

Raise Trespass Penalties

House Yells Approval of Negro Bills

Legislation aimed at Negro desegregation demonstrators passed the House speedily Wednesday night after barely a whisper of debate.

Rowan Rep. George Uzzell started the two bills to quick passage, telling the House he thought other members "knew the purpose" of the bills.

Anti-segregation demonstrations in Raleigh and other cities of the State were not mentioned, but Uzzell had said Tuesday the bills would "take care of things like that."

The bills would increase the penalties for conviction of tres-

pass and contempt of court. Under the present trespass law, a violator can be fined \$50 or jailed for 30 days. The bill would authorize up to two years in prison, any reasonable fine or both.

The other bill would raise the present penalty for contempt of court from 30 days in jail or \$250 fine, or both, to a year in prison or \$1,000 fine or both.

"If anybody has disrespect for the law of this land, and some of 'em apparently do, a judge can punish them accordingly," Uzzell said as he argued for passage of the bills.

He said the measure on contempt of court would enable judges to give stiffer penalties when a judge's restraining order is violated and that some persons don't mind just a 30-day jail term for contempt of court. He said the bill was aimed at cases of "wilful disobedience" of a judge's orders.

Only Reps. Steve Dole of Gaston and Sneed High of Cumberland questioned the bill increasing the contempt of court penalties. Dole noted that it would allow a year's prison term without a jury trial since contempt proceedings do not involve jury trials. High said even justices of the peace would be able to hand out the heavy penalties for contempt.

There was no debate of the bill increasing the trespass penalties. Uzzell said both bills were drawn by the attorney general's office.

The bills were signed by Rep. Hugh Johnson of Duplin, chairman of the House Calendar Committee, but introduced by Uzzell for Johnson during Johnson's temporary absence on Tuesday. Uzzell is vice-chairman of the committee.

Both bills now go to the Senate for action.



REP. DOLLEY

Vender Bill Sent to House Floor

Legislation that the Raleigh City Council could use to control ice cream peddling in residential areas cleared another hurdle in the General Assembly Wednesday.

The bill, which already had passed the Senate, was approved by the House Calendar Committee and sent to the House floor for final action.

The three-member Wake County delegation in the House said they have not decided what position they will take when the bill comes up for debate.

"I'm not sure. I don't think I'm going to oppose it, but I'm not sure," said Rep. A. A. McMillan.

Rep. Thomas D. (Buck) Bunn said that even though the law would apply Statewide, he still felt it would be used against special categories of peddlers, especially ice cream peddlers in the Raleigh area.

Rep. Jyles Coggins said he had not studied the bill and could not suggest how he would vote on it.

The measure would give municipalities the authority to classify different types of peddling. Each classification could be regulated or prohibited in the in-



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