

S T. C R O I X A V I S

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter) Yes.
 2nd Member for Frederiksted Town (Merwin) Yes.
 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) Yes.
 2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) Yes.
 3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Nordby) No.
 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming) Yes.

The Chairman remarked: The necessary votes have not been secured consequently the matter will come up at the next meeting on continuation of 1st Discussion.

Item 3.

Colonial Council Bill No. 42.

Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 42, Draft of an Ordinance introduced by 1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson), repealing an Ordinance known as Colonial Council Bill No. 17, Session 1917-1918, as sanctioned and approved June 20, 1918.

The bill reads as follows.

Colonial Council Bill No. 42

2nd Council, 2nd Session 1920-1921.

AN ORDINANCE:

to repeal An Ordinance introduced and known as Council Bill No. 17, Session 1917-18 and passed by the Colonial Council of St. Croix, June 10th. 1918 and sanctioned and approved June 20th. 1918.

Be it enacted by the Colonial Council for St. Croix in session assembled:

1. That the Ordinance introduced and known as Council Bill No. 17, Session 1917-1918, passed by this Council on June 10th. 1918 and sanctioned and approved June 20th. 1918, is hereby repealed.

W. S. ABRAMSON.

1st Member for Christiansted Town.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I understand that the Ordinance which this Ordinance is to repeal was put in as a war measure while we had soldiers on the island, those conditions are no more in existence, therefore, I move that this Ordinance be furthered and passed.

1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) introduced the Ordinance and asked that it be favorably considered.

It was put to the vote and unanimously carried that the Ordinance be furthered. It was also put to vote and carried that 1st Discussion be closed.

1st Discussion closed.

1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) moved that 2nd Discussion come on today.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. This is an Ordinance requiring three discussions. The question whether prohibition should be in force on this island is one that requires thoughtful consideration.

I think if a Resolution to improve the morals of the girls of this island cannot go from first to second discussion in one day we should not allow an ordinance such as is now before the Council to go from first to second discussion in one day. I think if the Council votes that this bill goes on to second discussion today it would be making a serious mistake.

The Chairman put to the vote the proposal made by 1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson).

5 members voted for: none against.

The Chairman remarked: The motion is lost.

Item 4.

Colonial Council Bill No. 43.

Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 43, Draft of an Ordinance, introduced by 1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson), providing for the sale of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors, etc.

Colonial Council Bill No. 43.

2nd Council, 2nd Session 1920-1921.

AN ORDINANCE

To Regulate Commerce In Intoxicating Liquors And Drugs.

Be it enacted by the Colonial Council for St. Croix in session assembled:

1. Hereafter no spirituous, vinous or malt liquor or drug shall be sold or given away, other than rum for export, except under and in accordance with such regulations as may be issued by the Governor and consented to by the Municipal Committee, and the Governor is hereby authorized to issue regulations to limit, restrict, regulate, license, prescribe fees and control all commerce in intoxicating liquors, and drugs in St. Croix, other than rum for export and the Municipal Committee is hereby authorized to consider and to consent to such regulations.

2. The penalty for violation of this Ordinance or of any duly issued regulation shall be by fine of not more than francs One thousand or by imprisonment not more than one hundred and eighty days or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

W. S. ABRAMSON,

1st Member for Christiansted Town.

1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) in introducing the bill said,— Mr. Chairman. I hope Members will vote favorably on this bill and not allow the question of establishing the institution on the Cay to bias their minds. I was one who spoke in favor of the project, but after giving the matter thoughtful consideration I find it necessary to vote against it. I hope Members will vote for this Ordinance so that we may have a wet St. Croix once more.

The Chairman remarked: An amendment to this Ordinance has been handed to me, but I think it better to let the bill remain as it is and at 2nd Discussion it can be substituted by the amendment.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) remarked: Mr. Chairman. There is a great deal of talk going on. If repealing an Ordinance and introducing another will be such a blow to the community then let us vote down the bill and have prohibition in its strictest sense.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) remarked: Mr. Chairman. It is alright to hear the speech made by the last speaker. It is alright to have prohibition, but how about the poor laborer? Those who speak of having prohibition I know have a good stock of liquor stored up. I would rather say, put a good price on liquor and let the poor man have his drink and be reasonable. I for one do not want to see drunkenness in St. Croix. Let us be fair and square.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I am glad to hear the last speaker. The reason why I spoke is, there are many sheep here in wolf's clothing.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. If we are going to have prohibition let us have prohibition that prohibits, if not let us have a drink and have it when we want it. I have always had the idea that St. Croix would be exempted from the prohibition list for the good quality of rum it manufactures for medicinal purposes. Give the poor man a chance to buy himself a drink straight from the still and moderately adulterated.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) moved that 1st Discussion be closed.

It was put to the vote and carried that the Ordinance be furthered.

It was also put to the vote and carried that 1st Discussion be closed.

1st Discussion closed.

The Chairman remarked: As Chairman I call a meeting of this Council for Monday the 19th. inst. at one o'clock p. m.

There being no further business before the House the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.40.