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PASSES FOOD CONTROL ACT

HOUSE ENACTS MEASURE BY
VOTE OF 365 TO 5.

Far-Reaching Prohibition Provisions Forbidding Use of Grain for Manufacture of Liquors.

Washington, June 23.—The administration food control bill, giving the president broad authority to control the distribution of food, feed, and fuel for war purposes and appropriation of \$152,000,000 for its enforcement and administration was passed by the house late tonight after far-reaching prohibition provisions had been written into it.

The vote was 365 to 5, Representatives McLemore, Slayden and Young of Texas, Democrats, and Meeker, Missouri, and Ward, New York, Republicans, voting in the negative.

Prohibition Provisions.

The prohibition provisions adopted would prohibit the use of foodstuffs for the manufacture of alcoholic beverages and would give the president authority to take over for war purposes all liquor now on hand. They were put into the measure during the evening in committee of the whole and when the bill came up in the house proper the anti-prohibition faction did not demand that they be voted on again.

The bill now goes to the senate, where it will probably be substituted early next week for a similar measure already under consideration. Leaders hope to get the measure to conference by July 1.

Few important changes were made by the house outside the prohibition section. The control powers of the president were limited to articles specifically mentioned in the bill instead of giving him blanket authority; voluntary aids in control work were made subject to the penal provisions, all persons in the food administration except those serving without compensation were placed under civil service; and the president was required to make an annual report on the operation of the bill.

Committee of the Whole.

Action on the prohibition amendments was taken in committee of the whole, and opponents of the proposals immediately began mustering their forces for a reconsideration when the bill came up for trial discussion in the house proper.

Barkley Amendment.

The amendment designed to cut

off manufacture of liquors was adopted 152 to 114. It was submitted by Representative Barkley, of Kentucky, Democrat, and would provide that no food, food material or feed cannot be used during the war for the manufacture of alcohol or alcoholic beverages, except for government, industrial, scientific, medicinal, or sacramental purposes.

On the amendment authorizing government use of distilled spirits there was no roll call and only a few scattered nays were heard on the viva voce vote. Originally proposed by Representative Webb, of North Carolina, it was accepted by Chairman Lever, of the agriculture committee, and was adopted on his motion. It says:

Webb Amendment.

"The president is authorized, in his opinion it is necessary to conserve necessities, to require any persons having control of alcohol and distilled spirits to turn over to government use for redistillation, such proportion of solid alcohol or spirits as the president may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the government in the manufacture of ammunition and other military and hospital supplies. In so far as such use of redistillation would dispense with the necessity of utilizing products and materials suitable for food and feed in the future manufacture of alcohol or distilled spirits, for the person to comply with the president's requirement, the president is authorized to requisition and take possession of the alcohol and distilled spirits required to be turned over and to pay for same a just compensation to be determined by the president, and if the price so determined be not satisfactory to the person entitled to receive the same, such person shall be entitled to sue the United States to cover such further sum as, added to the amount so paid, as will be just compensation."

As originally adopted, Representative Barkley's amendment would have provided also against use of foodstuffs in making non-alcoholic drinks, but this feature was later stricken out. An amendment by Representative Lenroot to permit the manufacture of light wines and beer was defeated, 134 to 124.

There was a hot debate over the prohibition features. "Wets," and "drys" accused each other of unfairness and Representative Meeker, Republican, and Representative Kelly, of Pennsylvania, got into such a row that their friends surrounded them

to prevent a physical contact and then had the words they exchanged stricken from the record.

Quickly Rejected.

When the house returned to consideration of other sections of the bill an amendment by Representative Keating, of Colorado, providing that nothing in the bill shall be construed as repealing or affecting the labor exemption provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law quickly was rejected. Mr. Keating read a letter written by Herbert C. Hoover to Chairman Lever endorsing the amendment, but Mr. Lever insisted that a combination of men in time of national distress might attempt to limit the manufacture of food necessities if such an exemption were made.

Tillman Back at Capitol.

Columbia, June 23.—Senator Tillman, accompanied by Mrs. Tillman, passed through Columbia this afternoon for Washington. Senator Tillman looks well and is in excellent spirits. He thinks there might be a few "bugs" in the carbuncle he had on his arm, but says it is practically well and that he feels in fine trim.

Senator Tillman said that he had Senator Ham Lewis keep in touch with him and he was ready to return to Washington as soon as wired to return, but that Senator Lewis seemed in no hurry for him to return to Washington, saying the administration was getting along all right with all of its measures, but Senator Tillman thought it best to be on the ground and will be at his office Monday morning ready for the grind.

Senator Tillman is keenly alive to the war preparations and inquired particularly as to the work on the Columbia cantonment. He has a strong idea that the Germans will be on the Rhine by September 1, but in this Mrs. Tillman thinks the senator is allowing the wish to father the idea.

Jag Remedy Was Handy.

Simple home remedies will be tried out on Harry Comer, of St. Paul, Minn., who was in police court a few days ago and pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness.

"Where do you work?" asked Judge J. W. Boerner.

"I work in an institute for the cure of the liquor habit, on Bates avenue," said Comer.

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