

Acknowledgment

By LEO SMITH

One cannot express adequate appreciation to everyone who helped in the passage of this act; many prefer not to be mentioned. Without attempting to exclude anyone but to give credit as my memory serves me, we should acknowledge appreciation for the following: Governor Snell's statement in his message to the legislature to the effect that he believed in the act and would sign the bill; the Oregon League of Women Voters with their education program under the able leadership of their legislative chairman, Mrs. Marion Copeland; and the excellent editorials written by Ex-Governor Charles Sprague, editor of the Oregon Statesman, and C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter.

When the bill reached the house judiciary committee, Representatives Alex Barry and Riddell Lage spent many hours testing and working over the act before recommending to the judiciary committee that the bill do pass. Joining in their recommendations were Representatives Carl Francis, Donald Heisler and Frank Van Dyke. When the bill was presented on the floor of the House, sponsor Earl Hill and Representatives John Snellstrom, Manley Wilson, Paul Hendricks, Pat Lonergan, Riddell Lage and Alex Barry gave such convincing arguments that the bill passed with an overwhelming vote of 50 to 8.

It is unfortunate, but no one's fault, that the Senate did not have the same opportunity to thoroughly study the act. The ways and means subcommittee consisting of Senators Angus Gibson and J. N. Jones and Representative William T. Johnson recommended to the committee that the bill be presented to the Senate without recommendation. Senators Coe McKenna and Fred Lam-

port presented the bill to their fellow Senators and short and helpful talks were given by Senators William Walsh, Joel Booth and Frank Hilton. The Senate voted for its passage 17 to 12. Governor Snell has signed the bill and it will become effective on June 15, 1945.

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EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATES

Public Employees Retirement Act
By E. H. CLYMER

Employee contribution rates have not been established and cannot be established until after a complete actuarial analysis of the actual personnel records of each department, county and city, by the Retirement System actuary. Employees contributions under the retirement will not start until July 1, 1946.

Ralph R. Nelson, Actuary for the California State Retirement System and the San Francisco Municipal Retirement System, computed estimated employee contribution rates for state employees under the proposed Oregon plan by making an analysis of personnel data provided him from the Oregon State Highway Department, the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission and several city, county and school groups of Oregon. The estimated employee contribution rates are as follows:

Age as of July 1, 1946 or age at subsequent entry into the system	Miscellan's. (Inc. Tehrs.)		
	Firemen & Male	Female	Police
20	3.76	4.53	5.21
25	4.24	5.20	6.21
30	4.96	6.16	7.51
35	6.01	7.49	9.32
40	6.38	7.85	9.64
45	6.81	8.22	9.98
50	7.28	8.63	10.34
55	7.76	9.04	10.71
60	8.27	9.48	—