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## Shadows and Straws

**T**HE OMNIBUS PUBLIC-BUILDINGS BILL passed the House of Representatives January 19, by a vote of 234 to 92, with 108 not voting. The affirmative votes are accounted for as follows:

*Those Voting "Yea" Who Had Items in the Bill.*—ALABAMA—Almon, Blackmon, Burnett, Dent, Gray, Steagall; ARKANSAS—Caraway, Jacobway, Oldfield, Taylor, Wingo; ARIZONA—Hayden; CALIFORNIA—Church, Elston, Hayes, Kahn, Kettner, Raker, Randall; COLORADO—Taylor, Timberlake; FLORIDA—Clark, Sears, Sparkman; GEORGIA—Bell, Crisp, Howard, Hughes, Lee, Park, Rucker, Vinson, Walker; IDAHO—McCracken, Smith; ILLINOIS—Copley, Denison, Fuller, Gallagher, King, McAndrews, Rainey, Rodenberg, Sterling, Stone, Wheeler, Wilson; INDIANA—Cline, Lieb; IOWA—Green, Haugen, Hull, Kennedy, Ramseyer, Steele, Towner, Woods; KANSAS—Ayres, Connelly, Helvering; KENTUCKY—Barkley, Helm, Kincheloe, Langley, Powers, Rouse, Thomas; LOUISIANA—Aswell, Estopinal, Lazo, Martin, Watkins, Wilson; MAINE—Guernsey; MARYLAND—Price; MASSACHUSETTS—Gallivan, Tague; MICHIGAN—Fordney, Hamilton, Kelley, McLaughlin, Smith; MINNESOTA—Davis, Miller, Van Dyke, Volstead, Smith, Steenerson; MISSISSIPPI—Collier, Candler, Harrison, Sisson; MISSOURI—Alexander, Borland, Decker, Dickinson, Hamlin, Hensley, Lloyd, Rubey, Russell, Shackelford; MONTANA—Stout; NEBRASKA—Kinkaid; SHALLENBERGER, Sloan, Stephens; NEW HAMPSHIRE—Sulloway, Wason; NEW JERSEY—Bacharach, Eagan, Hart, Lehlbach; NEW MEXICO—Hernandez; NEW YORK—Bruckner, Charles, Danforth, Gould, Mott, Snell, Snyder; NORTH CAROLINA—Doughton, Hood, Kitchin, Small, Webb; NORTH DAKOTA—Helgesen, Norton; OHIO—Brumbaugh, Cooper, Emerson, Hollingsworth, Key, Matthews, Overmyer, Ricketts, Sherwood; OKLAHOMA—Carter, Davenport, Ferris, Hastings, Morgan Murray, Thompson; OREGON—Sinnott; PENNSYLVANIA—Bailey, Butler, Farr, Focht, Griest, Heaton, Hopwood, Kiess, Kreider, Leshner, Miller, Moore, North, Porter, Watson; RHODE ISLAND—O'Shaunessy; SOUTH CAROLINA—Aiken, Byrnes, Nicholls, Whaley; SOUTH DAKOTA—Dillon; TENNESSEE—Austin, Houston, Moon, Padgett, Sims; TEXAS—Buchanan, Dies, Eagle, Gregg, McLemore, Smith, Sumners, Young; VIRGINIA—Harrison, Montague, Slemp; WASHINGTON—Humphrey; WEST VIRGINIA—Bowers, Cooper, Littlepage, Neely, Sutherland, Woodyard; WISCONSIN—Browne, Burke, Cary, Cooper, Konop; WYOMING—Mondell.—195.

*Those Voting "Yea" Who Did Not Have Items in the Bill.*—ALABAMA—Abercrombie, Oliver; CALIFORNIA—Curry; COLORADO—Hilliard; GEORGIA—Adamson; ILLINOIS—Buchanan, Madden, McDermott, W. E. Williams; KENTUCKY—Fields; LOUISIANA—Dupré; MARYLAND—Linthicum, Mudd; MISSISSIPPI—Venable; MISSOURI—Dyer, Meeker; NEW JERSEY—Browning; NEW YORK—Caldwell, Carew, Dale, Dooling, London, Magee, Riordan, Swift, Ward; OHIO—Switzer; OREGON—Hawley; PENNSYLVANIA—Crago, Garland, Vare; SOUTH CAROLINA—Lever; TENNESSEE—McKellar; TEXAS—Black; UTAH—Howell; VERMONT—Dale; VIRGINIA—Watson; WASHINGTON—Hadley; WEST VIRGINIA—Saunders.—39.

The negative votes were as follows:

*Those Voting "Nay" Who Had Items in the Bill.*—CONNECTICUT—Freeman, Glynn; DELAWARE—Miller; ILLINOIS—Foster, Tavenner, Williams (T. S.); INDIANA—Cullop, Dixon, Rauch; IOWA—Dowell, Sweet; KANSAS—Anthony, Doolittle, Shouse; MARYLAND—Coady; MASSACHUSETTS—Carter, Dallinger, Gardner, Paige, Rogers, Treadway, Walsh, Winslow; MICHIGAN—Doremus, Loud, Scott; MINNESOTA—

Anderson, Lindbergh; NEW YORK—Platt; NORTH CAROLINA—Page; NORTH DAKOTA—Young; OHIO—Ashbrook, Fess; PENNSYLVANIA—Temple; SOUTH DAKOTA—Johnson; TENNESSEE—Garrett; VIRGINIA—Glass; WASHINGTON—Johnson; WISCONSIN—Esch, Lenroot Reilly.—41.

*Those Voting "Nay" Who Did Not Have Items in the Bill.*—ALABAMA—Huddleston; CALIFORNIA—Nolan; COLORADO—Keating; CONNECTICUT—Tilson; ILLINOIS—Foss, Mann, McKenzie; INDIANA—Barnhart, Cox, Gray, Moores, Moss, Wood; IOWA—Good; KENTUCKY—Sherley; MAINE—Peters; MASSACHUSETTS—Gillett, Tinkham; MICHIGAN—Crampton, James, Nichols; MINNESOTA—Ellsworth, Schall; MISSISSIPPI—Quin; NEBRASKA—Reavis; NEW JERSEY—Parker; NEW YORK—Fitzgerald, Hicks, Maher, Rowe; OHIO—Allen, Crosser, Gordon, Kearns, Longworth, McCulloch, Williams; OREGON—McArthur; PENNSYLVANIA—Coleman, Keister, McFadden; SOUTH DAKOTA—Gandy; TENNESSEE—Byrns, Hull; TEXAS—Rayburn, Stephens; VERMONT—Greene; WASHINGTON—Dill, La Follette; WISCONSIN—Frear, Stafford.—51.

*Not Voting.*—Adair, Barchfeld, Beakes, Beales, Benedict, Bennet, Booher, Britt, Britten, Burgess, Callaway, Campbell, Cannon, Cantrill, Capstick, Carlin, Casey, Chandler (N. Y.), Chipfield, Conry, Costello, Darrow, Davis (Tex.), Dempsey, Dewalt, Driscoll, Drukker, Dunn, Edmonds, Edwards, Evans, Fairchild, Farley, Finley, Flood, Flynn, Gard, Garner, Godwin (N. C.), Goodwin (Ark.), Graham, Gray (N. J.), Greene (Mass.), Griffin, Hamill, Hamilton (N. Y.), Hardy, Haskell, Heffin, Henry, Hill, Hinds, Holland, Hulbert, Humphreys (Miss.), Husted, Hutchinson, Igoe, Johnson (Ky.), Jones, Kennedy (R. I.), Kent, Lafean, Lewis, Liebel, Lobeck, Loft, McClintic, McGillicuddy, McKinley, Mapes, Mays, Mooney, Morgan (La.), Morin, Morrison, Nelson, Oakey, Oglesby, Olney, Parker (N. Y.), Fatten, Phelan, Pou, Pratt, Ragsdale, Roberts (Mass.), Roberts (Nev.), Rowland, Rucker (Mo.), Russell (Ohio), Sabath, Sanford, Scott (Pa.), Scully, Sells, Siegel, Slayden, Smith (N. Y.), Stedman, Steele (Pa.), Stephens (Miss.), Siness, Taggart, Talbott, Tillman, Wilson (Fla.), Wise.—108.

The Bill is now before the Senate, but there seems to be much ground for believing that it will not pass that body and may not even be reported for discussion.

THE CHARACTER OF THE parliamentary procedure which accompanied the passage of this measure in the House makes the pages of the Congressional Record anything but dull. Volumes might be written upon the phases of political life revealed in the utterances of certain members and in the rules arbitrarily imposed for preventing discussion.

Mr. Gillett (Massachusetts) said:

"We all know this bill is not brought in here to improve the post-office efficiency. It is brought in largely to improve Congressional fences. It is not peculiar to this com-

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Convention from the smaller Chapters because they do not have an opportunity, under the usual program, to exchange ideas and discuss mutual problems.

It was suggested that a special session of the Convention be devoted to these purposes, and that the subject be brought up for consideration prior to the next Convention.

### Method of Handling Public Work in Various States

As suggested at the December meeting, Mr. Favrot presented a most complete report under date of December 1, 1916, which summarized his investigation through extensive correspondence of the present method of dealing with public work in the various states.

His suggestion was that the Institute should make its recommendations of a general nature which could be made available to states or municipalities engaging in solving this important problem.

Mr. Favrot was appointed chairman of a committee to act on this report, the committee to be appointed by the President on the recommendation of Mr. Favrot.

### Amendments to the Schedule of Charges

The Fiftieth Convention authorized the Board of Directors to change the language of the Schedule of Charges to the end that, without amending its fundamental principles, its meaning may be made more clear. Tentative amendments were previously considered by the Executive Committee at the October meeting and made available to the Committee on Contracts and Specifica-

tions. Since the Convention Mr. Day had prepared an amended Schedule which was submitted and discussed.

The draft was left with the President, Secretary, and Mr. Day for final approval and issuance.

### The Minnesota Chapter Plan for Small Competitions

Mr. Brown presented some suggestions from a special Competition Committee of the Minnesota Chapter on a Subsidiary Circular of Advice applying to small problems of a local nature.

He said the Chapter desired to have the opinion of the Board on the idea, and believed that if it were found of value to other Chapters, the Committee on Competitions might issue a subsidiary document of this kind.

It was resolved that the Circular be referred to the Committee on Competitions with a statement that it meets with the general approval of the Board which would be glad to have the comment of the Committee on Competitions before taking further action.

### Definition of Advertising

It was resolved that Mr. Kimball and Mr. John Galen Howard be appointed as a special committee to report to the Board upon a definition of "advertising" with recommendations as to the attitude the Institute should take.

### Committees for 1917

Due to the delays in acceptance of appointment, the full list of committees will be published in the March number of the Journal.

## News Notes

### The Proposed Abandonment of the Group Plan for the Washington State Capitol Buildings

Some years ago the State Capitol Commission (Washington state) instituted a competition for a group plan, in response to which thirty-one firms of architects submitted plans. The architect was selected, the group plans adopted, and a Temple of Justice constructed, as far as possible with the funds then in hand. Recently, we are informed that the present State Capitol Commission proposes to abandon the group plan and to proceed along new lines. The Washington State Chapter have protested vigorously at this seemingly unwarranted action, and have very properly urged that if a capitol building is to be constructed, it should be in accordance with the original group plan, and the architect selected only after a competition which will insure a result commensurate with so great an undertaking.

Evidently the nation's capital is not the only place where architectural bungling makes for a conglomerate of political tinkering.

### New York State Association Meeting

On February 15, the New York State Association will hold a meeting at Syracuse, under the auspices of the Central New York Chapter. All architects in northern

New York state, whether members of the Institute or of a Chapter, or unaffiliated with either, will be asked to attend this meeting and participate in the discussion of architectural problems affecting practice in the state of New York.

## Obituary

### Henry J. Meier

Elected to the Institute as a Fellow in 1889

Died at Detroit, Michigan, January 25, 1917

Mr. Meier's death occurred after a brief illness, and perhaps no better record of his life is possible than the simple one which was written for us by Mr. John M. Donaldson, his partner of thirty-seven years:

"His high ideals and fine character were an inspiration to all who knew him and his distinguished ability and integrity were a never-failing source of strength and assurance to those with whom he labored and to those whom he served.

"In his death the profession of architecture and the city of Detroit have lost an architect of real accomplishment, ability and distinction, and a man of the finest ideals and character.

"In the varied relations of a long and active life he measured up squarely to the best standards of true manhood.

"With vision, courage, honesty, tenderness and constancy he met serenely life's trials and the end of this mortal life."