

LEGISLATURE PASSES H.B. 294 AND H.B. 344

The recent legislature enacted the Public Employees Retirement Act, H.B. 344, and the State Civil Service Act, H.B. 294. These measures will promote stability in employment and standardize employee relations for the state. Both will be of great benefit to the state as a whole, to the employing agencies and to the public employees.

The bills received very favorable consideration in the House of Representatives. The vote on H.B. 294 was 50 for and 8 against, and recorded as follows:

Those voting yea: Adams, Bain, Balderree, Barry, Bengtson, Bennett, Bull, Chadwick, Chase, Condit, Dickson, Duniway, Ellis, Erwin, Francis, Frisbie, Gile, Gleason, Greenwood, Hall, Harvey, Heisler, Hellberg, Hendricks, Hesse, Hill, Carl C., Hill, Earl H., Himelwright, Johnson, J. O., Johnson, William T., Jones, Kimberling, Lage, Landon, Lieuallen, Lindberg, Lonergan, Meyers, Moore, Niskanen, Peterson, Pier, Poole, Semon, Snellstrom, Thomas, Van Dyke, Wells, Wilson, Joe, Wilson, Manley J. Those voting nay: Brady, Callaway, French, Morse, Snyder, Staples, Steelhammer, Marsh. Absent: Allen and Chindgren.

On H.B. 344, the Retirement Bill, the vote in the House was 56 for and 3 against.

Those voting yea: Adams, Bain, Balderree, Barry, Bengtson, Bennett, Brady, Bull, Callaway, Chadwick, Chase, Chindgren, Condit, Dickson, Duniway, Ellis, Erwin, Francis, Frisbie, Gile, Gleason, Greenwood, Hall, Heisler, Hellberg, Hendricks, Hill, Carl C., Hill, Earl H., Himelwright, Johnson, J. O., Johnson, William T., Jones, Kimberling, Lage, Landon, Lieuallen, Lindberg, Lonergan, Meyers, Moore, Morse, Niskanen, Peterson, Pier, Poole, Semon, Snellstrom, Snyder, Staples, Steelhammer, Thomas, Van Dyke, Wells, Wilson, Joe., Wilson, Manley J., Marsh. Those voting nay: French, Harvey, Hesse. Absent: Allen.

In the Senate, H.B. 294, the Merit Bill, brought forth some opposition and the vote was quite close with 17 voting yea and 12 voting no.

Those voting yea: Booth, Carson, Chessman, Engdahl, Gibson, Hilton, Lamport, McKenna, Parkinson, Patterson, Paul L., Pearson, Stadelman, Walker, Walsh, Wheeler, Winslow, Zurcher. Those voting no: Burke, Cornett, Ellis, Jones, Mahoney, Moser, Newbry, Patterson, Lee, Rand, Strayer, Wallace, Belton. Absent: Fatland.

The Senate vote on H.B. 344, the Retirement Bill, was 27 for and 2 against.

Those voting yea: Booth, Burke, Carson, Chessman, Cornett, Ellis, Engdahl, Fatland,

Gibson, Hilton, Lamport, McKenna, Moser, Newbry, Parkinson, Patterson, Lee, Patterson, Paul L., Pearson, Rand Stadelman, Walker, Wallace, Walsh, Wheeler, Winslow, Zurcher, Belton. Those voting nay: Jones, Strayer. Absent: Mahoney.

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Mr. R. H. Baldock, State Highway Engineer, advises that the State Highway Department will show on each payroll check the amount of each of the several deductions made for such items as federal withholding tax, bond purchases, industrial accident insurance, hospital association fees, etc.

Unless unexpected difficulties or delays in printing develop, the showing of these deductions will begin May 1.

This arrangement was made in response to a resolution adopted at the Oregon State Employees General Council meeting on December 2-3, 1944.

All employees except wardens of the California State prisons came within civil service jurisdiction on January 1, 1945. The extension of civil service to this group of employees was a result of a law enacted by the 1944 state legislature revising the state's entire penal system.

The 9,000 active credit unions in the United States made more than one and one half million loans to their three million members in 1943, amounting to considerably over 211 million dollars, according to a study made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Total assets of these cooperative credit associations amounted to nearly 362 million dollars.

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a sign which reads as follows: "This tree marks the spot where Tillamook fire started August 1933. Planted on March 4, 1945, by Oregon lumbermen and State Forestry Department in cooperative roadside planting project."