

FOOTBALL BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

Notice of Reconsideration Is Given by Representative Ashton. Who Changes His Vote.

VIGOROUS FIGHT ON MEASURE

Hansen Has Much Support, However. And Passage Was by a Vote of Twenty-five to Fifteen.

Should the house today fail to change its attitude on H. R. 165, by Hansen, which yesterday passed the lower branch by a vote of 25 to 15, the bill to prohibit the playing of football in Utah will have traveled nearly half the way to becoming a law. The measure came up for third reading early yesterday afternoon, and though the house had a long calendar staring it in the face and almost endless work before it, fully an hour was occupied in the discussion of the football bill.

Mr. Hansen was very earnest in his advocacy of the measure. He stated that during the past year 15 persons had been killed and 235 had been seriously injured while playing the game. He also declared that in many cases football students fell down in their examinations, and that study was not expected in football stars at many educational institutions. He said thousands of the people, if they could vote on the subject, would vote to abolish football.

ASHTON FOR THE GAME.

Representative Archibald of Summit county supported Mr. Hansen. He said the game was a very popular one and that many people killed and injured every year by football than were killed and injured by railroads. He said the game was brutal and conducive to blasphemy.

Representative Ashton of Salt Lake took up the cudgel in behalf of the game. He tried to kill the measure with ridicule. He moved to amend by placing in the bill, after each place where football was mentioned, the words "and tiddledewinks." The members laughed, but the amendment secured no second. Mr. Ashton then argued against the bill, stating that if passed it would be prohibited in colleges, then baseball and other sports should also be prohibited.

Representative Clegg opposed the bill, as did also Representatives H. A. McMillin, Cannon and Funk. Mr. Holman tried hard to speak in favor of the bill, but through parliamentary tactics was prevented from doing so. Someone had in an unguarded moment called for the previous question before the members through debating the matter, and a majority of the house having voted for the previous question, debate was shut off and a number of attempts were made to talk on the merits of the measure by means of explaining their votes, but Speaker Robinson was firm in upholding the rules of the house.

MR. ASHTON BEFORE THE RESULT WAS ANNOUNCED CHANGED HIS VOTE TO AYE, AND GAVE NOTICE OF A RECONSIDERATION OF THE BILL TODAY.

Speaker Robinson, in explaining his vote, said he thought the agitation of the question of passing a law prohibiting football had had its effect upon colleges where the game had become more or less brutal, and had interfered with the studies of the students, and had caused them to realize the extremes to which they had gone with the effect of modifying these features. He therefore voted against the bill.

LOAN SHARKS VICTORIOUS.

Somewhat of a surprise was caused by the action of the house on senate bill No. 13, by Bennett X. Smith, a measure calculated to put "loan sharks" out of business. The judiciary committee reported the bill up adversely to the house, and with little or no debate, the floor of the committee was adopted, killing the bill.

THE SENATE HAD PASSED THE MEASURE UNANIMOUSLY, AND TO HAVE THE HOUSE TURN IT DOWN WAS PRACTICALLY NO CONSIDERATION WAS, TO SAY THE LEAST, SURPRISING. IT IS THOUGHT PERHAPS THIS

EXHIBIT APPROPRIATION.

The appropriations committee reported favorably H. R. 88, by Mr. Seely, appropriating \$25,000 for a Utah exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon exposition.

LEGISLATIVE DOCKET

NEW BILLS IN HOUSE.

H. R. No. 222, by Archibald—Relating to the classification of cities and the manner of changing the class of a city; municipal corporations.

H. R. No. 223, by judiciary committee—In relation to the fees of the clerk of the municipal court.

BILLS PASSED BY HOUSE.

H. R. No. 157, by Hansen—Providing for the organization and regulation of county insurance companies to insure against loss of fire by lightning.

H. R. No. 226, by committee on livestock—Relating to bulls and their use upon the public range and to repeal section 187, Compiled Laws of Utah, 1907.

H. R. No. 185, by Hansen—To prohibit the playing of football upon the grounds of any public institution and to prohibit the organization or training of football teams at any school in any department of the public school system.

H. R. No. 166—Amending section 457, Compiled Laws of Utah, relating to disputes over county boundaries.

H. R. No. 204, by Fuller—Relating to a new section of the Compiled Laws of Utah, 1907, to be known as section 1065-X30, relating to and fixing the limit within which a bank shall be liable to a depositor for the payment of a forged or altered check.

BILLS KILLED BY COMMITTEE.

H. R. No. 189, by H. A. McMillin, by request—To amend sections 214, 215, 228 and 234, Compiled Laws of Utah, 1907, relating to the fees of the clerk of the municipal court.

H. R. No. 188, by Ashton—To amend section 214, Compiled Laws of Utah, 1907, relating to the fees of the clerk of the municipal court.

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