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DOWN SENATE

English Gets Detention Home Job For \$32,986

Pension Measure Killed

Washington, March 24 (U.P.)—The house today killed the multi-billion-dollar Rankin veterans pension bill by voting to send it back to committee for "further study."

The action came on a roll call vote of 208 to 207.

Veterans Committee Chairman John E. Rankin, D., Miss., sponsor of the measure, told the house that action "kills this legislation for this session of congress."

Although the action was final, it does not bar the veterans committee—if it so desires—from writing and bringing out another pension bill. But Rankin's statement made this seem unlikely.

The decision to kill the bill came on the second of two roll call votes. The first time around Acting Speaker John McCormack announced the vote was 209 to 208 against sending the bill back to committee.

McCormack then ordered a recount.

It showed a one-vote margin, the other way.

The decision to send the measure back to committee came after the house, in a continuous uproar during three days of debate, wrote into the bill so many amendments few members knew for sure what it would do.

Rep. Olin E. Teague, D., Tex., a decorated purple heart veteran of World War II and a member of the veterans committee, made the motion that killed the bill.

Teague emphasized that his intention was not to kill the measure but rather to hand it back to the veterans committee so a better less controversial bill could be drafted.

Will Award Film Academy Oscars Tonite

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Hollywood, March 24 (U.P.)—Movie land dons mink and white ties tonight for its annual back-patting session—the academy awards. But it could

Work Will Start Soon

Leonard English, general contractor, was awarded the contract for construction of the county detention home by the supervisors yesterday, when the Santa Cruzan's bid of \$32,986 was accepted as the best bid.

Two alternate bids were also asked, the first for the omission of a cyclone fence and the second for the omission of a fireplace and bookcases flanking it.

Work will start in the near future.

The first alternate was bid on by English at \$700 and the second at \$185. Both alternates, which may or may not be included in the final construction, were included in the base bid. If both alternates are dropped from the plans, the amount specified in each case will be deducted from the total cost.

Charles E. Butner, Salinas architect who designed the detention home, was present yesterday and advised the board to accept the English bid, saying that the firm was financially responsible.

The bid was accepted by the supervisors and the execution of the contract was authorized after it and the bid bonds have been approved by the district attorney.

The clerk was instructed to return the accompanying bid checks to the remaining four unsuccessful bidders.

These included the Santa Cruz firm of J. K. McGranahan with a base bid of \$36,200.74, with the first alternate at \$633 and the second at \$70; that of F. V. Hampshire of Monterey with a base bid of \$38,602.54, with the first alternate at \$170 and the second at \$325; that of the Santa Cruz firm of Orlo C. Hackbarth, base bid of \$38,711, with the first alternate at \$690 and the second at \$450; and the fourth bid, that of Stolte, Inc., of Monterey, who offered a base bid of \$41,678, with the first alternate at \$650 and the second at \$360.

Butner said that the home will provide for a maximum of eight juveniles, five boys and three girls. There are two regular rooms set aside for girls and four for boys, with a strong room for each.

The rooms, 7 by 10 feet in size, should contain but one occupant each, according to the California Youth Authority and other state departments, whose official okay was necessary on the present plans.

Act On Anti-Hot Cargo Bill

Sacramento, March 24 (P)—A new anti-hot cargo, secondary boycott bill was started on its legislative journey today by the senate labor committee. The vote recommending passage was 5 to 2.

The measure, authored by Senator George Hatfield, R., Merced county, is designed to replace a somewhat similar statute knocked out by the state supreme court as unconstitutional.

Committee approval came after an argumentative hearing in which spokesmen for union labor organizations clashed with representatives of farm groups and associations.

Before the bill becomes law it must pass the senate, get through an assembly committee, receive a majority vote in the assembly and be signed by Gov. Warren.

Supporters of the legislation (Senate Bill 1066) asserted its language makes it constitutional. Opponents disagreed.

Senator Hatfield conceded that the attorney general has said the new law, like the old one, would be unconstitutional but that the legislative counsel holds a contrary view—that it will withstand all constitutional tests.

Chairman Ray Judah, senator from Santa Cruz county, said, "I'm going to vote for this with my tongue in my cheek but believe it will be thrown into court."

Contract Let For Princeton Road Project

Construction work to grade and surface five miles of the Coast road between Half Moon Bay and Montara creek will begin shortly as the public works department in Sacramento has let the contract, Associated Press reported today.

The Sacramento firm of A. Teichert and Son secured the road job with a bid of \$363,386. The work is being financed on a 50-50 basis by the state and