedied for their benefit instead of for the benefit of a "carpet-bag government."

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