

VEHICLE ACTS MAY BE UNIFIED DURING RECESS

"SPOTLIGHT" BILL DIES

An announcement of great interest to motorists was made in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. F. C. Biggs, Minister of Highways, when he said he had in mind a proposal to have the House name a small committee, to sit during the recess, to inquire into three acts now on the statute books: the Motor Vehicles Act, the Highway Travels Act and the Loaded Vehicles Act.

Hard to Interpret.

Mr. Biggs said that the Motor Vehicles Act had been amended extensively during the past eight years, and motor travel had tripled during the past four years. The act had become so complicated and intricate that the average person could not interpret it. The task of the committee would be to consolidate it and bring it to a simple form, so that the ordinary motorist could read it and interpret its meaning. The other bills mentioned would be dealt with similarly.

Mr. Biggs' suggestion came during the debate on the bill of R. L. Brackin, West Kent, to permit the use of a spotlight on motor cars. He suggested that Mr. Brackin's bill might go to this special committee, and Mr. Brackin said he agreed. However, considerable objection was taken to Mr. Brackin's bill by Hon. George S. Henry and Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, and when it came to a vote, in spite of Mr. Biggs' hint, it met defeat.

Assessment Committee.

Another special committee of the House may be in action during the recess. Hon. W. E. Raney said yesterday that it might be well to send various bills introduced during the session, concerning the reducing of assessments on brewers, maltsters and distilleries, to such a special committee. Mr. Brackin, whose bill concerning the assessment of distilleries was held over on Friday, said he would be agreeable to the proposal.