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It all started last fall during the election campaign. One of my campaign promises was to work for the completion of a new Highway 101 for Curry County. A lot of work has gone into bringing the project this far. Many conferences were held the early part of the session to discuss this problem between State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams, Verne Ayers of the Oregon Coast Association, George Burr of the Coos County Chamber

of Commerce, Representatives Carl Back and Clarence Barton and Senator Andrew Naterlin and myself. After a number of meetings, we decided that the only way to secure the required funds was through a bond issue. We then called a meeting on February 12 between the Chambers of Commerce, County Courts and legislators from the coastal counties as well as the Oregon Coast Association and State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams, and other interested parties. About fifty people attended this meeting, and it was decided then that the coastal legislators should introduce at this session of the legislature, a bill to provide for \$12,600,000 worth of bonds to build the above mentioned portion of the new Highway 101.

We first conferred with Governor Holmes and received his approval of the matter.

Our next step then was to contact the State Bar Assn. and ask them to prepare a bill for us to cover this. When the bill was ready, we, including Representatives Carl Back and Tom McLellan and Senator Naterlin and myself, had the bill introduced in the Senate, which was given the number of Senate Bill No. 308, and after the second reading this bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Roads and Highways on Feb. 20th. After much discussion and a hearing the bill finally was passed out of this committee unanimously on April 15th and came to the floor of the Senate for a vote on April 16th. At that time, it was found that the bill should have stated a 20 year maturity date instead of a 10 year, so the bill was re-referred to the Senate Committee on Roads and Highways for correction.

On April 17th, the bill was again sent to the floor of the Senate with a "do pass" recommendation. At that time, it was my privilege to present to the Senate this bill for their vote and with the help of Senator Naterlin, we were successful in having the bill passed with 29 Senators in favor of it and only one against it.

The bill was then sent to the House of Representatives, and it was well on its way WE THOUGHT! After the bill was read twice in the House, it was referred to the House Committee on Highways April 23rd. It was there that the question was raised as to the fact that the bill should probably have originated in the House, due to the fact that it was a bond bill, and all money bills must originate in the House. At this late date, rather than delay the matter any longer, it was readily agreed by the sponsors of the bill that they would be willing to have a substitute bill written and have it originate in the House. So, back to the State Bar Assn. again, to have the bill redrawn. When this was prepared and introduced, the House moved to suspend the rules and place the bill on second reading in order that the bill might be sent to the House Committee on Highways, immediately. Thus was the origination of House Bill No. 802.

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