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CAPITOL, Olympia, Jan. 28.—(P)

—A proposal to turn over all liquor board profits to the old age pensions funds of the counties was contained in a bill offered in the senate today by Senator Reardon (Snohomish).

With the net profits expected to run between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 annually, and possibly more, they would be sufficient, under Governor Martin's analysis, to provide the pensions.

At present the pension funds receives 20 per cent of the profits; counties, cities and towns 50 per cent, and the general fund 30 per cent.

Old age pension advocates fought for a greater percentage a year ago when the Steele bill was passed but by the time the municipal authorities had finished conferring with the legislators, the old age pensioners had lost out.

The legislators, after time out since Friday, returned today to start their third week of the session.

A group of some 200 unemployed demonstrators were scheduled to visit the capitol. They are here for a two-day "state wide congress." The demonstrators used the municipal kitchen for meals and the old capitol for meetings while they were quartered in hotels and private homes.

The demonstrators were in much fewer numbers than two years ago when private citizens here were

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ready to aid the state patrol in maintaining order. One of the leaders of the march then, Thomas Smith of King, is a representative now.

Both houses will probably be able to start passing and rejecting bills this week with committees reporting out measures referred to them.

So far only two bills, appropriating funds for legislative expenses, have passed both houses.

Another attempt to raise legislative pay was begun in the senate when Senator W. G. Ronald (Kittitas) filed a bill proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the pay from \$5 to \$10 a day. Legislators have long contended they cannot live here on \$150 a month. The voters turned down similar movements in the past.

The rules committee introduced a flood control act, giving the state, through the department of conservation and development, full regulation and control over all waters in the state. The state hydraulics engineer would have authority to reject or approve plans for any structure to be built over or across any flood plain or floodway of any stream or body of water. As soon as funds are available the state is ordered to make a study of flood control needs.

Two bills containing changes in the Steele liquor act favored by the liquor board were filed by the rules committee. The measures repeal the section permitting issuance of bonds