

# Congress Swings Into High Gear On Several Of Kennedy's Measures

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress finally has swung into high gear on several of President Kennedy's measures. The Senate and House took important action on four major bills Thursday.

Two of the measures may reach the President's desk next week. So far the legislators have sent to him only 4 of the 16 items on the must list he submitted in February, a month after taking office. But this record will be improved soon if Kennedy can chalk up many days like Thursday.

**Four Actions**

These were the four actions: The Senate passed 65 to 28 the minimum wage bill in almost the exact form asked by the President. The House passed 399 to 14 an administration measure increasing a variety of Social Security benefits.

Senate-House conferees agreed on Kennedy's \$394 million depressed areas bill, and then the Senate quickly passed by voice vote the compromise version.

The Senate passed by voice vote a bill to make available nearly \$300 million in federal funds for needy children of unemployed parents.

**Tussle Likely**

Sponsors of the depressed areas bill are hopeful that it can clear

the House and be sent to the White House by next Wednesday. A hard tussle is likely there, though, because the conferees dropped a key House financing provision and took the Senate language making loan funds in the measure available directly through Treasury advances.

Kennedy's minimum wage bill would raise the present \$1 an hour floor to \$1.25 by 1963 and bring an additional 4 million workers—mostly in large retail stores—under the act.

The House is expected to send it to conference Monday and to name a majority of conferees friendly to the Senate bill. However, it may be difficult to get the compromise through the House, which originally passed a much less comprehensive bill than the Senate.

**Sent To Conference**

The bill setting up a program of temporary benefits to needy children with unemployed parents does not also appear to be controversial and also may go to the White House next week.

The Social Security bill passed Thursday by the House has wide Senate support and seems certain to win eventual approval there.

But Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., the Finance Committee chairman,

## Request For Delay In Hearing On Snake River Dam Is Rejected

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Federal Power Commission examiner has rejected a public hearing request for a delay in a hearing regarding dams on the Snake River. The hearing will resume Monday as scheduled.

Examiner William Levy added, however, that he would reconsider the question after Pacific Northwest Power Co. has completed its rebuttal testimony. At that time, he said, he might allow Washington Public Power Supply system to wait until June 12 before beginning its rebuttal.

Washington Public Power Supply had asked that all rebuttal testimony be put off until June 12. Direct testimony and cross examination have been completed. Levy said he anticipates extensive rebuttal.

At issue are the Nez Perce and High Mountain Sheep damsites on the stretch of the Snake which forms the border between Idaho and Oregon.

Pacific Northwest Power, a combination of power companies, seeks authorization to build a hydroelectric project at the High Mountain Sheep site, above the mouth of the Salmon River. The public power group at first sought only the Nez Perce site, below the mouth of the Salmon, but has amended its application to include High Mountain Sheep.

## New Fast Time Bill Due In Legislature

SALEM (AP) — Rep. Ed Benedict, D-Portland, said Thursday he would attempt to get the Legislature to pass a bill that would allow Multnomah and adjoining counties to go on daylight saving time April 30.

Benedict is sponsor of the defeated bill that would have permitted any county or city to go on fast time on that date.

After the House rejected that bill, Rep. Ken Maher, R-Portland, got it to reconsider so that the bill could be changed into a statewide referendum on uniform daylight saving time for the state.

But Benedict said he now would press for his new idea. The uniform measure would be on the ballot next year.

His new proposal drew a blast from Rep. Mel Gordon, R-Portland, who accused Benedict of "complete disregard for the wishes of the House."

Gordon said Benedict and some members of his Planning and Development Committee are taking action "which we only lose the last chance we have for full daylight time in Oregon. I hope that Benedict will come to his senses."

## Hospital News

**Visiting Hours**  
1 to 3:30 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.  
Douglas Community Hospital

**Admitted**  
Medical: Mrs. Oliver Jackmond, Mrs. Neil Smith, Mrs. Phillip Kaser, Arnold DuPont, Mrs. R. E. Camp, Roseburg; Mrs. William Porter, Diana Weaver, Mrs. Howard Griffith, Tenmile; Mrs. Jess Martin, Sutherlin; Mrs. James Booth, Glendale.

**Surgery:** Maurice Babb, Myrtle Creek.

**Discharged**  
Mrs. Glen Eckhardt, Beville; Scribner, Marjorie Ellison, Jerry Eckle, Scott Roots, Brian Bell, Tami Kempke, Mrs. Robert Johnson and son, Steven Robert, Richard Mittelsteadt, Ralph Wood, Roseburg; Mrs. Fred Pfeuffer, Jan Culbranson, Myrtle Creek; Stewart White, Eugene; Mrs. Ernest Pruitt, Winston; Paul Mahoney, Oakland.

**Mercy Hospital**  
**Admitted**  
Medical: Cindy Radke, Hattie Geddes, Roseburg.

**Surgery:** Harold Bradshaw, Owen Rose, David Perkins, Roseburg.

**Discharged**  
Mrs. Richard Russell, Michael McAlpine, Mrs. Ben Jongeward, James Thronburg, Victor Micelli, Mrs. George Winterfeld, Mrs. Stan Ford Price and son, Vance Charles, Roseburg; Richard Gaster, Tenmile.

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## State Announces Summer Teacher Exchange Program

SALEM (AP) — Formation of Summer Teacher Exchange Program was announced Thursday by the state Department of Education.

Dr. Leon P. Minear, state superintendent of public instruction, said the purpose of the program is to promote understanding between nations through a teacher exchange program.

He said STEP will act as a clearing house to promote reciprocal teacher exchange programs.

He said a teacher to join STEP would agree to give food and lodging in his or her home to a teacher from a foreign country.

In exchange the member teacher would later be extended the same courtesy at the home in the native land of his visitor.

The exchange would take place between teachers whose summer vacation periods were at different times. This would allow the visitor to be in a country when school is in session.

Since meals and lodging would be provided, the only expense would be transportation, which would be partially taken care of by obtaining transportation on military air transport service planes.

The executive board of the group is composed of Dr. Robert L. Allen, University of Oregon; Institute of International Studies; LeRoy Graymer, chairman of the international relations committee of the Oregon Education Association; and Clyde E. McLain, Gilchrist teacher.

## Phone Officials Say Split Would Have No Effect On Rates

SALEM (AP) — A spokesman for Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. said Thursday a proposed split in its corporate structure would have no effect on rates paid by its customers.

P. M. Mitchell, vice president and general manager for the company's Oregon operation, said this at a hearing held by Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill.

Mitchell was asked by Norman Webb, Oregon assistant attorney general, if the proposed corporate split was to bring the company more revenue.

It was at this point where Mitchell made the statement about the effect on users.

Webb was assisted in the questioning by David Kosh, nationally known utility expert retained by Hill for the hearing.

Pacific Telephone with headquarters in San Francisco, wants to form a separate corporation, Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Co., for its operations in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The parent Pacific Telephone Co., which is owned primarily by American Telephone & Telegraph Co., would retain the controlling interest in the new company.

The parent firm hopes to make the corporate split by June 30 if the necessary approval is forthcoming by then from government regulatory bodies.

## Training Films Preview Slated

A preview of industrial training films is scheduled on Thursday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Erb Memorial Union on the University of Oregon campus under sponsorship of General Extension Division of the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Eleven films in the fields of communications, personnel relations, safety, salesmanship are scheduled for preview. All films to be shown are available from the Office of Audio-Visual Instruction, 131 Coliseum, university campus, Corvallis.

Program is planned and directed by Jack Goodman, film library manager, and Don Low, head, office of business and public administration, General Extension Division. Dr. Curtis Reid, head of the office of audio-visual instruction for the extension division will give a program outline.

This preview is planned to meet needs of personnel directors, sales managers, service club program chairmen, chambers of commerce, safety supervisors and public relations directors. However anyone interested may attend all or any part of the program.

## American Can To Open 2 New Oregon Plants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two new American Can Co. plants are going to be opened in Oregon.

The firm said Thursday one, at Eugene, will serve vegetable and fruit packers of southern Oregon. The other, at Astoria, will process seafoods.

American Can's two plants will increase its capacity in Oregon by more than 200 million cans. That is about the annual output of the firm's plant at Salem.

## House Passes Pollution Bill

SALEM (AP) — The House Thursday passed a Senate bill to give the state Sanitary Authority the power to control air pollution.

The bill, which directs the agency to draw up a comprehensive air pollution control program, is a companion to the bill to let it control water pollution. The latter measure is awaiting the governor's signature.

## House Passes Pollution Bill

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**CANCER SPEAKERS** — The second annual John Tamlin Memorial Cancer Lectures will be held at the Rogue Valley Country Club in Medford May 10 and 11. The subject for this year's meeting will be drug and X-ray treatment of cancer of the blood-forming organs (leukemia and lymphoma). Speakers will be Laurens P. White, doctor from the Cancer Research Foundation of the Children's Medical Center in Boston, Mass., left; Dr. Sidney F. Thomas from the Department of Cancer Therapy and Radiology of the Palo Alto, Calif., clinic center; and Dr. Nicholas L. Petrakis of the Cancer Research Institute of the University of California at San Francisco, right.

## Log Export Bill Constitutional

SALEM (AP) — Rep. Clarence Barton, D-Coquille, said Thursday that a House-passed bill to bar the export of logs harvested from state land is constitutional.

Barton told the Senate Commerce and Utilities Committee he disagreed with an opinion by Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton.

Thornton contended the bill is unconstitutional because he said it violates the federal government's exclusive right to regulate foreign commerce.

"The commerce clause does not prohibit a state from acting to conserve a resource," Barton said.

Chairman Thomas R. Mahoney, D-Portland, of the Senate Committee, a lawyer, agreed with Barton.

Barton said there are plans to export about 500 million board feet of logs from the West Coast this year.

He said this competition from Japanese purchasers has forced the price of logs up to the point where small mill operators cannot buy them.

"What are you going to do when someone who pays 50 cents a day for labor can bid \$70 a thousand feet for the timber?" Barton asked.

Barton said when a log is shipped out of the United States to be manufactured, it means that local people are cut out of jobs.

"These are the kind of jobs and payrolls we need to keep our people working and it behooves us to look at the future," he said.

Rep. W. O. Kelsay, D-Roseburg, told the committee that the bill affects only a small amount of timber, but could serve to flash a warning light to point up the problem to the federal government.

Kelsay and Barton are sponsors of the bill.

Ernest Baker, representing the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, and George Gray, Seaside logging firm owner, opposed the bill.

Gray said during the lumber market recession of this past winter the only log market he could find was Japan.

## Rusk Says Cuban Situation Not Considered Invasion

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk says he does not consider the Cuban situation an invasion, but rather a Cuban effort and that "Cubans will not be content until they achieve freedom."

Rusk also told a news conference Thursday that Fidel Castro received aid from many sources in overthrowing the Fulgencio Batista dictatorship and he said outside help now is aiding in the fight against the Castro regime.

In an address to the Atlanta Bar Association Thursday night, which climaxed an 11-hour whirlwind visit to his native Georgia, Rusk said he knew Cuba was uppermost in the minds of many. But he reminded the estimated 1,350 persons attending the banquet that President Kennedy "made a most significant and sober statement" on the situation a few hours earlier.

"I do not believe that it would be wise or necessary for me to attempt to embellish that statement on the same day on which it was made," he added.

On Laos, Rusk said: "We ourselves have no national interest in that country, except that it be left alone to live in freedom and independence. We want no bases there; we want no military alliances with Laos. We want it to be free and independent, genuinely neutral in its international position."

Turning to the Congo, Rusk said that was "another potentially dangerous situation, but one which has been placed in charge of the United Nations."

On the question of nuclear test bans under negotiation in Geneva, Rusk said it was hoped "that we might take the first step toward disarmament under effective inspections and control."

## Hammer Released For Good Cause Says Commission

SALEM (AP) — The state Civil Service Commission found Thursday that Maurice Hammer, 30, Woodburn, a group life supervisor at MacLaren school was adequately notified and dismissed for cause.

Hammer admitted slapping a boy at the school March 12 after the boy called him a name, and said he considered he was acting within the regulations of the institution.

It was reported at the hearing that Reed had slapped another boy after an escape try. Reed said he had the final responsibility and drew a fine line on this basis between his actions and that of an underling who could always get help in punishing a boy from his superiors if it seemed merited.

Hammer said he wasn't given written notice of his dismissal, but the commission said he had declined to accept it. That's when a fight started between Hammer and Reed. For this Reed charged Hammer with assault. Hammer was acquitted by a jury in Woodburn Justice Court on that charge.

Reed and other officers brought out that physical punishment, including slapping and spanking, was taboo at the school. They said Hammer was aware of this regulation because he had been reprimanded before.

Hammer admitted the reprimands but denied that he had previously struck any of the boys.

## Sen. Morse Raps Postal Policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Post Office Department is pursuing a " penny-wise and pound-foolish" policy in obtaining space for operations, Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., said Thursday.

He based his comments on a study he asked the General Accounting Office to make of a policy under which the department leases building space instead of buying it outright.

Morse said, "What we have here is a budgetary policy which holds that it is better to pinch pennies today and pay rent for years to come than to invest whatever may be needed in the acquisition by the government of needed postal facilities."

The GAO study deals specifically with a lease arrangement to provide postal facilities in Portland. The department entered into it last year.

Morse said in the Senate that the GAO established that over the length of the lease it will pay more for the Portland facility than it would have cost to build it.

He added, "What I seek to do now is to make public the fact that this lease arrangement for postal facilities is exceedingly costly, and that it should be stopped."



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