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Salem Scene

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Oregon's Own Vox Pop Seeks Public Support

The Oregon Legislature passed a number of new laws during the 1973 session... some of which are already in effect, and some which will become law on October 5, 1973.

LIVESTOCK THEFT
One new law, which goes into effect Oct. 5, says that the theft of any livestock is now considered to be a felony. At present, theft of an animal valued at less than \$200 is a misdemeanor.

WEAPON PERMIT
Another new Oct. 5 law states that only the Sheriff of a county can issue a concealed weapons permit. At present, a permit may be obtained from a police chief, other head of a police department or the city marshal.

NEW GAME LAW
Another new law, pertaining to game violations, states that it is illegal to cast an artificial light on a game, mammal or livestock when a person has in his possession a weapon with which the animal could be killed.

BOAT LAWS
Another statute prohibits the testing of racing motor boats in residential areas, and another makes it against the law to abandon a boat on public or private property.

NEW LANE USAGE LAW
A new law, concerning three-lane highways, specifies that trucks, campers or vehicles with trailers, shall drive in the right-hand lane and can not move from the right lane to the left lane until such movement can be made without interfering with the passage of other vehicles... which means, in layman's terms, that one "slow" vehicle can't move out to pass another "slow" vehicle if other traffic behind him is attempting to take advantage of the passing lane.

TRANSPORTING OF HAY
Another law makes it legal to transport up to 20 bales of hay without having a bill of sale in possession. Previously, it was necessary to have a bill of sale before transporting any amount of hay. Now, only if the load exceeds 20 bales, is the bill of sale needed.

TWO-YEAR LICENSE FOR VEHICLES
In keeping with the present two-year Oregon driver's license, starting Jan. 1, 1974, passenger vehicle licenses will now be issued for a two-year period instead of the present one-year, with the fee to be \$20, for the two year license, instead of the \$10 a year now paid.

OPEN BOTTLE BILL
An "open bottle bill" similar to the one in California will go into effect Oct. 5, saying that "no person shall drink any alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle while a motor vehicle is on a highway (either traveling or stopped). Furthermore, the law provides that no person shall have in his possession or on his person while in a motor vehicle upon a highway, any bottle, can or other receptacle containing any alcoholic liquor which has been opened, the seal broken or the contents of which have been partially removed, unless it is in the trunk or some other area not normally occupied by driver or passengers."

BINDER LAW CHANGES
An amendment to the number of binder chains necessary on a load of logs is another change to come out of this year's legislature. The old law requires four evenly-spaced binder chains for a load 16 feet or more in length. The new law increases the limit to 26 feet... making only two binder chains necessary for a load under 26-

Oregon's traditional vox populi is warming up again following adjournment of the Legislature.

The people's voice is being heard through petitions seeking both initiatives and referendums -- enunciated and endorsed primarily by those unhappy with action (or lack of action) by lawmakers during the 1973 marathon legislative session.

Petitions currently are being circulated for five measures that would refer legislative action to a vote of the people. And Secretary of State Clay Myers' office has three active petitions for initiative measures and a fourth that may still be activated.

Oregon residents get to vote on laws and constitutional changes by utilizing one of three distinct processes. First, the Legislature in its wisdom, must refer any changes in the state's Constitution to a test at the polls. And lawmakers also can and often do refer controversial laws to the people -- such as those that would increase taxes.

The session earlier this year in Salem opted to refer a total of 16 new proposals to the people. Four will be voted upon next year's May Primary and a dozen will face voters in November 1974.

The second method for getting new laws on the ballot is by popular referendum. In these instances proponents of a certain cause circulate petitions and obtain signatures sufficient to block new legislation until the people have a chance to vote on the issue.

And third, people can initiate new proposals by obtaining signatures similar to the procedure for referendums. Law states successful (perfected) initiatives and referendums will be voted upon at General Elections -- unless otherwise specified by the Legislature.

Such an example is the present campaign to refer Senate Bill 100 -- the land use planning bill enacted by the Legislature. The original bill states that if a referendum campaign is successful, the issue will be referred to the next Primary, instead of General Election.

In the case of initiatives, sufficient signatures must be obtained four months prior to the General Election, July 4, 1974 as far as the next election is concerned. Initiatives that would amend the Constitution require 53,312 valid signatures of registered voters. Initiatives creating new law require 39,984 signatures.

The number of signatures to refer legislative action is considerably less, 26,656. But the time element is more demanding. Petitions to refer new laws must be perfected within 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the law was enacted. The deadline this year is 5 p.m. on Oct. 4. If it is not met, the measure being referred becomes law automatically.

Most public attention this year is focusing on the five campaigns that would refer new law created by the 1973 Legislature.

The campaign to refer SB 100 is being conducted by Taxpayers Protective Association of Oregon and sponsors are Joseph F. Spenner, Stayton; Margaret R. Weems, Cheshire, and Shirley D. Hulegard, Eugene. Major objection to the new land use planning law is a fear it will endanger rights of private property owners.

Referral of House Bill 2263, the public employe collective bargaining law, is being spearheaded by Taxpayers Against Teacher and Public Employee Strikes, headed by three GOP State Senators -- Robert F. Smith, Burns, Victor Atiyeh, Portland, and Anthony Meeker, Amity. Supporters believe the law would effectively jeopardize taxpayer control of local government units and shift that power to leaders of unionized public employes.

Three Democrat lawmakers -- Representatives Ralph Groener, Oregon City; Edward Linquist, Milwaukie, and Sen. Richard Groener, Milwaukie -- are sponsoring a campaign to refer SB 325 that would expand limits and taxing power of the Port of Portland into Washington and Clackamas counties without a vote of the people.

HB 3106, which would expand authority of boundary commissions, is being referred against by Bernard A. Stewart, Salem; Margaret R. Weems, Cheshire, and Lorna J. Evans, Springfield.

And Clifford Atchley of Corvallis is acting in behalf of People Against Censorship in a campaign that would refer SB 708, a new anti-pornography law.

Initiatives in the works include those that would create a statewide lottery for charitable purposes, prohibit prosecution of defense from crime, require five per cent reductions in defeated budgets re-submitted to voters of local government units and the proposal stalled by technicalities that would limit county expenditures.

Obtaining the lion's share of statewide publicity so far is the campaign against changes in the public employe collective bargaining procedure -- HB 2263. It threatens to become a first-class political issue during forthcoming gubernatorial campaigns.

State Treasurer James Redden has successfully challenged the ballot time submitted in behalf of petitioners and this move complicates chances for successful referral.

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CONGRESS FACES BACKLOG OF WORK

As Congress moves toward adjournment of the first session of the 93rd Congress, there is a long list of work waiting to be completed. The House leadership has let it be known that they would like to adjourn by October 15, but the backlog of work that has accumulated would seem to me to indicate that that date represents nothing more than an optimistic hope.

When both the House and the Senate went back into session September 5, following their annual month-long August recess, 10 of 14 major funding (appropriations) measures for fiscal year 1974 had not yet won final Congressional approval -- and the Federal government's fiscal year ended last June 30.

On a number of occasions in the past I have protested the slow manner in which appropriations measures have been handled. Congress must develop a priority system that will allow us to deal with these bills before the fiscal year ends June 30. Hopefully the currently pending appropriations bill will be disposed of quickly.

Both the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and the House Education and Labor Committee on which I serve will be busy during the weeks before adjournment.

Much of my work on the Interior Committee will be concentrated on the Land Use Planning Act of 1973 which I have co-sponsored. Legislative mark-up sessions have been completed in the Environment Subcommittee and it is hoped action can be completed by the full Committee in time for the measure to be taken to the House Floor before this session ends. Even after that, it will be necessary to work out in conference with the Senate differences between our bills.

Of special interest to Oregonians is the possibility of Interior Committee hearings on the suggested creation of a Hells Canyon National Recreation Area on the Snake River along the Oregon-Idaho border. The Committee also plans to continue hearings on energy conservation research and development and to begin hearings on the plan to create a Department of Energy and National Resources. Action on legislation which would regulate strip mining is also planned.

The House Education and Labor Committee on which I serve is currently moving toward final action on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1973 (ESEA). This is the program which provides federal support to public schools across the land. There is a suggestion being discussed this year that would change the basis for distribution of funds under Title I of the Act, aid to disadvantaged students.

Under the new plan, funds would be allocated to school districts on the basis of the number of educationally deprived students in attendance. In the past funds have been allocated on the basis of the number of economically disadvantaged students enrolled. To make such a change would require administering a nationwide test to identify the number of educationally deprived students in each school district. This is a major change, and in my opinion a desirable one.

There are a number of other issues which the Education and Labor Committee may take up in the next few weeks. For instance, hearings are planned to determine what impact recent changes in college student aid programs have had. I am also pressing to have hearings scheduled on the Amateur Athletics Act of 1973 which I introduced earlier this year.

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Curry Features Mulligan Stew

Do you have a child in the 4th, 5th, or 6th grade this year? If so, they may be talking about "Mulligan Stew," a series of films which entertains and carries nutrition information aimed at reducing one of the nation's major health problems -- improper nutrition. The series is a takeoff on "Mission Impossible." A cast of five wonderful kids from a rock music group, Wilbur Doortight, they tackle six action-packed nutrition adventures, interviewing food experts, people on the street and even astronauts about good nutrition's values.

Curry is the first county in the state to have Mulligan Stew. Other schools in Oregon will view the series via educational television in the spring. Encourage your child to share Mulligan Stew with other members of the family. The text book (in comic book form) has songs, puzzles, experiments and recipes which could be shared at home.

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Director Named

At a meeting held in Salem on Thursday, Sept. 6, the State Marine Board appointed Waldo P. Ohmart as Acting Director of the agency. This action was a result of the sudden death earlier this month of R. F. Rittenhouse, Marine Director since the Board's formation. Ohmart, Assistant Director since its inception in 1959, will serve in this capacity until a new director has been chosen.

ENGAGEMENT TOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tucker of Langlois announce the engagement of their daughter Cathy to Jeffrey Porges, son of M. F. Porges of Hayward, Calif., and Mrs. Everett Clark of San Jose. Cathy graduated from Pacific High in 1971 and Jeffrey from Leland High in San Jose in 1971. Both attended Oregon State University but will transfer to California for the coming year. Jeffrey will go to California Polytechnical at San Luis Obispo and Cathy will study at San Jose State College. The wedding is planned for next summer.

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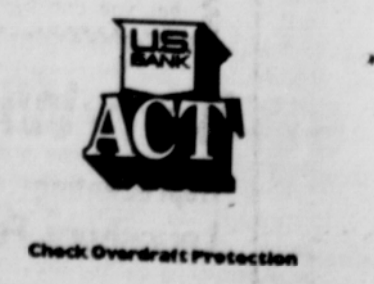
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