

Oregon Senate Approves Additional Funds For State Vets Farm, Home Loan Program

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SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Senate gave 24-3 approval today of a measure to increase the available funds for farm and home loans for veterans.

The Senate also passed unanimously a bill to prevent public agencies from refusing to hire persons because of their age. Both bills go to the House.

The House State and Federal Affairs Committee approved unanimously the bill to permit the governor to submit government reorganization plans to the Legislature. This was a reversal of form because the committee had voted to kill the bill three weeks ago.

The veterans loan measure would be submitted at the 1960 general election to the people, who rejected a similar measure last November.

It would increase the amount of bonds that can be issued to finance the loans from 155 million dollars to 216 millions.

Since Multnomah County's assessed valuation is being dropped next August, the bond limit will be cut to 90 millions at that time.

The new measure would change the limit from 4 per cent of the assessed valuation of the state to 3 per cent of the true cash value.

Sen. G. D. Gleason (D-Portland) said that the money available for the loans will be exhausted by July, 1960. He said the loan program "has been a lifesaver to Oregon's economy," and that the program has made a 5-million dollar profit for the state.

Sen. Eddie Ahrens (R-Salem) objected that the bill doesn't contain a termination date for the whole program.

Senators voting against the bill were Harry Bovim (D-Klamath Falls), Edwin R. Durno (R-Medford) and Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario).

The aging bill, besides declaring it to be the policy of the state to refuse to give a person a job because of his age, also would compel state agencies, counties, cities, school districts and all other political subdivisions to cease such discrimination.

Sen. Alfred H. Corbett (D-Portland), author of the bill, told the Senate that one of the worst problems of the nation is the fact that people over 35 years old often can't get jobs. He said the bill would point the way to private in-

dustry to abandon age discrimination.

Second Bill Authorized

Corbett is the author of another bill which would forbid private business from practicing age discrimination. That bill still is in committee.

Sen. Yturri, although supporting the bill, said it interferes with the right of an individual to conduct his own business.

The House State and Federal Affairs Committee changed the reorganization bill from the version which it had killed.

As the bill now stands, the governor would submit a plan to the Legislature for consolidation or elimination of state agencies. Each house would have 45 days to consider it. If either house didn't like the plan, it would send it back to the governor with a request that it be revised.

The bill now leaves it up to the Legislature whether the plan should go into effect. Under the original version, the governor would have submitted his plan, but it would have been subject to legislative veto only.

Legislators who had objected now are satisfied, because it

leaves the final responsibility in the Legislature's hands.

Tuition Bill Voted

The House, with five dissenting votes, sent to the Senate a bill to make the Legislature's scholarships to Oregon State College available for all institutions in the state higher education system. It goes to the Senate.

Another bill sent by the House to the Senate would require that all fryers (chickens under six months old) be labeled as to the state where they were grown. This bill was asked by the chicken growers who face severe competition with growers in other states.

The way was cleared for action by the House next week on the bills to put Oregon on daylight saving time in 1959 and 1960, and then let the people vote in November, 1960, whether they wish to retain it. The House Rules Committee voted to permit introduction of the bill to refer the plan to the people.

The Senate Judiciary Committee introduced a bill to have the chief justice of the Supreme Court serve for six years. He now serves two years. The chief is elected by the high court.

Oregonian Writers Called As Witnesses By Tax Group

SALEM (AP)—Four editorial writers for the Portland Oregonian were subpoenaed here to testify before the House Taxation Committee next Monday.

The subpoenas were ordered by Committee Chairman Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), who has been highly critical of the newspaper's editorials.

Shortly after his committee opened a hearing on income tax bills, Barton called the names of the four writers—Herbert Landy, editor of the editorial page; and associate editors Al McCready, Malcolm Bauer and James Johnson.

Only Bauer was in the room. Barton invited him to testify, and Bauer replied that he only came to listen.

Then Barton had Sergeant at Arms Patrick McCarthy give Bauer the subpoena, and told McCarthy to serve the other three.

The action was nearly unprecedented. The Legislature's committees have had the subpoena power for only four years and it is rarely used.

Bauer replied that he was "flattered. The Oregonian's advice is available every morning."

After serving the subpoena on Bauer, Barton continued that "this committee is trying desperately to do a good job. You have a sounding board that we don't have. We're entitled to have the background of your research and thinking."

The hearing was on income tax bills which would reduce the rates but would eliminate all deductions.

Representatives of churches, private colleges and charities argued that elimination of the deduction for charitable contributions would hamper them in getting funds.

Research Refuses Plea

Barton answered that the Tax Commission has conducted research which shows that these charitable organizations get just as much money in states where contributions are not deductible as they do in states where the deduction is allowed.

Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette University, said the bill "would make us have to appeal harder for funds than ever before. People would get the idea that the state isn't interested in

private colleges, churches and charities."

The bills were proposed by Gov. Mark Hatfield and the committee. They would have top tax rates of 7 or 8 per cent, compared with the present top of 9.5 per cent.

The net revenue effect of the bills would not be much different than the present law, but the bills would make persons in the lowest income groups pay higher taxes.

Fiscal Study Board Roster Completed

SALEM (AP)—Membership of the 11-man legislative fiscal committee was completed today when House Speaker Robert Duncan appointed three House members.

They are Reps. George Layman (R-Newberg), Stafford Hansell (R-Athens) and George Annala (D-Hood River).

The committee will keep a check on state revenues and spending between legislative sessions. It will name a fiscal officer as its executive head.

The other House members of the committee are Duncan; Keith Skelton (D-Eugene), chairman of the Ways and Means Committee; and Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), chairman of the Taxation Committee.

Senate members are Senate President Walter J. Pearson (D-Portland); Alfred H. Corbett (D-Portland), chairman of the Ways and Means Committee; Ward H. Cook (D-Portland), chairman of the Taxation Committee; Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario), Senate Republican leader; and Dr. Edwin R. Durno (R-Medford).

Center Of U. S. Moves 6 Miles

WASHINGTON (AP)—Entry of Hawaii as a state will move the geographic center of the United States six miles but it will remain in Butte County, S.D.

The Coast and Geodetic Survey announced today the new center will be six miles west-southwest of its old location. It's now about 17 miles west of Castle Rock, S.D.

The center was moved last July when Alaskan statehood was voted. At that time it was relocated 439 miles northwest of its site near Abanon, Kan.

Rear Adm. H. Arnold Karo, survey director, said the new location is at latitude 44 degrees 58 minutes north and longitude 103 degrees 46 minutes west.

Accident Law Extended

SALEM (AP)—The Senate passed and sent to the House Friday a bill to require the Industrial Accident Commission to buy all prosthetic devices and appliances needed by workers who are injured, and covered by the industrial accident law.

Now, the commission has to buy only artificial arms and legs.

Slayer Of Five Goes To Prison

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—Carl Alfred Eder, 16, was sentenced to prison Friday for murdering a mother and her four children.

As he was led from the court, the husband and father of his victims, called out: "Rest in peace there, Carl, remember that."

Eder, a runaway boy from Irondequoit, N.Y., was sentenced to five life terms for murdering Mrs. Lois Pendergast, 37; David, 6, Tom, 6, Diane, 4, and Allen, 2.

He must serve seven years before becoming eligible for parole.

Thomas Pendergast, 38, aircraft worker, called out the "rest in peace" admonition to Eder as he was led from Superior Court to be taken to Chino State Prison.

He had pleaded guilty to all five murder counts and was given concurrent life sentences on three consecutive life sentences on two.

The gangly youth stood speechless and without apparent emotion as he was sentenced. As a minor he could not have been given the death penalty.

He told police at the time of his arrest that he shot Mrs. Pendergast and stabbed the children in their suburban El Cajon home Dec. 12 because the crying of the youngest had made him "flip my top."

He had been befriended and taken into the home by the father.

Hatfield Sees Malice By Pose

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield said today that Cecil Posey, secretary of the Oregon Education Assn., has "dealt a deadly blow of injury to the cause of education by his malicious attack."

Hatfield was referring to Posey's speech in which he said that Hatfield has not given leadership to the Legislature in the cause of education.

In a prepared statement, the governor added: "As a former educator, I do not hold with those who do not concern themselves with where the money is coming from."

"If educators will face reality and consider the taxpayer and the tax base, they will recognize that the greatest contribution my administration can make to education is to provide leadership for giving the tax structure by changing it a broader base and flexibility."

"In addition, a comprehensive study of financial resources and distribution is sorely needed. We can go forward in education only through cooperative bipartisanship. Attacks such as Mr. Posey's render a great disservice to education."

State Policy Lacks In Merit Increases

SALEM (AP)—The joint Ways and Means Committee ran into a roadblock over salary increases for state employees Friday.

The committee delayed action on six budgets, totalling more than two million dollars, until a policy could be formed on merit increases. Wage increases have been included in the budget recommendations.

The committee then decided to hold a special meeting Tuesday at 7 p. m. on the salary question.

Among the budgets set aside today was the \$591,603 appropriation recommended for the state engineer.

Sen. Edwin Durno (R-Medford) said the committee must set the policy before it considers any more budgets.

The full committee did not consider subcommittee action Thursday in recommending that the state tuberculosis hospital, The Dalles be made a hospital for elderly people.

This would leave Salem with the only TB hospital.

Appointments Asked

SALEM (AP)—A bill to have the national committeemen and committeewomen chosen by the party central committee was introduced here by Rep. Beulah Hand (D-Milwaukie).

They now are elected at the party primary elections.

Scientific Benefits Accrue In Atomic Space Explosions

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States set off the world's first known nuclear blasts in space last fall and gained information valuable to development of anti-missile missiles.

This appraisal was given here by Dep. Sec. of Defense Donald Quarles. He spoke at a news conference following disclosure Wednesday night that the three high-altitude blasts had spread an electronic blanket over much of the earth.

He still was reluctant to go into any details of results achieved in the experiment, carried out by a Navy task force in the Atlantic last Aug. 27, Aug. 30 and Sept. 6.

All he wanted to talk about was pure scientific benefits in the field of radiation and magnetism.

It was confirmed that the blasts were set off at an altitude of around 300 miles.

The closest Quarles and the deputies who flanked him would come to the subject of weapons was a statement that the experiment had "advanced the basis of knowledge required to develop antimissile missiles."

Weapons Results Obtained

At another point, Quarles said the trials—named "Argus"—had produced results "of interest to both offensive and defensive weapons."

"Nothing we learned has made us feel that we have to change the concept of the Nike-Zeus antimissile program," Quarles said.

That amounted to a partial throw-down of one theory advanced by some scientists—that the creation of the electronic umbrella might in itself amount to a defense against nuclear missiles.

Under that concept, disputed by other scientists, the electronic emissions might penetrate warheads hurtling in from space and either set off their nuclear

charges prematurely, or block off the reaction altogether.

In the first of those cases the weapon would never reach target. In the other it would fall no more harmfully than a wheelbarrow load of junk.

Radio Blackout Possible

Some scientists outside of the Defense Department, while discounting the idea of any "death ray" for enemy missiles, did advance the theory that the experiment might produce a new technique for jamming radio and radar of an enemy in advance of missile attack.

At the news conference were Dr. Herbert York, director of defense research and engineering; and civilian scientists of the Navy and the Pentagon's special weapons project who took part in planning and operation of the experiment.

Quarles said that there is no reason to believe the Soviet Union has conducted experiments in a similar way.

One responsible official outside of the Defense Department said earlier that one purpose of the trials was a test of the electronic missile defense theory.

Quarles and York gave some details of the project at that time under questioning about publication of an account of the trials in the New York Times.

Barber Course Stiffer

SALEM (AP)—A bill to stiffen the requirements for students in barber colleges was passed by the Senate Friday and sent to the House.

The barber course would be lengthened from six to nine months, but the period of apprenticeship would be reduced from 18 to 15 months.

St. George's Plans Week's Services

St. George's Episcopal Church in Roseburg will hold Holy Communion Monday during its 10 a.m. service, Tuesday at the same time and Wednesday at 7:15 a.m., all as part of the Holy Week observance.

On Wednesday Holy Communion and Bible study will be at 10 a.m. During Maundy Thursday's service, Holy Communion will be at 10 a.m., and a service commemorating the Last Supper will be at 8 p.m. The choir will then sing "Requiem" under the direction of Robert E. Robins.

On Good Friday, The Three Hours, noon to 3 p.m., will be observed. Those attending may come or leave at 20-minute intervals. Baptisms will be given Saturday at 4 p.m.

The Easter services will start with Holy Communion, numbers by the choir and a sermon at 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. Church school service will be at 9:30 a.m., with the jun-

ior choir singing, presentation of mite boxes and Making the Flower Cross, (Holy Communion).

Roseburg Church PT Group Slates Potluck

Mrs. Lesta Follett, leader of the Roseburg branch of the Epworth and School Assn., has announced a potluck supper for Sunday in the Roseburg Junior Academy auditorium at 5:30 p.m.

Following the supper the children will be shown a motion picture while the parents and teachers participate in a round table discussion on problems in the home and school.

The Home and School Assn. is the Seventh-day Adventist Parent-Teacher group.

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Justice's Wife Dies In Salem

SALEM (AP)—Mrs. Loretta Showers Rossman, 71, wife of Supreme Court Justice George Rossman, died Friday in a Salem hospital. She was former president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs.

A native of Portland, Mrs. Rossman moved to Salem with her husband in 1927, when Judge Rossman was appointed to the state Supreme Court. She held the state women's club presidency from 1956 to 1958.

Funeral services will be at the First Congregational Church in Salem Tuesday at 1:30 p. m.

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