BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - Gov. Edwin Edwards' governmental reorganization plan has received another slap in the state Senate. This time a group of lawmakers from Edwards' own backyard wielded the gauntlet.

With South Louisiana lawmakers leading the way, the upper chamber voted 22-6 Monday to exempt the Council for the Development of French from an Edwards bill to consolidate all art, historical and cultural preservation programs under a single new state agency.

Refuses To Proceed.

In a precedent he set last week, administration floor leader Sen. William Brown of Monroe refused to proceed with passage of the measure with the exemption.

In the first slap at Edwards' reorganization efforts, New Orleans area lawmakers succeeded in exempting the Mississippi River Bridge Authority from an administration measure to consolidate all the bridge and ferry authorities in the state in the highway department.

"How can you say consolidate everybody except your agency?" Brown asked in a question that was never answered.

The author of the exemption, Mouton of Lafayette, cited the council's successful record in the preservation of the French language and student and teacher exchange programs with foreign governments.

Mouton concluded that the council had to retain its independence and integrity but never said how the reorganization measure would destroy its position.

Specific Provisions

Brown pointed out that there were specific provisions in the consolidation bill which recognized the unique nature of the council. The bill, Brown noted, provided that the council be included in the new department, but the membership, appointing authority, functions and duties would not be affected.

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