

## LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE.

### THE PRESIDENT DELAYS TYDINGS BILL.

The President gave as a reason for his action on the Tydings Bill—the rising of retail prices and that insufficient study had been given the subject. At this writing there has been no concerted effort to bring the measure into action; when the announcement was made general surprise was expressed, especially because the word came from President Roosevelt on the day that the Miller Bill was to have been taken up in the House. Careful study relative to action is being given by those who are best informed.

See "Fair Trade" by R. L. Swain in this issue of the JOURNAL.

### FAIR TRADE.

With the addition of five more states which have passed Fair Trade Acts the number is brought to a total of thirty-nine states; they are: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

In view of the unexpected developments relative to the Tydings-Miller National Fair Trade Enabling Act, the meeting of representatives scheduled to be held in Chicago, May 31st, has been postponed.

### CUT ON BUDGET.

A cut of \$100,000 from the budget estimate for the Food and Drug Administration was made by the House of Representatives on the recommendation of its Appropriations Committee. In spite of the cut, the appropriation as passed by the House is \$100,000 greater than for the present fiscal year, the budget having recommended an increase of \$200,000.

In passing the curtailed allotment for the Food and Drug Administration, the House over-rode an amendment by Congressman Kenney of New Jersey, member of the Food and Drug Sub-committee. In arguing for his amendment, Kenney the Congressman, said that a new

food and drug bill, which will increase the duties of the Administration, is on the way. He pointed out that the bill will give the agency control over cosmetics in addition to its other duties.

### CANNABIS CONTROL BILL.

The Marihuana (cannabis) taxing bill was reported out by the House Committee on Ways and Means, May 11th, after having been amended to meet objections from affected industries. The bill has been reintroduced by Chairman Robert N. Doughton as H. R. 6906. The definition of "Marihuana" for tax and regulatory purposes has been changed to exclude hempseed oil and cake and sterilized hempseed incapable of germination—changes made at the request of paint manufacturers, oilseed crushers and birdseed dealers. The requirement that quantities of seed handled be reported periodically has been lightened by permitting the Secretary of the Treasury to prescribe regulations for making such reports; whereas, the original bill would have required reports on exact quantities of all non-exempt products of the cannabis or hemp plant. The scale of taxes has been reduced.

### DEATH OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.

Dr. Edward Harry Simmons, vice-president of the British Pharmaceutical Society, died May 1st at Manchester. The *Pharmaceutical Journal* closed a tribute with the following words: He gave his services to his fellows unstintingly and untiringly. He sought no rewards but such as came to him in the natural course of his service and were richly merited. Had he lived to take his place in the presidential chair he would have acquitted himself in that honorable position in a manner which would have added lustre to the office.

### THE CORONATION.

The Coronation has brought out much of historical interest. The Ampulla and Anointing Spoon are more than a thousand years old. The composition of this sacred oil is based on a formula which dates back to the seventeenth century. It is prepared from oil of orange flowers, oil of roses, oil of cinnamon, musk, civet, ambergris, oils of jasmín and sesame, and flowers of benzoin. It is prepared according to the art of the Apothecary.