

## LISTER SEES SENATE PASS VETOED BILLS

With Governor Ernest Lister in the gallery, the senate last night followed the example of the house and passed over his veto both bills requiring that initiative, referendum and recall petitions be signed only at places of registration.

This action followed the passage over the governor's veto by both houses the Whitney election bill, and wipes the slate clean of all executive vetoes so far, six in all, all of which have been overridden by the legislature.

The bill requiring that initiative and referendum petitions be signed only at registration offices passed the senate by the bare two-thirds majority necessary, 28 to 14. The recall bill, making the same restrictions concerning the signing of recall petitions, passed by one more vote, 29 to 13.

Party lines were drawn closely on the bills, and the republican majority was warned vehemently that should they pass the bill over the vetoes their action would rebound to their embarrassment in the future.

They scoffed at this idea, however, declaring that they were elected last fall on a platform embodying the same principle embodied in the bills under consideration; that the courts had admitted themselves helpless in handling the fraud that "stalked rampant" through the use of the initiative last fall; that the restrictions were placed about the use of the direct election prerogative not for the purpose of destroying it, but to guard it against fraud such as would certainly destroy it if allowed to go unchallenged; that the republican party was responsible for the initiative, referendum and initiative laws and were responsible for protecting the working of them, and that the same cry and calamity howl had been heard every time the republicans had undertaken any conservatively progressive action in recent years.

In order to clear up their calendars as completely as possible last night, both houses covered the faces of their clocks so that they might work until near midnight, but even that prevented several bills from dying automatically with adjournment. Among them was the bill designed to regulate public water supplies and sewage for the purpose of preventing epidemics such as wreaked havoc in Centralia a year ago and is now just being overcome in Dayton and Waitsburg.