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## Salem Scene

by Everett E. Cutler

### Legislature To Study Modernization Steps

There'll be some changes made here, if the Advisory Committee on the Oregon Legislature has its way. But going from biennial to annual legislative sessions, while still being considered, may not be one of them.

Last week the committee declined to act on recommendations that annual sessions be provided, without limits on length or subject matter, and that the legislature be permitted to vote itself into special session. The two proposals had been submitted by a subcommittee seeking ways to improve management of the rapidly-growing business of government.

Many ideas of other subcommittees, though, will be presented in bill form to the legislature when it convenes in January. If adopted—and Constitutional changes still would have to go to the people for approval—they will bring about many changes, some procedural and some highly visible.

Among the visible to Salem visitors would be new wings on the Capitol Building. Such construction is strongly backed by the committee, both to house legislative office space and to provide a new focus for the public to attend hearings and committee meetings.

For more prime office space, the committee suggests moving storage and supply rooms and the Senate lounge, and restricting occupancy of the executive branch to its present space. For convenience, additional telephones would be installed in both chambers, and the Capitol press corps would be given what presently is the largest hearing room.

Another noticeable change would be electronic voting, recommended for either or both houses. Roll call votes now are verbal, which is slower than signalling responses to a central tally board as is done in some states.

Public understanding and appreciation of legislative procedures have been of concern to the advisory committee, and to assist primarily of citizens members. Recommended are several moves intended to draw visiting citizens into more active participation in their government.

Among these are electronic equipment such as improved public address systems in both chambers and possibly closed-circuit television for observers unable to get into overcrowded hearing rooms. In addition, the legislature would be encouraged to develop a series of explanatory brochures, and an up-to-date film could be made for explaining legislative procedures to Capitol visitors whose lawmakers are not in session.

In re-examining legislative organization, the committee recommends increasing the number of senators to 31 and representatives to 61, in order to avoid tie votes. It would establish 11 identical committees in each house, committees being the place where most legislative work is accomplished.

They would not meet jointly, except for the Ways and Means, and Rules and Resolutions, but would continue through interim periods with essentially the same membership. Other committees, upon agreement of their chairmen, could meet jointly for hearings.

Proposals for continuing committees would be: Education, Financial Affairs, Governmental Affairs, Health, Welfare and Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor and Management, Resource Development, Rules and Resolutions, Taxation, Transportation and Ways and Means.

Another recommendation calls for a program and management audit, separate from the financial audit now conducted by the secretary of state.

Other recommendations to the 1969 legislature include increases in legislators' salary and per diem expenses, in increasing legal counsel and clerical staff to review all bills instead of the estimated 60

per cent they now draft or review. They would provide for uniform rules in both houses, for legislators to have bills pre-printed and pre-filled before sessions convene, and for procedures for a consent calendar—under which non-controversial bills could be placed for action without floor debate if not protested.

A Constitutional change, requiring a statewide vote, could come out of a recommendation to permit attachment of the emergency clause to revenue measures. Tax measures now cannot take effect for 90 days after the legislature adjourns, making them subject to referendum before they are tried. An emergency clause puts bills into effect as soon as the governor signs them.

As recommended by the advisory committee, the emergency clause on revenue measures would require specifications of facts of the emergency in the bill, and a two-thirds majority vote supporting the clause in each house. This proposal is getting further study, for there is some question on the mechanics of requiring the two-thirds vote on a clause in a measure requiring only a simple majority for passage.

Counting today there remains but three weeks and one day before the Fourth of July... and that's not long, especially with the amount of work yet to be done. And most of that work centers around the Battle of Battle Rock.

What's mainly needed are more volunteers to play the Indians. Qualifications are not much, either... just things like bravery... ability to make war-whoops... mediocre proficiency with low and arrow or spear and tomahawk... and some ability to play dead in the event one of the settlers happens to shoot straight.

If there happens to be ANY red-blooded redskins... contact Don Tate, usually found around one of the local schools during the week day... or chamber president Maude Welt... or even me, at the News office. Who knows... you might even have a lot of fun while helping the cause.

Police chief Curt Welt tells me somebody turned a pair of young girl's glasses in to him recently but they won't fit him... so if the owner will stop at the police station and identify them he'll give 'em back.

For the second time in the past 12 years... as near as I can remember... a quorum of councilmen failed to show for the regular Tuesday night council meeting... so no meeting, official type that is. Which is really a darn good record when you stop to consider that the job is strictly for free and that there's been a lot of meetings during that time.

There was one problem because of no quorum, tho... because it was the meeting for the public hearing on the budget. But then maybe it really wasn't a problem because no one showed up to discuss the budget... at least not by 8:45 when I left.

Chamber of commerce members were talking Monday noon about what to do for a parade marshal and the name of Sen. Wayne Morse came up because he was instrumental in getting funds for the local jetty project. Of course EVERYBODY that what a GREAT thing if the senator could attend... seeing as how NOBODY can remember him ever being here before.

After getting all enthused

with the idea I agreed to contact my good friend Charlie Brooks at Morse's Portland office and see if the senator COULD make it. Charlie told me that Morse was in Washington but that he had to come to Oregon the last of June so he would see if the senator might be able to stay over through the Fourth, then call me back Tuesday afternoon.

With high hopes I started the wheels rolling for a reception for the senator with county and city officials... to tour the harbor, treatment plant, fish hatchery, etc... then waited for the phone to ring.

It did, I wish it hadn't. He can't come. (But I tried.) (He had another commitment in Woodburn.)

—P—

While I'm on the subject of parades... chairman Harold Robinson would like to have all those clubs, groups, individuals, etc., who are planning to enter, sign up as soon as possible so he can start making up the formation plans. An entry form will be found on this page. Just fill it out and turn it in to Harold and he'll be so happy he may even turn a hand-spring or two. And that alone would be worth the effort of entering. By the way... there'll be first and second prizes (ribbons) in each of the six divisions, plus a big Sweepstakes Ribbon for the best Jetty Jubilee theme entry.

Youngsters entering in the junior parade will be trying for cash prizes... plus a big penny scramble for all the kids that enter... right after the parade at Battle Rock.

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Treatment plant operator Charlie Haines tells me he is having some problems at the plant with a small plastic device that is being dumped daily into the sewer system. The device is about three inches long, hollow, with one end smaller and ribbed. Charlie says the gadgets are fouling up the operation and he would be most happy if whoever is depositing them would cease. He doesn't know what the item is... nor does anybody else he has shown them to... so he is a little stymied. Below is a photo of one. (If you can make it out.)

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## LETTERS to the Editor

### TO THE EDITOR

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you of Mr. Norman Crowhurst's appointment by the Oregon Radiological Defense Officer's Association Board of Directors to the office of second vice president in the organization.

Mr. Crowhurst, of Gold Beach, was first elected to the Board of Directors by the membership and then appointed to the second vice presidency by the Board.

The Oregon Radiological Defense Officer's Association was originated and incorporated as a nonprofit professional organization in the State of Oregon. Since then, other states have now started forming like patterned groups on a national or organization basis. Mr. Crowhurst holds a charter membership in the ORDOA organization and has been instrumental in its early growth, contributions and success.

Hugh Holto  
Secretary-treasurer, ORDOA  
The Dalles, Oregon

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### Funds Sought For Jackman Memorial

A fund drive has been started to put up the framework for what could be the most far reaching and ambitious private by endowed agricultural and natural resource program in Oregon State University history.

Friends of the late E. R. Jackman are attempting to raise \$150,000 to establish the E. R. Jackman Institute for Agricultural Resources in his memory. Eventually they hope to build an endowment of at least \$1 million to perpetuate the institute.

Jackman, who died last year at the age of 73, was a county agent and OSU extension farm crops specialist at OSU until his retirement in 1959. He was credited with pioneering programs which brought improved varieties to Oregon wheat and grass seed growers, new production techniques to potato growers, and better range management practices to cattle and sheep ranchers.

Widely known as an author and lecturer, Jackman co-authored such books as "Gold and Cattle Country," "The Oregon Desert," and "Blazing Forest Trails."

In a tribute to Jackman, Gene Lear, director of the OSU Cooperative Extension Service, said, "His infectious personality, his intimate knowledge of every part of Oregon, his genuine interest in all people and things—in addition to his great competency—made him welcome everywhere."

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### Ag Conference Held In Salem

Emphasis was placed on programs that will give the best protection to the consumer and cooperation with producers and processors of various food and milk products inspected by the Oregon Department of Agriculture at a conference in Salem last week attended by Elmer Morgan, Coos Bay, dairy sanitarian for this area.

The conference, held by the department for personnel from its dairy and consumer services division, covered all phases of the inspection programs under that division. Included in the discussion were milk and milk products, processing of both milk products and foods, egg inspections and inspection of egg meat plants and package weighing.

Occupational transfer and other taxes imposed by the National Firearms Act remain in full force.

The Federal Firearms Act, a separate statute which regulates the interstate transportation of weapons, was not involved in the Haynes case and is not affected by the decision.

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### Bible School Set

The Zion Lutheran Church announces its vacation Bible School beginning July 29 through August 2. All those who wish to enroll should register by July 7.

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### SOUTH COAST ANGLING

Fair spring chinook and trout fishing and excellent clamming and bottom fishing are being enjoyed along the South Coast this week.

The Rogue River continues to give up a few nice chinook to the smattering of boat anglers still working the river. This late season effort is paying off as many of the fish are in the 20-30 pound class.

Spring chinook counts over Gold Ray Dam totaled 6,153 through May 31. This is about 2,000 fish below the 10-year average but is well above last year's count which numbered 4,764 by this date.

A few boats venturing over the bars at Gold Beach and Brookings in quest of salmon are loading up with bottom fish instead. Drifting near the reefs working a jig or herring has been extremely productive for large lingcod and red snapper.

Minus tides continue through Sunday for clammers. The best tides occurred earlier in the week but ambitious diggers should be able to find enough for a mess.

Pelicans nest in colonies, usually on an off-shore island.

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### May Has High Death Toll

There were 55 traffic deaths reported to the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles during May. It was the highest death toll reported so far this year. The previous month, April, recorded 53 deaths.

The May figure, which is subject to revision if persons injured in May die at a later date, brought the state's year-to-date death toll to 236, 22 fewer deaths than for the same period in 1967.

There were nine multiple death accidents during the month, with two of these each claiming four lives.

The May toll included six persons killed during the last two days of the month as part of the Memorial Day holiday toll. The holiday period, including the first two days in June, resulted in 13 Oregon traffic deaths.

Fatalities are reported immediately by teletype to the department, with formal police reports submitted at a later date.

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### Summer Workshop

Children between the ages of 8 and 15 have a real treat in store for them starting Saturday, June 15. The Coquille Valley Art Center is sponsoring a summer workshop in painting, drawing, composition and color harmony with Mrs. Cleo Albertson teaching the course of ten lessons and one make-up class for the nominal fee of \$10.00.

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