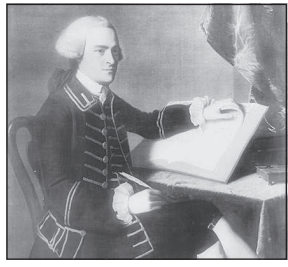


DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2019. There are 342 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Jan. 23, 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

ON THIS DATE

In 1368, China's Ming dynasty, which lasted nearly three centuries, began as Zhu Yuanzhang was formally acclaimed emperor following the collapse of the Yuan dynasty.

In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "Lame Duck Amendment," was ratified as Missouri approved it.

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In 1962, Jackie Robinson was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility. Tony Bennett recorded "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" in New York for Columbia Records.

In 1964, the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified as South Dakota became the 38th state to endorse it.

In 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy intelligence ship USS Pueblo, commanded by Lloyd "Pete" Bucher, charging its crew with being on a spying mission; one sailor was killed and 82 were taken prisoner. (Cmdr. Bucher and his crew were released the following December after enduring 11 months of brutal captivity at the hands of the North Koreans.)

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$72 million
5-18-24-26-36-40

Mega Millions: \$96 million
4-15-37-59-64-16-x5

Powerball: \$144 million
5-8-41-65-66-PB 20-x3

Win for Life: Jan. 21
13-19-61-62

Pick 4:

Jan. 22
• 1 p.m.: 7-4-7-8
• 4 p.m.: 8-5-9-8
• 7 p.m.: 5-0-1-3
• 10 p.m.: 7-3-5-6

Pick 4:

Jan. 21
• 1 p.m.: 0-1-8-6
• 4 p.m.: 0-0-2-5
• 7 p.m.: 9-1-7-4
• 10 p.m.: 8-9-2-1

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The trouble is that hardly anybody in America goes to bed angry at night."

— George J. Stigler,
American economist (1911-1991).

Education, climate change, health care on lawmakers' agenda

By Andrew Selsky
The Associated Press

SALEM — The Oregon Legislature convened Tuesday for the 2019 session, aiming to improve the state's lagging public schools — and find the revenue to accomplish that, address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and promote access to health care and housing.

Democrats who control both the Senate and the House of Representatives say they have stretched out a hand to Republicans to bridge the partisan divide.

Sen. Michael Dembrow, D-Portland, said lawmakers are building consensus on land use in Eastern Oregon. He highlighted a Senate bill on Tuesday that allows counties in the sparsely populated, predominantly Republican region to designate up to 50 acres outside urban growth boundaries for industrial and other employment uses.

The bill was sponsored by Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, Sen. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, and Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena. Courtney has said he wants legislation to benefit the entire state of Oregon.

Rep. Carl Wilson, leader of House Republicans, warned on Friday they would try to block legislation they deem dangerous to rural Oregon's economic health.

Legislation to cut state-wide carbon emissions is a top priority, Dembrow told reporters. Carbon dioxide from the burning of fossil fuels is the biggest component of greenhouse gases that are warming the planet.

"You'll see it as a priority for the governor, the House and as well for the Senate," Dembrow said.

One of the challenges in doing a carbon pricing program is to not cause manufacturers in Oregon to move to other states with no, or more lax, greenhouse-gas emissions standards.

"Global warming is a global problem, and so our preference would be to create a program where they can be kept in state, under the program, and put on a steady (emissions) reduction diet over time," Dembrow said. A third-party analysis will be incorporated into the bill that determined which high-emissions manufacturers wouldn't be able to compete if the carbon pricing program was instituted too abruptly, Dembrow said.

The Legislature's joint committee on carbon reduction hopes to have draft legislation ready by the end of January, Dembrow said.

Gov. Kate Brown has a \$2 billion education investment package, in addition to her base budget, in her proposed state budget that would require some type of tax increase. Priorities are for early childhood education, increasing the school year to 180 days, increasing the high school graduation rate, and technical education.

Payments into the unfunded liability of the state's public pension system, known as PERS, will inevitably siphon off some education funding, Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, D-Beaverton, told reporters Tuesday.

"Whatever we invest in our K-12 system, or even our higher ed system, won't buy us as much — in terms of teachers, in terms of classroom days — because of the ever-increasing percentage of employer payments into

the PERS system," Steiner Hayward said.

A health care financing package for the Medicaid recipients is critical and will start in the House, Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, D-Gresham, who is the chairwoman of the health care committee, told reporters.

Speaking at the opening of the Senate, Sen. Lew Frederick, D-Portland, cited words penned by Hughes that read: "Keep your hand on the plow; hold on."

"I think that's appropriate for us as we begin this session," Frederick said.

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