SLAUGHTER OF BILLS IN HOUSE.

Enacting Clause Quickly Stricken Out of Proposed New Laws.

SCHOOL BILL AMONG SLAIN.

Will Be No Change in Manner of Electing City Superintendent—General Business Hash.

The House met considerably after schedule time this morning, by reason of the long joint session held last night. During the forenoon two important bills were killed, the enacting clause of each being stricken out. The first was H. B. No. 108, by Cummings, the big school bill over which there has been so much comment. The measure provided for the creation of a State board of education, defining its duties and setting forth a uniform system of free schools through the State of Utah.

The introducer of the bill was willing to—in fact favored—the withdrawal or elimination of the major and more radical portions, including that which contemplated changing the manner of naming a superintendent in cities of the first and second class from appointment by boards of education to election by the people. The hour, however, was so late and the accumulated business so heavy, that the members were not in a mood to consider it at any length. A brief, vigorous and somewhat personal debate occurred. The motion to strike out the enacting clause was made by Johnson.

Another bill that met a similar fate was S. B. No. 55, by Mr. Hinze, which prescribed for Salt Lake and adjoining the boundaries of Juab and Utah counties.

S. B. No. 41, by Alder, an act making it a misdemeanor to refuse a demand to pay the authorized compensation for the use of any dredge, towboat, bridge, ferry or conveyance for hire in this State, was rather roughly handled but finally passed.

S. B. No. 34, by Evans, an act granting preference rights to purchase State lands, passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The committee on revenue and appropriations reported on S. B. No. 24, by Bennion, "An act to amend sections 2513, 2514, 2516, 2519, 2520, 2522, 2524, 2525, 2611 and 2629 of title 67 of the Revised Statutes of Utah, 1898, in relation to taxation, and defining the powers and duties of the State board of equalization," and recommended its passage; also H. B. No. 168, by committee on manufactures and commerce, "An act instructing the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing society to hold annual exhibitions during the years 1899 and 1900, and making an appropriation of twenty thousand dollars therefor," and recommended that it pass with amendments.

The committee on enrollment and engrossment reported that it had enrolled and engrossed H. B. No. 29, by Holmgren, "An act establishing a winter course at the Agricultural College," and substitute for H. B. No. 87, by McQuarrie, "An act establishing an experiment farm in the southern portion of the State," and were signed by the Speaker and forwarded to the Senate.

The judiciary committee reported on H. B. No. 4, by Wright, "An act amending section 4259, chapter 43, Revised Statutes of Utah, 1898, defining grand larceny," and recommended its rejection.

The committee on revenue and appropriation disapproved of H. C. No. 5, by Ephraim Nash, for $116.85.

SENATE.

The Senate reconvened at 11 a. m. today.

Senator Bidwell rose to a question of personal privilege and commented on editorial "How it was done" in this morning's Herald as a cowardly attack upon himself, and said that the editor should prove the statement or else be manly enough to retract.

The Senate concurred in the House amendments to Senate bill No. 56, by Evans, creating and defining the powers and duties of the State board of land commissioners, providing for the selection, location, appraisement, protection, sale, rental, and general management of the public lands of the State, and for the disposal of the funds arising from the sale and leasing of such lands. The bill passed, seventeen voting aye, one absent.

Senate bill No. 56, by Nebeker, relating to bank reserve and liabilities, was put on its passage and failed, ayes eight, noes seven, absent three.

House bill No. 122, by Stewart, An act relating to the powers of city councils, was passed, ayes fifteen, absent three.

House bill No. 67, by Sorenson, authorizing the board of pardons to reduce sentences of State prisoners for good behavior, was passed, ayes twelve, absent six.

A substitute by the committee on military affairs for the Whitney memorial for the striking of medals to be presented to the Utah Volunteers in the war with Spain, was passed unanimously.

House bill No. 108, by Mansfield, to create a reservoir fund and providing for application and distribution thereof, failed to pass; ayes 8, noes 7, absent 7.

BILLS APPROVED.

A communication from the Governor announced that S. B. No. 46, was approved. It provides for the protection of fish, game and birds; it is the law prepared by the fish and game society.

Also S. B. 47, for the construction and maintenance of a State fish hatchery, has been approved.

Senate bill No. 96, by Nebeker, was introduced, to provide revenue for the State and the counties during the next two years.

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEES.

The Governor submitted the following appointments:

Robert C. Lund of Washington county to be John J. Thomas of Salt Lake county to be members of the State board of equalization for four years.

John Nicholson and J. Frank Weber of Salt Lake to be members of the State board of labor, conciliation and arbitration for four years.

Mrs. Margaret A. Caine, Salt Lake county, Mrs. Ann C. Woolley, Washington county, and Mrs. Elizabeth Packard of Utah county to be members of twenty thousand dollars thereto,