

**IN BRIEF**

**Utility bill stalls as House, Senate pass unlike versions**

SALEM — Legislators on both sides of the aisle in Salem say they want to stop utilities from collecting extra from customers to pay for state and federal taxes, then paying almost nothing to the government.

But as the session winds down, there has been no agreement over how to shut the loophole.

Late this week, an Oregon House committee passed a dramatically revamped version of a bill that has already passed the Senate.

The House version drew immediate condemnation from consumer activists.

They charge that the amended bill is actually worse than current law, mainly because it could make Oregon taxpayers pay for taxes owed by unconnected utility subsidiaries, including those that are not based in Oregon.

In addition, utilities would be able to maintain their current over-collection practice for three more years before the regulations would take effect.

"This is a big, huge step backward from what passed the Senate," said Mark Nelson, a lobbyist for the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities.

Utility companies, meanwhile, would prefer that legislators leave the current law untouched, said Kevin Lynch, director of governmental affairs for PacifiCorp, the parent company of Pacific Power.

But if changes are inevitable, utility companies prefer the House version, he said.

The legislation is headed to the House floor and then in all likelihood to a conference committee, where representatives of the Republican-run House and Democrat-led Senate will try to hammer out a compromise that can pass both chambers.

Industry officials say not paying

government taxes is a byproduct of an industry in which companies do more than own and run utilities.

When utility-owning conglomerates file their consolidated tax returns, the profits from some of their businesses — such as their utilities — can be used to offset the losses from other subsidiaries.

And that reduces their tax obligations, and they don't pay as much — if any at all.

**Four schools fail to comply with No Child Left Behind**

PORTLAND — Half of Portland's neighborhood middle schools have failed to meet targets mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

Parents of students at four of the Portland schools were notified on Friday that their children's school had failed to meet the federal standards, bringing to half the number of middle schools failing in the Portland area.

The parents of 2,097 students at Binnsmead, Gregory Heights, Kellogg and Portsmouth middle schools now have the chance to transfer their children to a different neighborhood middle school. The letter said the children are eligible for free transportation.

Under the No Child Left Behind Act, schools are required to show yearly progress for all students each year, including those with disabilities. Last school year, 50 percent of students had to pass the English test and 49 percent had to pass the math test to meet the federal requirement. Students in special categories, such as those with disabilities or those learning English as a second language, are also required to make progress, but their scores can be lower.

The four middle schools new to the list failed to meet standards for certain groups of students.

A spokeswoman for the schools said their status could change after test scores are rechecked this summer.

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