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## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

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Lawmakers Yesterday.**

### ASSEMBLYMEN WANT A RAISE

**A Bill Introduced to Increase Their  
Salaries to \$2500--Another of  
Senator Porter's Bills Put  
to Sleep.**

Special to the MORNING CALL.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 31.—In the Senate today a petition from the Municipal League of Philadelphia praying for the appointment of a committee to investigate the charges of corruption against City Councils was read. It was laid on the table. A memorial was presented by the Allegheny County Bar Association against the passage of the Arnold Procedure Act.

The most important bills introduced were the following: Relating to the appointment of Prison Commissioners; a supplement to the act for the regulation of foreign insurance companies; expediting hearings by the Supreme Court of Appeals from final decrees in equity; providing for the granting of certificates to graduates of high schools and academies and for the examination of applicants therefor; preventing electric, cable or horse car lines from crossing the tracks of steam roads at grade and vice versa; establishing and maintaining free scholarship in the Pennsylvania State College; providing for the incorporation of companies for the manufacture and production of silverware, plateware, jewelry, etc; prohibiting the pollution of streams stocked with game fish or with spawn or fry with sawdust or shavings.

When Senator Porter's bill relating to Boards of Education was reached on second reading in the Senate, Senator Osborne moved to have it recommitted to the Committee on Education "for a further hearing." Mr. Penrose seconded the motion, which was passed without opposition. Senator Porter was not present at the time.

No attempt was made to pass any bills finally on account of the small attendance of Senators. Among the bills passed on second reading were the following: Constituting Jefferson county a separate judicial district; increasing the number of commissioners for marking county lines to five; authorizing the state to take control of county bridges; giving municipalities control over incorporated water companies; authorizing the courts to appoint medical experts in cases where the mental capacity or physical condition of injured persons may be in question and fixing fees of such experts; providing for the adoption of trade-marks, labels, or private stamps by workmen's unions; for the protection of persons unable to care for their own property; House bill for the publication of the "Bird Books."

The Senate concurred in the resolution as amended by the House, providing for an investigation of the Norristown and Wernersville Hospitals.

The Senate adjourned until Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

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#### THE HOUSE.

In the House petitions were presented against the Marshall Pipe Line bill, the Greater Pittsburg bill and one asking for an investigation of municipal affairs in Philadelphia. The vote on the Gobin banking bill was 150 to 22. It was sent to the Senate for concurrence in amendments. A bill was introduced for the payment to C. H. Byham, of Company B, Fifteenth Regiment, National Guards of Pennsylvania, for per diem compensation for disability contracted at Homestead. Among other bills read were the following: Endowing trustees of hospitals and asylums under state control with corporate powers; defining the responsibility for the maintenance of patients placed in state hospitals by order of the courts; providing for a State Board of Law Examiners to examine all students and others applying for admission to the bar; amending the act creating a Banking Department, relieving Building and Loan Associations of necessity of making semi-annual reports to the department; making dying declarations competent in prosecutions for criminal operations, where the subject of such attempts shall die; providing for selection of site on Capitol grounds on which the Sixteeners' Association shall erect a monument to Andrew G. Curtin; providing for an increase of pay of members of the Legislature from \$1500 to \$2500 per session; supplement to the act incorporating street railway companies. It gives such companies right to carry mails; to prevent the adulteration of foods and liquors; providing for the taxation of aliens and fixing the method of assessment.

The Forestry Commission bill was discussed and passed second reading.