

Senate Approves Proposal To Create Five-Senator Investigating Committee

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Ore., March 7 (AP) — The Oregon Senate approved 23 to 7 Thursday a revolutionary proposal to create a five-senator committee with unlimited powers to investigate anything in connection with the state government.

The resolution, which goes to the House, provides that the investigation group would serve between legislative sessions, and report to the 1959 Legislature.

Sen. Warren Gill (R), Lebanon, said "This committee could do about anything. It is an experiment."

He pointed out that Gov. Holmes could designate the committee to investigate problems for him.

But Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D), Milwaukie, said the proposal is "vague and abstract, and a mistake. It would put vast power in the hands of a small group."

Another objection came from Sen. Donald R. Husband (R), Eugene, who said that "in a deal like this, the committee would be spread over so many things that it couldn't do anything."

Other supporters said the committee's chief value would be that

it would be an agency where people could take their complaints about treatment by state agencies.

Sen. Dan Dimick (D), Roseburg, asked if the committee could "go to New Orleans to investigate the Mardi Gras."

Sen. Carl Francis (R), Dayton, answered that the \$30,000 appropriation for the committee would hold travel to a minimum.

The resolution provoked an hour-long debate, during which the Senate voted 18-12 against a motion to send it to the Ways and Means Committee.

Democrats voting against the measure were Cook, Corbett, Sweetland and Thiel. The Republican opponents were Belton, Husband and Leth.

The House completed legislative action on a memorial asking the federal government to deepen the Columbia River ship channel between Portland and the ocean from 35 to 40 feet, and to widen it from 500 to 750 feet.

The Senate sent to the House a bill to legalize the four headlamps that are on some new automobiles.

In The Armed SERVICES



WINS SILVER WINGS — A. 2/c. Bernice Cingcode of the U. S. Air Force has received her silver wings after a trip to Burtonwood, England. It qualifies her as flight attendant. She was one of the flight attendants on Operation Safehaven, which brought Hungarian refugees from Munich to Camp Kilmer, N. J. The former Oakland girl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Tozier of 1543 NW Fairmont St. She is stationed at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey.

Idaho Governor Vetoes Parimutuel Betting Bill

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Gov. Robert E. Smylie Tuesday vetoed a bill to legalize parimutuel betting at horse races in Idaho, on a county option basis.

Smylie said he believed the bill violates the anti-lottery provision of the Idaho Constitution. He referred to a case in which the State Supreme Court ruled that slot machines are unconstitutional because of this provision.

The bill would have given county commissioners authority to license parimutuel betting at horse races in their counties. The law was sought by the Idaho Fair and Rodeo Assn.

Measure Would Liberalize Farm Credit Program

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill intended to liberalize existing credit programs for farm families was proposed Thursday by Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn). Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash) is a co-sponsor.

The measure would include:

1. Retaining former depression-time programs of the Agriculture Department under which farmers could get an extension of credit under voluntary debt adjustment procedures.
2. Extending "rural adjustment" credit programs to farm-related small businesses in rural areas and farm cooperatives.
3. Creating a family farm development or "Domestic Point Four" program in "500 most poverty-stricken rural counties" of the nation.
4. Lowering interest rates and expanding loan authorizations for both farm ownership and farm operating loans under existing programs.

Summer Program Slated For Discussion At Green

By MARY WEIKUM
The Green Recreation Assn. has scheduled a meeting tonight at the school gym to discuss plans for the summer season. The meeting will start at 7:30.

The program will consist of movies and a volleyball game. Refreshments will be served. The meeting is open to all persons having children who might be interested in a summer recreational program.

Executive Returns
Mrs. Gladys Amundson, executive secretary of the Roseburg Camp Fire Girls organization, has returned from Gerhart where she attended a three-day workshop and conference of the Pacific Camping Federation.

Robert Williams of the National School Assemblies Agency this week presented his chalk picture program for pupils at Green School.

Arizona-Bound
Mrs. Grover Follett and children, Tony and Camille, are leaving today to fly to Tucson, Ariz., for a two-week visit with her sister, Mrs. Mary Lovelady, and family. The Folletts will return by car with her mother, Mrs. Sadie Batton, and brother, Curtis Trent, who have spent the winter in Tucson.

Weekend visitors in the Willis Coble home were his brother Alfred Coble and family, including triplet daughters, all of Crescent City, Calif. Also visiting at the Coble home is Sam Long of Joy, Okla.

Margie Doyle, chairman of the project planning committee, led a discussion at the last meeting of the Green Home Extension Unit on the subject of proposed projects for the coming year.

Twenty women present also saw a demonstration on use of herbs and other seasonings by Carol von Krosigk, county home extension agent. A sack luncheon was served at noon.

The next meeting is scheduled March 27. Subject will be propagation of ornamental and house plants.

Umpqua Woman, Child Win Association Talent Contest

By MRS. GEORGE MUNSON
Jimmy Brown and Mrs. Shirley Elliferson were winners in a talent show held during the last regular meeting of the Umpqua School Assn.

Young Jimmy won in the children's division, and Mrs. Elliferson in the adult division. Other children winners were: Albert Coffey, second; and a girls quartet made up of Nancy Hunt, Joylene Baird, Connie Crader and Alice Berg, third. Other place winners among adults were: the Umpqua Music Makers (Mrs. Roberta Coffey, Mrs. Helen Liles, Lonnie Leonard and Lee Winniford), second; and the Beauty Shop Quartet (Mrs. Esther Cooper, Mrs. Flo Rippstein, Mrs. Dollie Urban and Mrs. Byrle Swinehart), third.

California Committee Approves Water Compact

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The California Senate Water Resources Committee Thursday voted approval of a proposed compact between Oregon and California for distribution and use of the waters of the Upper Klamath River Basin.

The compact now goes to Senate Finance Committee for consideration of a \$12,000 appropriation to continue the California Klamath River Commission. Companion legislation is pending in the Oregon Legislature.

The compact substantially provides that all water originating in the Upper Klamath Basin will be allowed to flow downstream into California for use there. Oregon would retain the right to use the water for power.

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Port Of Umpqua To Ask Deeper Water Channel

Congressman Charles O. Porter will be asked by the Port of Umpqua Commission to push a "review survey" of the port for a deep water channel. Congress authorized the project last year, but no funds were provided.

At a recent commission meeting it was agreed pressure should be brought to bear to get harbor maintenance and improvements.

At the same meeting, six companies and persons filed protests against a Southern Pacific request to eliminate the bridge tender between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. with the span to be opened on written request at night.

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