FARLEY IS URGED TO SAVE CITY BILL

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even greater earnestness than before.

Earlier in his speech, the Mayor had declared that the legislators opposing the bill were betraying the city, and that for every month of delay, $3,000,000 in new taxes would have to be imposed on the people of the city.

"Those legislators are not defeating me," the Mayor shouted. "That staggering debt of the city's is not my responsibility, that budget is not mine, those millions of dollars of past-due obligations are not mine.

"And if they think they are embarrassing me, they are fooling themselves and betraying the people of the City of New York.

"After all, there's no use fooling ourselves. I can't last long as Mayor, but the City of New York must go on. Is it good management, or even good politics, to delay and delay? I hate to tell you, but we'll have to come to you taxpayers for new revenues, and every month of delay we need $3,000,000 additional in taxes.

"Even if we had had the bill in January, we would have had to have new revenues, of course, but the delay makes it worse. I think I may be pardoned for speaking so frankly in a borough that has contributed only one vote to the Economy Bill.

"I want to speak to you, Mr. Postmaster General, the one man outside of Ed Flynn who could give it the additional votes needed to pass that bill."

He then reviewed the support given to the bill by Governor Lehman and the "more than cooperation" given by President Roosevelt.

"For the sake of our city, let us put politics aside, and try and put the city back on its feet," he went on. "I know the Postmaster General's heart is in the right place, just as it was at the dinner of the Baseball Writers Association, a few weeks ago (when Mr. Farley first pledged his support to the bill), and all I ask is that he invoke that splendid blow to the solar plexus that he must have developed when he was Boxing Commissioner, and give the boys up here a few lessons before he returns to Washington."

The Mayor stopped, there was a burst of applause, and Mr. Farley rose.