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Legislature may pass budget



SALEM (AP) — When it comes to determining when the Oregon Legislature will finish its work and adjourn, the budget is always the big question mark.

The coming week could provide strong indications about whether House and Senate leaders will be able to meet their goal of adjourning by early summer.

Adopting a two-year state operating budget is the only thing the Legislature really is required to do by the state constitution, and it has to be balanced.

But that's not an easy thing to do with educators, social services advocates and dozens of other interest groups competing for limited dollars.

Money was at the root of the mini-revolt last week by a few House members who have strong notions about how it should be spent.

However, Republican leaders now say the budget scenario is close to taking final shape.

"We're entering into the exit-plan stage," said Senate Majority Leader Brady Adams of Grants Pass. "We're much closer than we were."

Adams said the agreement could come as soon as the end of this week.

After the revolt by a few House dissidents against House Speaker Bev Clarno apparently began fizzling, House Majority Leader Ray Baum

said major agreements were being reached on such key issues as school support.

A large issue is how much money to give local districts to help equalize spending per pupil.

House Republicans appear to be settling on a plan to give about \$100 million to \$130 million more than Gov. John Kitzhaber's 1995-97 budget provides for school aid.

Adams said that is good news. The Senate GOP is willing to give more money to schools than would Kitzhaber's budget but not as much as the \$180 million or more initially sought by some House Republicans.

A school-aid agreement would pave the way for many other spending decisions because education consumes more than half of the general fund budget.

Another sticking point is whether to give back to taxpayers more than \$300 million in excess income tax collections.

Taxpayers will get the money back unless the Legislature changes the law that requires refunds when revenues are 2 percent or more above estimates.

Baum said the door appears closed in the House to the idea of the Legislature keeping the money and using it for other purposes. Senate leaders flatly said Republicans won't support retaining the money.

Roadside memorial will be removed

TACOMA (AP) — Flowers and a cross placed along Interstate 5 near Tillicum as a memorial for a woman killed in a traffic accident have to be removed, state officials said. But they are suggesting some permanent "landscaping" may be acceptable.

Janiel Zanetti died March 2 when her car was struck head-on by Robert Boeder of Lakewood, who authorities said was drunk and driving the wrong way on the freeway.

The cross at the site initiated an inquiry to the state from ACLU Legislative Director Jerry Sheehan.

Federal regulations don't allow memorials beside interstate freeways, said state officials. Depart-

ment of Transportation spokesman Rick Olson said Sheehan's call prompted a letter from the department to Zanetti's widow, Glenn.

In the April 4 letter, Regional Traffic Engineer Chuck Hornbuckle told Glenn Zanetti federal regulations prohibit the roadside memorial. Hornbuckle offered his sympathies, but told Zanetti the department wanted to remove the display on June 1.

Olson said the department also has safety concerns. Motorists should be watching the road, not gawking at memorials, Olson said. The department is also worried about motorists stopping to spend time at the memorial.

"It's dangerous to be parked on

the shoulder," Olson said.

The situation was not unprecedented. Last fall state workers removed a cross and disturbed a roadside rockery placed alongside an I-5 off ramp where a Seattle police detective was shot to death.

The state solved its Seattle public-relations problem by putting the rockery back and allowing a tree planted by police officers to remain.

Olson suggested a similar arrangement in the Zanetti case.

"My thought was we could put wildflowers there," Olson said. "We ought to be able to work out something that makes sense for everyone."

Eugene youths injured in accident

BEND (AP) — Two Eugene teen-agers were in critical condition Sunday after a driver lost control of his sport-utility truck during a mountain snowstorm and crashed head-on into a car, state police said.

The accident occurred about 7 p.m. Saturday on Highway 126 in the Cascades about a mile south of the junction with U.S. Highway 20, troopers said.

Clay Agost, 14, and Benjamin

Cooley, 13, were listed in critical condition at McKenzie-Willamette Hospital in Springfield. Both boys suffered abdominal injuries, and Agost also suffered severe head injuries, according to a nursing supervisor.

The two teens were passengers in a car driven by John Deegan, 15, of Eugene. His mother, Susan Kline, 44, and another teen, Benjamin Schuman, 15,

both of Eugene, also were passengers, said Dick Eilbeck, Oregon State Police supervisor in Bend.

Kline was in serious condition at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend with multiple fractures. Her son, Deegan, was in fair condition with a broken leg, and Schuman was in serious but stable condition with abdominal injuries, a nursing supervisor said.

Mistake lists living veteran as dead

PORTLAND (AP) — A retired Army sergeant is trying to convince the military he is still alive after he was mistakenly declared dead.

"The Army says the VA killed me on the first of February," said Norman Rogers, who has been trying to get the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense to fix the problem.

Each agency blames the other for the mistake, he said, leaving him caught in the middle without his monthly retirement and disability checks.

"It started out as a joke," Rogers said. "We all thought it was funny at first. But shoot, I'm missing two months' pay now."

He first learned of the problem about three weeks ago when his bank notified him that his checks were bouncing.

"My wife called the bank and said the Army requested the money back because he's been

declared dead," Rogers said. "I've been calling and calling them, but they haven't brought me back to life yet."

Rogers said the problem may have occurred when his records were transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison near Indianapolis to a center in Cleveland.

Key Bank of Oregon provided him with a copy of a direct deposit form from the veterans office in Indianapolis notifying the bank Rogers had died and listing the date as Feb. 1, 1995.

On Friday, he received a letter from the Portland VA office dated Friday and addressed to the "Next of Kin of Norman E. Rogers." The letter asked his family to provide his date of death because his benefit payments had been returned.

Rogers, 43, served 20 years in the Army before retiring in May 1991 with 30 percent disability. He now drives short-haul trucks.

"The people at work call me

'Dead Man' on the CB," Rogers said, and other drivers kid him with lines like "you're doing pretty good at keeping it between the lines for a dead man."

He said he calls the federal office in Cleveland every day to complain that he still is officially listed as dead, but "you never talk to the same person when you call."

Donna St. John, a VA spokeswoman in Washington, D.C., said she did not have access to computer records on Sunday. But she said the Defense Department is responsible for paying retirement benefits, not the veterans agency.

Efforts to reach Defense Department officials in Washington were unsuccessful.

Army officials reached Sunday said they would investigate but they had no immediate comment.