

Conference panel set to 'fine-tune' tax bill proposal

SALEM (AP) - Legislative maneuvering over the sales tax package appeared to move onto a fast track Wednesday, when the House of Representatives sent the proposal to a House and Senate negotiating committee headed by the Legislature's top leaders.

Gov. Vic Atiyeh is to appear before the negotiating committee on Thursday to urge it to ease the school spending limit the Senate put into the plan.

The school spending restriction apparently is the last major obstacle to completing legislative action on the ballot measure that asks voters to enact a 5 percent sales tax.

If it clears the Legislature, the measure will go to the voters at a special election later this year. The date had been set as Sept. 17, but now there is talk of moving the election to early October.

Senate President John Kitzhaber, D-

Roseburg, and House Speaker Vera Katz, D-Portland, on Wednesday appointed themselves to the negotiating committee.

Other members are Sens. Rod Monroe, D-Portland, and Cub Houck, R-Salem; and Reps. Tom Throop, D-Bend, and Mary Burrows, R-Eugene.

The leaders said if a quick agreement can be reached, the Legislature could wind up work by Friday on the top issue

of the 1985 session. That would be 96 days after the session convened in January.

However, the influential education lobby is distressed about the school spending ceiling adopted by the Senate.

The House-passed version of the tax plan would allow school property tax bases to rise by 6 percent a year without voter approval. The Senate cut the automatic growth limit to 3 percent.

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Playboy feature draws protests at Bay schools

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) - Playboy magazine's plan to recruit female students for its fall photo feature "The Girls of the Pac-10" has touched off protests at Stanford University.

And at the University of California-Berkeley, the student newspaper, the Daily Californian, refused to run Playboy advertisements that announce the pictorial and a phone number for women interested in posing.

At an emotional noon rally Tuesday, about 250 students and faculty members showed up to protest the visit by Playboy photographer David Chan, who was scheduled to begin interviewing Stanford women at his hotel room Wednesday.

Vanessa Poster, spokeswoman for Stanford Students Opposed to Pornography, said Wednesday that the group planned to picket outside Chan's hotel for an hour.

"We're not going to try to stop anyone from doing something they've decided to do. We just want women to make an educated decision," she said.

"Pornography isn't about sex, it's about power," Linda Crouse, chief steward of the United Stanford Workers union, told the applauding crowd at Tuesday's rally. "It's about those who buy and those who are bought."

The Stanford Daily, the school's student paper, decided to run Playboy's quarter-page ad seeking women to pose.

And at Berkeley, the Daily Californian decided against the ads, said Martin Rabkin, the paper's general manager, adding, "The policy on Playboy wasn't because of the ad in question but because of what Playboy represents - a sexist viewpoint."

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