

Legislative Committee To Study Tax Evasions

SALEM (AP) — The Legislature's Interim Committee on Highways began a study Thursday to find out how much money is being lost through evasion of Oregon's motor vehicle taxes.

The study will be made by Morgan Sibbett of the Stanford Research Institute.

It also will determine the amount of revenue being lost by legislation which favors certain groups of road users.

Rep. Ed Geary, Klamath Falls, chairman of the committee, said the committee won't give any instructions to Sibbett, as the committee wants an unbiased report.

Eisenhower Social Plans Include Vote, Revisions

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower called for voting rights for 18-year-olds and held out hope of future tax cuts in laying before Congress Thursday a massive legislative program embracing revision of farm, labor, social security, housing and tax laws.

Announcing he intends a new, five-billion-dollar cut in government costs, the President said a more economical defense program will be geared to the use of atomic weapons "if they are needed to preserve our freedom."

He asked that Congress grant authority to "share with our Allies certain tactical knowledge" of these weapons — that is, how to use them.

And to deal with Communists at home, Eisenhower proposed that citizenship be stripped from anyone convicted in the future of conspiring to advocate the violent overthrow of the government.

This is the charge on which top Communist leaders have been convicted.

The President said his new five-billion-dollar cut in government costs—which he proposes with a 66-billion budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1—would put running expenses 12 billion a year under what President Truman's last budget proposed.

As costs are cut still further, Eisenhower said, new cuts in taxes "can and will be made." But he asked that Congress act to stop

some reductions already scheduled for April 1—in corporation income taxes and in federal excise, or sales, taxes on such things as gasoline, automobiles, tobacco and liquor.

The President asked too that the legislators go ahead and raise the federal debt ceiling—now pegged at 275 billion dollars—so that the government can borrow more money if need be to finance its programs. This renewed a request he made to the last session.

As for the domestic economy, which he called one of the wonders of the world, Eisenhower pledged that his administration will be "always ready...to take well-timed and vigorous action" to sustain it.

More on this subject is to be set out in his economic report on Jan. 28.

Eisenhower addressed a joint session of the Senate and House in the House Chamber. His address was broadcast by all major radio and TV networks.

Eisenhower delivered his address in a firm, strong voice, reading from a text in a large, loose-leaf notebook.

It took him 54 minutes.

Altogether, Eisenhower was interrupted 45 times by applause.

There was a standing ovation as he concluded.

Eisenhower shook hands with those nearby, turned and left the chamber.

The galleries—admission was by special card only—were packed long in advance.

Seven thousand words in length, it was one of the longest State of the Union messages any President has delivered.

Yet Eisenhower only sketched broadly his plans in the farm, labor, social security, health, housing and tax fields. He said he would send the lawmakers separate messages dealing with these in detail. The first two—on farm and on labor—are to go to the capital on Monday. The others will follow later.

He did disclose that his farm program contemplates a gradual switch from rigid price supports to a more flexible scheme. And he reiterated that he wants social security extended to 10 million more persons.

However, the initial comment and reaction mingled criticism and praise. By and large, as was to be expected, Republicans were more ready to praise than Democrats.

Speaker Martin predicted that a "substantial part" of the Eisenhower program would be enacted.

But Martin said he expects controversy over the President's proposals to keep some taxes at high levels.

On the other hand, Rep. Price

(D-Ill.) called the President's proposals "a hodge-podge of typical GOP promises." He declared it would be "purely coincidental" if Congress enacted any of them.

Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.) struck out at the "new look" military program. He asserted that the administration seemed to be "embarking on an economy program at the expense of a well-rounded defense program."

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Glendale Man Goes Overseas

By MRS. G. B. FOX

Mrs. Ben Nolan recently received word from the contracting firm, by whom he is employed, that her son, Odell, had arrived safely overseas. He will be gone for one year. He spent the weekend with his parents before flying over. Another son and his family from California spent Christmas with the Nolans.

Former Resident Dies
Sgt. Irving O'Grady, U.S.A. retired, died at Tacoma, Wash. Dec. 16 from a heart attack. O'Grady at one time worked in the roadmaster's office at the S.P. depot in Glendale.

Grandma Tanner, former resident, has been visiting with relatives in the area during the holidays, including her children, Henry Tanner, Margaret Hill and Mrs. Robeson, all of the Quines Creek area.

Circle To Meet
The Merry Circle of the Olivet Presbyterian Church will hold its regular monthly meeting on Jan. 15. The meeting is to be held in the church basement.

Mrs. C. E. Young's nephew, Glen Talley, and his wife and children, Claude and Vera, from Yamhill visited with the Youngs and with the George Mill family during the holidays.

Ferry Bartlemay and his family have moved here from Isadora, near Salem. Bartlemay is the new section gang foreman for the S.P. here.



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SALEM (AP)—Oregon's unemployment total has soared to 63,395, with 18,000 more workers laid off during December, the state Unemployment Compensation Commission said Thursday.

The commission paid out \$2,884,707 in benefits in December, the largest December total on record. The commission said 12 per cent of the state's workers are unemployed.

Benefit payments in 1953 totaled \$19,275,204, which was 5.6 per cent under the record established in 1950.

Lumber, construction, food processing and trade groups in Western Oregon accounted for most of the layoffs. Eight offices in Eastern Oregon report the number of job seekers is up 65 per cent from a month ago.

The Grants Pass, McMinnville, Astoria, Salem and Toledo areas have the largest unemployment totals, all being more than 22 per cent.

The Portland area remained low, with only 6.9 per cent jobless.

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Municipal and Other Bonds	64,158,274.40
Loans and Discounts—Net	229,038,115.74
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	900,000.00
Bank Premises (Including Branches)	7,575,582.40
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	592,881.68
Interest Earned	2,296,692.16
Other Resources	190,470.97
	\$ 715,847,506.17
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$ 14,000,000.00
Surplus	18,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	16,438,293.23
	46,438,293.23
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.	3,115,728.01
Acceptances	592,881.68
Dividends Declared	420,000.00
Deposits	661,810,744.37
Interest Collected Not Earned	3,468,695.04
Other Liabilities	1,165.84
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