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## BILL BOOSTING JP'S POWERS VOTED DOWN

Stiffer Driving  
Penalty Measures  
Given Committee

RALEIGH (AP)—A Senate Judiciary Committee today turned thumbs down quickly on a proposed constitutional amendment to increase jurisdiction of justice of the peace courts.

At the same time the committee turned over to a sub-committee measures to stiffen penalties for speeding, reckless driving and drunken driving and a bill to permit scientific tests of persons accused of drunken driving to determine the amount of alcohol in their blood.

There was virtually no discussion, as Senate Judiciary Committee approved a motion to kill the proposal, to widen jurisdiction of justices of the peace. Sen. J. H. Crawford of Graham introduced the measure last night.

**STRICTLY GROUP MEETING**  
Sen. Hamilton Hobgood of Franklin was named chairman of the subcommittee to study the speeding, reckless driving and drunken driving bills. Other members of the subcommittee are Sens. J. H. William Copeland of Hertford and Calvin Graves of Forsyth and Sen. Adam J. Whitley Jr., of Johnston, are sponsors of the three bills.

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## Like Empowers Group to Study Government

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By RICHARD MORIN

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower issued his first executive order today. It gives official status to a three-man committee studying ways to streamline the executive branch of the government.

The committee was instructed to find ways "to promote economy and efficiency" in the executive agencies.

Still bothered by a slight cold, Eisenhower stayed in his room at the White House today, but aides said he was up early working on his state of the union message to be delivered to Congress Monday.

Eisenhower's press chief, James C. Hagerty, said the President's cold he called it "the sniffles"—developed yesterday and that his condition definitely was improved today.

### PRECAUTIONARY STEP

But, Hagerty said, Eisenhower decided to confine himself to his living quarters as a precautionary measure. His study, at which he worked today, adjoins his bedroom.

The committee studying methods of streamlining the executive branch has been in existence unofficially since Nov. 30. Today's order puts it on an official basis and instructs it to report back to the President within a year.

Nelson A. Rockefeller, former assistant secretary of state, is chairman of the committee. The other members are Arthur S. Flemming, president of Ohio Wesleyan University and former chairman of the Manpower Policy Commission, and Milton S. Eisenhower, president of Pennsylvania State College and a brother of the President.

### FOUND GUILTY

He was found guilty then of perjury in denying before a federal grand jury that he ever had belonged to the Communist party. The conviction was upset on appeal on the ground that the first trial judge, Gregory F. Noonan, was vague in instructing the jury that what constituted Communist party membership. The government proceeded to obtain the new perjury indictment instead of going to trial a second time on the first.

The defense contended at both trials that Remington gave both the information for a book or magazine, and innocently to Miss Bentley. He testified he thought she wanted the information for a book or magazine, which he said he believed would enhance his reputation and that of War Production Board.

Brigham was flying a prop-driven reconnaissance craft at 6,000 feet when an F-84 Thunderjet dived to the right-of- and just behind the fuselage it decelerated to his air speed almost instantaneously.

Brigham said in his report to intelligence officers, "It was doing so, it flipped up on its edge at approximately a 90-degree bank. Then it flutered within 20 feet of its fuselage for perhaps two or three seconds, pulled away and around his starboard (right) wing, appearing to flip once it hit the ship stream behind his wing tip fuel tank."

Then it passed him, crossed in front of him and pulled up abruptly, appearing to accelerate, and shot out of sight in a steep, almost vertical climb.

"An unusual flight characteristic was a slow flutering motion. It rocked back and forth at approximately 40-degree banks at approximately one second intervals throughout its course."

When it pulled away, "it did so more sharply than a plane could have done."

"Its maneuvering throughout was always clear and precise."

On Jan. 21, the Air Force did a check which included a scene showing two young lovers bathing nude in a lake, was banned from the theater.

The Government Film Review Commission said the film was outlawed, not because of the nudity, but because the board objected to the way the part of an evangelist mission was portrayed.

### OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy to cloudy and warm today and tonight; continued mild on Wednesday.

High temperature yesterday 52 degrees.

Low temperature expected today 56 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 45 degrees.

Sunrise 6:52 A. M.; sunset 5:47 P. M.

More Weather Data on Page 1-A

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