

LEGISLATURE REGESSES**Mafia Arguments Resume Monday**By **BILL LYNCH**
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BATON ROUGE—The Louisiana Legislature wound up the first week of its 1970 60-day session yesterday, quitting until Monday when it will resume where it left off on the controversial issue of organized crime influence on state government.

The issue became the dominant factor during the first three days of the regular session, occupying both the time and effort of the legislature and the remarks of Gov. John J. McKeithen.

Overshadowed and shunted to the background is the fate of the governor's recommended tax program calling for more than \$20 million in additional revenues. Legislation on taxes was not even introduced by the administration in the opening week.

ALTHOUGH THE organized crime issue dominated activity, the Legislature and Capitol remained equally jittery over the three or more bomb blasts in the 34-story structure that houses the seat of state government.

State and city police looked through and under desks and in nooks and corners for a bomb that reportedly had been planted in the Capitol after senators voted to quit for the weekend and left the chamber. Security at the bomb-conscious Capitol, hit two weeks ago by a blast in the Senate chamber, was heightened.

Lawmakers wound up the first week of the session with 575 bills being introduced. Some 3,000 bills may be introduced in the Legislature before the deadline.

HOUSE MEMBERS saw 338 measures dropped in the hopper while 187 were filed in the Senate.

The House is scheduled to return to work at noon Monday and the Senate at 5 p.m.

One of the first issues on the Senate agenda is the fate of resolutions seeking to set up an investigating committee

to probe allegations by *Life* magazine about influence on state government.

IN ADDITION, the Senate will have under consideration a House-passed resolution seeking to subpoena David Chandler, of New Orleans, author of the *Life* article, to testify before a joint session of the Legislature.

An attorney for Chandler left open the possibility that his client might be willing to testify, depending on the action of the Senate.

Chandler is the author of the controversial April 10 story the controversial April 10 story which said Jefferson

Parish rackets figure Carlos Marcello dominates the state.

Cicero Sessions, who represents Chandler, noted that it is up to the Senate to act on yesterday's House resolution.

SESSIONS denied he said Chandler would not appear, as was reported yesterday.

"I haven't ruled out anything," said Sessions. "We haven't even seen the text of

the House resolution yet. We will certainly want to see how the Senate acts before making any decision."

Life is being sued for \$10 million by the State of Louisiana and for \$2 million by the chief counsel for the state Revenue Department, Emmett Batson, over the article. The state alleges that the *Life* article defamed all of Louisiana and Batson alleges he was libeled by the article which revealed he had not filed state income tax returns and held that he had misused his office.

STATE SEN. NAT Kiefer of New Orleans yesterday told

a Senate committee that he felt Chandler's attorney probably would not allow the writer to appear before the legislature because of the upcoming trials.

Three resolutions, including one favored by the governor, were approved by the Senate Judiciary A Committee to the full Senate. The administration-backed proposal seeks a quick investigation of the *Life* charges while the session is under way and charges have been made that this will preclude an in-depth study.

The House Appropriations Committee next week will begin hearings on the \$1.5 billion general appropriations bill, which contains most of the administration's spending program of \$1.7 billion for fiscal 1970-71.

AMONG CONTROVERSIAL legislation facing the Legislature are bills filed this week, including two yesterday in the House, calling for state aid to private education.

Commonly known as CEF (Committee for Educational Freedom) bills, the issue is expected to be one of the most explosive during the session.

Rep. Richard Guidry of Galliano and Rep. Elmer Tapper of Arabi dropped in bills on CEF yesterday in the House, while similar legislation was filed Tuesday in the Senate. In addition, Guidry plans to seek elimination of the federal income tax exemption on state income taxes to finance CEF and public school teacher salaries.

Another bill filed yesterday by Guidry calls for non-partisan primaries for office—which would eliminate party primaries followed by a general election.