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## OPPOSITION TO FACE SALES TAX

General Protest Registered Against  
New Revenue Measure. Effort  
Under Way to Kill It.

Columbia, March 8.—Merchants of the state probably will flock to Columbia this week or else keep the telegraph companies busy in protest to the proposed general sales tax which was introduced in the house Friday by Representative Blackburn, of Marion.

The sales tax as proposed would be a general one with comparatively few enterprises exempted and it would replace the present six-mill levy on general property, according to the intention of the author. Whether it will meet with opposition or be received with favor is something that no one will be able to foretell until the deciding vote is taken.

Action by the senate will be the keynote to the entire matter. The house has passed the appropriations bill and has also provided means of revenue for raising the \$1,750,000 deficit caused by the taking away of the one-cent a gallon tax on gasoline from the state. This deficit would be met by receipts from the tax on soft drinks, snuff and chewing tobacco, these measures being passed last week by the house. They are now in the senate.

The senate finance committee, of which Senator Gross, of Dorchester, is chairman, has completed its consideration of the appropriations bill and it will probably be placed on the desks of the members of the senate when they reconvene Monday night.

**Chance of Sales Tax**  
If the senate should pass the revenue measures which went through the house last week then it is believed that the sales tax would stand little chance of being favorably considered. If the senate should kill the soft drinks, snuff and chewing tobacco taxes then some other means of revenue would have to be considered.

However, the sales tax has not been introduced to take the place of the soft drinks, snuff, and chewing

tobacco levy or any other special legislation. It is for removing the six-mill levy which will be put on the property of the state. Merchants will fight it as well as others who hold that it will probably do more damage than any other piece of legislation that could possibly be passed. The house may hold the bill and wait to see what the senate does with the other measure now before it. Then again it may take the measure up and act on it one way or the other before the senate gets to the revenue measure now in that body. If the house kills it then it will hardly bob up in the senate.

During the debates on the soft drinks, chewing tobacco and snuff tax measures, one or two speakers referred to a sales tax. John B. Duffie, of Sumter, expressed himself as favoring such legislation, while Mendel L. Smith, of Camden, and Taylor H. Stukes, of Clarendon, were two who expressed themselves as being opposed to such legislation. Mr. Stukes, who is recognized as one of the leaders in the house due to his clear presentation of subjects, remarked while speaking for the soft drinks tax that while indirect taxation for the state was probably the solution of the tax problem he did not think this possible under the present wording of the state constitution. Judge Smith remarked to this effect, "May the Lord deliver us from such a tax," referring to a sales tax.

**Will Meet With Opposition**  
The measure will meet with determined opposition. It was introduced just as the house adjourned for the week and the legislators have had an opportunity to get an idea as to how the people at home feel. With their other taxes the merchants are of the opinion that a general sales tax will just about put them out of business or badly cripple them. Relief from other forms of taxation would have to be passed they argue. Such a revision would have to be made or else they would be forced to bear a tremendous burden, they argue. Delegations will doubtless besiege the members of the ways and means committee and other legislators during the next few days.

The house has a few income tax

measures that will doubtless come up for discussion during the week. If the sales tax bill had not been introduced in the house that body would not have had very much to do but wait on the senate for adjournment time.

The senate is the body that is faced with the important legislation. The appropriations bill, the revenue measures passed by the house last week, and the gasoline and highway bills are awaiting their fate.

The teachers of the state had a lot to do with the passing of the 6-0-1 act which has tremendously increased the public school and high school expenditures in the state. Their association backed this measure to the limit. As a result the state of South Carolina is now providing the very best of school facilities for every child in South Carolina.

But while the schools can care for every child in the state, every child in the state is not in the schools. Mr. C. M. Wilson, secretary of the State Teachers' association, remarked the other day that in some counties one-third of the children were not in the schools. The teachers hoped that a compulsory attendance law with teeth in it would be passed. One was introduced in the senate, but was killed by the amendment process.

It is admitted by officials that only 70 per cent of the children in the state are in the schools and thus there is a tremendous waste of money, facilities being provided for 100 per cent. The house has no compulsory attendance law before it and after the senate toned down its bill so as to make it docile and tame and then killed it there seems to be no chance of such a law providing for attendance officers getting by this year and the waste of money for educational purposes, so to speak, will continue until the children are made to take advantage of the excellent school system that has been provided for them by the state of South Carolina.

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C. L. Vaughan, County Agent

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We are expecting the people at these institutes from every section in the county. Practically all phases of farming operations will be discussed in a scientific manner.

The following things will be touched on these dates: "Boll Weevil Control," "Poultry Raising," "Poultry Culling," "Cover Crops," "Soy Bean Growing and Harvesting," "Pasture Improvement," "Alfalfa Growing," "Management and Feeding Dairy Cattle," "Management and Feeding Sheep and Hogs," "Cooperative Marketing," and "How 6 1-2 per cent Money Can Be Borrowed Through South Carolina Loan Association." The following speakers will appear on the program: D. H. Hall, poultry specialist; U. W. Hamilton, soy bean specialist; Dr. F. H. Lathrop, state entomologist; C. G. Cushman, dairy specialist; E. G. Godbey, livestock specialist; A. A. McKeown, district agricultural agent; S. L. Jeffords, pasture grass and forage crop specialist; L. M. Beacham, cooperative marketing agent; B. R. T. Todd, president Laurens County Poultry association.

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