

House passes shield law

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SALEM (Special)—The House Monday passed an "unqualified" reporters' shield law which guarantees journalists the right to refuse to divulge their sources of information.

But the passage followed a strong move to send the bill back to committee to add some qualifications about who the measure protects and under what circumstances.

The bill, SB 206, passed the Senate several weeks ago and now goes to Gov. Tom McCall. He is expected to sign the bill as he has called it, "a priority piece of legislation."

Rep. Robert Ingalls (R-Corvallis), who carried the bill on the House floor, said many reporters felt they did not need a shield law before last June's ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court which stated the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteeing freedom of the press does not protect reporters from being compelled to reveal sources.

Since then, Ingalls pointed out, many reporters and press organizations have begun pushing for an unqualified shield "because sources just dry up" under the threat of being exposed.

"Passage of this measure is necessary for protection of the

public's right to know," Ingalls, a newspaper editor, said.

Other legislators indicated they disagreed with Ingalls by voting in favor of the motion to send the bill back to committee.

"I make this motion with a good deal of regret because I sat on the committee that considered the bill," Rep. George Cole (D-Seaside) said. "But, I am not satisfied with the end product because it shields practically everyone that is involved with the dissemination of information," he added.

Cole also pointed out that the bill makes no provision for compelling a reporter to reveal sources in cases with "an overriding public interest."

He said the bill "goes far beyond what is necessary for newsmen to protect their sources."

Rep. Norma Paulus (R-Salem) supported Cole's motion and appealed "to both the conservatives and very liberal elements of this assembly."

Paulus, an attorney, said she would rather not have any shield law because "passing the measure will give way to the growing opinion that freedom is a privilege, and I abhor that."

But, she said that if the Legislature passes a shield law it should include "some very minimal qualifications."

Paulus urged that the bill be amended to include provisions giving any defendant the right to compel newsmen to reveal sources or unpublished information to prove his or her innocence.

She argued that the real basis for any shield law was not protecting the public's right to know, "since I have seen no evidence of a need for this bill in Oregon," but that "the U.S. government has no business using the press as an investigative arm."

Rep. Keith Skelton (D-Portland), an attorney, said he

has "been trying to get a shield law passed in Oregon for many years." The measure has failed during previous sessions, he said, because of divisions on the issue among "members of the press."

But, he pointed out that since the Supreme Court ruling last June, 35 reporters across the country have been jailed or fined for refusing to reveal their sources.

"Reporters are being told what to say and what not to say by judges of this country," Skelton said.

The motion to re-refer the bill failed, 22-38, and the bill was approved 49-21.

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Liberal Arts revision

Students may advise dean

Students may soon have an opportunity to be members of the advisory committee to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

The committee serves as an advisory body to the Dean on all matters of policy, with the major emphasis on promotion and tenure within the College of Liberal Arts.

The advisory committee recently established an ad hoc committee, with the purpose of investigating a proposal that three student members be added to the advisory committee.

Student input is essential to the ad hoc committee, according to a member of the committee, biology professor Edward Novitski, who stresses that committees often have a difficult time obtaining the opinions of students. To help close this communications gap, the ad hoc committee is asking students who

have opinions, pro or con, in regard to student representation on the Advisory committee to make these opinions known.

An ASUO proposal that students become members of the advisory committee was made last November before the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts. The proposal asked that the three students "function as full members, participating in all committee activities." The proposal also stated that at least one of the students be an undergraduate, at least one a graduate student, and that there be one student each from the Humanities, the Sciences, and the Social Sciences.

The original proposal provided for the student members to be nominated by the ASUO President and confirmed by the ASUO Senate. As the Senate no longer exists, a new method for

election will have to be determined if the rest of the proposal is accepted, Novitski said.

Students who wish to state their opinions have been asked by Novitski to make a written statement of their views and present it to one of the five ad hoc committee members. The members are: Stoddard Malarkey, associate professor of English, 118C PLC; Novitski, 65 Science; Michael Posner, Professor of psychology, 316 Condon; Steven Rendall, associate professor of Romance Languages, 210 Friendly; and Jack Sanders, associate professor of religious studies, 221 Chapman.

The written statement can also be left in the office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, located in 114 Friendly Hall.

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Pre-school education panel meets tonight

A symposium on "Questions and Issues in Pre-School Education," will be held at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the second-floor auditorium of the Clinical Services building.

The panel discussion is part of a "Week of the Young Child," being held this week and sponsored by the Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children.

Participating on tonight's panel are Siegfried Englemann, associate professor of special education, Mary Rothbart, research fellow in the department of psychology, Martin Waechter, visiting professor, special education, Marion Corlin, associate professor, department of family life, William Sheppard, assistant professor of psychology and Robert Leber, professor psychology.

All panel participants are associated with the University.

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