

The Sacramento Beat

Issues which have been up in the air for three months were settled with machine-gun-like rapidity last week.

With the adoption of a budget conference committee report by both houses at mid-week, it appeared that the Senate was the victor in the battle of the budget and that the governor's tax program was dead.

The conference committee, composed of three representatives of each house, met for two days trying to reconcile the Assembly view that new taxes should be voted to balance the budget with the Senate contention that reserves such as the rainy day fund should be used to meet expenditures. End result was the following prayerful formula. Thirty-one million dollars left over from this year, plus next year's surplus, will definitely be used. If needed, part or all of the 75-million-dollar rainy day fund will be spent to meet an anticipated deficit of 100 million next year.

Experts say if the economy shows a marked improvement during the next fiscal year, much of the rainy day fund can be kept intact. If a severe drop takes place, all of the fund will go and it will be necessary to borrow from other earmarked funds as well.

Record Budget Studied

The final version of the budget itself was only about \$400,000 under Knight's original request. Excluding any special appropriation measures which he signs into law, the governor and his administration will disburse over \$1,529,000,000 during the 1955-56 fiscal year. The figure is a record high for the state, and the largest state budget in the nation.

Knight and his Assembly spokesmen apparently got signals switched on financing the budget, as twice in one week the governor was making pleas to the press for continuation of the fight for his cigarette, beer and horse racing taxes while at the same time Assembly Revenue and Tax Committee Chairman Glenn Coolidge (Rep-Felton) was making floor speeches announcing that the program had been given up. After the beer tax was defeated in Coolidge's committee, the Assemblyman announced that no more of the governor's program would be considered until the Senate made a move. Coolidge's speech amounted to complete surrender, since Senate financial leaders have repeatedly expressed complete opposition to Knight's "luxury" tax program.

There was some talk at week's end that the hard liquor tax, already approved by the Assembly, would be sent all the

way through to cover the many special appropriations bills which are now tumbling out of both the Senate Finance Committee and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. (No special appropriations measures can be considered until the budget has been voted out). The Assembly has approved another of the tax increases the Governor requested, a boost in race track pari mutuel betting pool levies.

Study Bond Issues

Several different versions of a bond issue to finance heavy construction were approved in the two houses. The Assembly approved one bill issuing 100 million dollars worth of general obligation bonds to finance the state college program on Monday, while the Senate Finance Committee approved Thursday a bond issue of 150 million to take care of existing state colleges and finance eight new ones. Pending before the Assembly is a third Senate-approved bill asking 100 million in bonds for all levels of education.

While the conference committee toiled over the budget, long and bitter battles were being fought in the Senate and Assembly on a third bond issue for labor, health and welfare, education, taxes and a raft of other issues. Major legislation was going down the drain in every direction as both houses raced to meet the week end deadline for consideration of their own bills. (After midnight Saturday, the two houses will only consider each other's proposals).

A 200-million bond measure taking in schools and construction of prisons, hospitals and office buildings was also approved by the Assembly.

Democratic Caucus Chairman S. C. Masterson attacked the proposal as a dodge, pointing out that 62 million dollars in interest would be paid for 200 million dollars worth of buildings. Except for school construction, the state has always financed its buildings out of current revenues, Masterson said.

It is unlikely that all four measures in their present form will go through both houses. At least one proposal was plainly labeled a protective move which will be dropped if the others succeed.

Tax Laws Beaten

Existing department heads, particularly State Controller Robert Kirkwood, succeeded last week in beating down a proposal to consolidate the state's existing tax collection agencies into a Department of Revenue.

Another consolidation move

involving the state's nine major water agencies was under consideration in both houses. In the Assembly, the powerful Southern California bloc pushed through an amendment to exclude the Colorado River Board from the department, but moves to cut down the Attorney General's role in the new agency, to exclude the Reclamation Board and to include the Trinity Project in the State Water Project were defeated. This issue, like several others, will probably be the subject of a joint house conference, since the Senate version of the new department will probably give the department administrator more power and the Attorney General less than any bill which the Assembly approves.

The subject of who shall have how much power in the new department is a touchy, important one, since it appears that the state is going into the water project business in a big way during the next ten years. Capitol hallway conversation turns up behind-the-scenes tiffs almost daily between representatives of such powerful interests as the utilities, railroads, irrigation districts, metropolitan water districts, and big farmers.

Water Wrangle Ends

Weeks of wrangling over the

state's stand on the Trinity-San Luis-Feather River Projects came to an end, for the time being at least, in the Senate last week. The upper house unanimously approved a resolution by the proponents of immediate federal construction of Trinity-San Luis. What the effect will be of a clause amended into the resolution by Feather River backers is as yet unknown. The clause simply requests Congress to establish authorization terms on Trinity-San Luis which are "mutually satisfactory" to the state and federal governments.

The fight goes back to the desire of both Trinity and Feather River advocates to have the San Luis storage reservoir linked to their respective power-producing units. Those pushing the state-financed Feather River Project want an airtight guarantee that they will be able to use and run San Luis after the federal government builds it; Trinity proponents want San Luis built now and negotiations regarding joint use conducted later. The U. S. Bureau of Reclamation has committed itself only far enough to say that joint state-federal use of San Luis is possible.

Flareup Possible

A flareup in the billion-dollar battle will probably occur if Senator Paul L. Byrne, (Rep-Chico), chief spokesman in the upper house for the Feather River group, is successful in his

second try to secure a \$5,000,000 appropriation for state purchase of the Feather River and San Luis dam sites. He assured Senator Edwin J. Regan (Dem., Weaverville), leader of the Trinity group, in an earlier Senate Water Resources Committee meeting that provision would be made in his bill for immediate sale of the site to the federal government if Congress approves the San Luis project. Byrne announced he'd changed his mind when he presented the bill to the Senate Finance Committee. Finance Committee Chairman Ben Hulse, a member of both committees, cast the deciding "no" vote which kept Byrne's bill in the Finance Committee. However, a rehearsal has been scheduled.

A number of important Assembly-approved bills in other fields were killed in Senate committees this week.

All three major Fair Employment Practices bills were turned down in a voice vote by the Senate Labor Committee Wednesday. The same group also defeated a bill which would have lifted the ban on jurisdictional strikes if a company-dominated and a legitimate union were involved.

Mental Clinics Dropped

The Senate Governmental Efficiency Committee, which had already tossed out bills to outlaw commercial draw poker and to end trafficking in liquor licenses, this week voted down a measure to set up a compre-

hensive statewide program of community mental health clinics.

A plan to make the state's child care centers permanent also died because of lack of Senate support. A two-year extension of the centers has been approved by the upper house, however.

On the winning side, Senate committees did approve bills setting up a pilot study of narcotics addiction rehabilitation, a flat \$5 increase to old age pensioners, and the extension of social security to teachers and other school district employees.

The across-the-board old-age increase appeared to be headed for trouble, however, when a Senate bill was put into shape granting a \$5 increase to aged persons and needy blind for medical expenses only and, if need could be proven.

Congress Action Watched

Proponents of the flat increase say only 50 per cent of the state's senior population could qualify for the increase, and that the state will probably be able to slip out from even that obligation soon. (The presidential election is expected to vote a federal \$5 medical allotment. If it does, state aid for that purpose would be withdrawn).

Unless reconsideration moves succeed, the controversy over Long Beach tideland revenues was ended for the duration of the session. The Allen bill, which would have turned over

162 million in impounded royalties, was sent to an interim committee for further study by the Assembly Wednesday in what was preponderantly a North vs. South vote.

Meanwhile, a Senate bill taking control of the tideland-financed recreation program away from the Division of Beaches and Parks was making progress. Having cleared two Senate committees it will be up for consideration on the Senate floor soon. The bill puts the recreation programs in the hands of the counties, a move which Beaches and Parks officials say will destroy coordinated statewide development.

Election Law Doomed

A slow death seemed in store for the purity of elections bill requiring strict reporting of campaign receipts. At a first hearing before the Senate Elections Committee last week, one surprise vote was rounded up, but it appeared that the additional vote needed to get the measure onto the Senate floor was not to be found. A second hearing on the Assembly-approved measure has been set.

Elsewhere in the field of pure policies, seaweed continued but no definite change took place. Senate Democrats, their ranks increased by one when Carmel Attorney Fred S. Farr was elected Monday, tried to elect Hugh M. Burns (Dem., Fresno) President Pro Tempore

Enters Not Guilty Plea

Mrs. Alice Elaine Summers, 24, of 1220 Cota Ave., pleaded not guilty Tuesday in South Bay Municipal Court to charges of passing numerous bad checks, and was released on \$500 bond, pending preliminary hearing June 3.

She is accused of having given about ten phony checks in amounts of about \$20 to \$25 over a month's time.

On the initial vote, three Republicans voted with them for Burns, but other Republicans were rounded up, the three switched back and the move was defeated in a straight party-line vote of 22-14. One Democratic and one Republican vote were missing; two seats are vacant.

In the lower house, moves to tighten party lines and to abolish them both appeared to be permanently bogged down in the Assembly Elections Committee. Bills to require longer membership in parties prior to running for office were killed outright, while consideration of a measure to make the legislative non-partisan was put off for a second time.

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