

THE NEED OF A SPECIAL SESSION

The Louisville Times and The Courier-Journal, championing the cause of the children of Kentucky along with the rest of the state press, have undertaken a poll of the members of the 1922 legislature to ascertain their attitude on a special session to reopen the normal school case.

In the first batch of replies received, thirty-nine in all, twenty-four answered they favored a special session and would vote for repeal of the normal school act; nine were non-committal until they had considered the facts further, and SIX opposed a special session or repeal.

Two of the six were W. S. Wallen of Prestonsburg, the member of the commission whose vote against his own Big Sandy valley gave the school to Morehead, and Representative Peter of Houstonville, whose amendment gave Speaker Thompson power to name the majority of the selecting body.

This straw vote, while not complete, shows plainly that the men and women who framed the bill are disgusted with the misuse made of it by the commission. They even are anxious to lose the time and money spent on the bill during the last January session, rather than to be forced to let the hand-picked commission rule in educational affairs.

Governor Morrow, wisely enough, has said he would consider all the circumstances in the case before he made up his mind whether a special session was warranted. On Wednesday he was in conference with Superintendent of Schools George Colvin and Attorney-General Charles Dawson for two hours discussing the situation.

Governor Morrow will do what he feels the people want him to do. In that case it behooves the people who feel this outrage should not be tolerated in Kentucky should write or wire the Governor their opinions. It will help him make a decision. The Independent is printing a coupon every day on which its readers may put their names as being in favor of a special session to undo the doings of Wallen et al. This card should be sent to The Independent, which, in turn, will forward it to the Governor.

This idea, copied by other papers of the state, daily and weekly, will go far in convincing Governor Morrow that the people are looking to him to swat politics and personal interest in government and to rid Kentucky of hirelings and those who hire hirelings.

Big Sandy's views are well presented in this week's weekly newspaper printed in Big Sandy towns. They are in perfect accord with the papers of other sections of the state. The Independent invites them to print this coupon.

H. M. Hoskins, secretary of the Pikeville Board of Education, writes as follows accompanying his signed coupon:

"I hasten to fill out the coupon in your paper calling on Governor Morrow to call a special session to correct the outrage that has been perpetrated on the people of Kentucky. If this thing had been directed against us who have passed through the school age, it would have been terrible; but since it has been directed against the childhood of Kentucky it is a burning shame and I am well enough acquainted with the people of Kentucky to know that they will not sit idly by and allow a little clique of two-by-four politicians to rub this in on them."

If you favor a special session to repeal an outrage, let's have your opinions.