
In the News

PREDICTIONS circulated in the national capital last month that Congressman Mike Monroney, '24ba, of Oklahoma's fifth congressional district, may be appointed to head a bi-partisan committee to handle the streamlining of Congress.

The resolution forming the committee sponsored by Congressman Monroney and approved by the House of Representatives was on its last lap toward final passage as it went to the Senate for approval in mid-February. The resolution calls for the creation of a committee of 12 members—six from the Senate and six from the House—to make a detailed study of ways to streamline Congress and make it more efficient.

The late Senator Francis Maloney, Democrat from Connecticut, who sponsored the resolution jointly with Mr. Monroney in the last session, was named chairman of the committee shortly before his death. The chairmanship is now open.

A news story from Washington said in regard to the possibility of Congressman Monroney's appointment as chairman, "While it would be almost precedent-breaking for a member of the House to head a joint committee, the fact that Monroney has sponsored the legislation and has already done so much work for the committee is cited as the reason that he should be made chairman." He is at present a member of the committee.

Help Pass George Bill

Oklahoma's Congressman Monroney and Congressman Bill Stigler, '16, in February voted against a motion, which was defeated by only eight votes, to shelve the George Bill divorcing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation from the Department of Commerce.

Passage of the George Bill strengthens the possibility that Henry Wallace will be confirmed as Secretary of Commerce when the Senate considers his appointment by President Roosevelt on March 1.

Attends Inauguration

Governor Robert S. Kerr, '16, was in Washington, D. C., January 20 to attend the inauguration of President Roosevelt for the fourth term. Both houses of the Oklahoma State Legislature passed a resolution asking the governor to go to represent the state.

Since his opening address to the members of the Legislature in January in which he proposed four constitutional amendments, Governor Kerr has broadcast to the people of Oklahoma a series of radio talks explaining his proposals. These amendments would:

1. Increase the pay of House and Senate members.
2. Reduce the minimum voting age to 18 years.
3. Limit the investment of state school land funds to eliminate many abuses of the past.
4. Shorten the state ballot to five elective offices to eliminate confusion among voters.

By mid-February, the Legislature had not acted either on the Governor's constitutional amendment proposals or his program to improve state schools.

Heads Loan Committee

Tom R. Benedum, '28law, Norman attorney and president of the Alumni Association, has been appointed chairman of the legal advisory committee of the Oklahoma Savings and Loan League. He has served as a member of the committee for several years.

Other members include Raymond Everest, '22 law, and Mont F. Highley, '30-'33, both of Oklahoma City, and Travis Milsten, '22ba, Tulsa.

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