

## Federal Laws and Association Activities

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persons to accept or receive any contribution prohibited by this section."

The act appears to apply only to the campaign or election of Federal officers. Money contributions, or things of value, such as donations of literature, radio time, paid ads, etc., to a candidate for Federal office or to his committee at his or its request, or with his, or its, consent, is therefore a violation of the law, whether the group involved be a union, labor organization, local, chapter, committee, club, or association.

Mr. Joseph A. Padway, expert counsel, in an interpretation of the Smith Connally Bill published in the Journal of State and Local Government Employees of September 1943 makes the following statement:

"The law places no limitations or restrictions on the expenditure of any sum of money by labor unions in connection with any activities undertaken by a union on its own behalf, in its own interests to promote its own welfare (such as a legislative program) even though such activities are intended to elect or defeat any candidate or candidates for office."

The objectives and activities of the Oregon State Employees Association have no connection with Federal offices or elections, therefore it seems highly improbable that their activities could be interpreted to be in any way subject to the restrictions of the Smith Connally Bill.

### ASSOCIATION IS NON-PARTISAN

The Oregon State Employees Association is independent and without union affiliation; is not concerned with individuals, with candidates, with nominees, or with political parties; it is non-political and non-partisan and has forsworn all pressure methods including partisan support of either individuals or party. Its program is one of education and promotion of the understanding and realization of the fact that improved working conditions; extension of the merit system; and an adequate retirement plan will all result in a distinct and definite improvement of all branches of the State service.

The association by study, thought and discussion among its own membership has another important function to perform; that is the determination of the majority opinion and sentiment of the State employees, themselves, concerning the many details involved in the above program.

The objectives of the Oregon State Employees Association are high. Activities in behalf of its program will result in great benefit to the State and incidentally to its employees. These objectives are inspiring confidence among officials and leaders of the State and local governments. Let us ever aim to prove this confidence well founded.

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