

the canners of the State in order that the products they buy from the farmers may enable them to meet the requirements imposed by the Act of Congress known as the Mapes Law.

The bill was originally introduced as Senate 257. It passed the Senate, and a few days before the Legislature adjourned it was reported unfavorably by the Judiciary Committee of the House, and this report was adopted by a large majority. On the last day of the session an effort was made to adopt a compromise measure, and this measure was drafted. It was too late for the new draft to be properly studied, and the opponents of Senate Bill 257 agreed to it very largely on their understanding secured from others as to its exact provisions.

It was then too late to introduce a new bill, and too late also to reconsider the adoption of the unfavorable report on Senate 257. There was, however, a bill relating to motor vehicles, Senate 211, which had passed the Senate and was in the Judiciary Committee of the House, and which the committee had decided not to report. By an agreement between both sides this bill was reported out, substituting the compromise measure as an amendment in place of the provisions of Senate 211. As thus amended the bill passed the House and was concurred in by the Senate.

Afterwards it was discovered that the compromise measure as drawn did not carry out the understanding of both parties. They had thought that the bill would not provide for an inspection until after the produce had been both sold and delivered to the canners. In fact, the bill provided for inspection after the sale had been made, but before the produce had been delivered.

I feel that there are some very desirable features about the bill in its present form, but I have decided not to approve it because of the misunderstanding which has arisen. Probably the compromise should not have been attempted at so late an hour. There was too much confusion and haste at the time. In any event, I do not feel that the bill should become a law when it clearly does not conform to the understanding of both sides. The situation is evidence that the practice now and then indulged in at the close of a Legislative session of adding an entirely new bill on a bill which is dead sometimes leads to unfortunate results.

For these reasons, the bill will be vetoed.