

has been notice in the papers that they are going to cut down on the number of merit increases because of the increase in salaries and that they are considering knocking off two holidays. The Association must be prepared either to fight or to accept.

**Lloyd Query, Director of  
Laws and Legislation:**

Mr. Query commented on the various items which had been handed to the Laws and Legislation Committee for attention.

With regard to civil service status of income tax auditors, the original law expires July 1, 1949 and as there was nothing further developed, they go back to civil service status as of that date.

The matter of changing the method of appointing the Civil Service Commission was laid on the table, the reason being that the Committee did not believe it a good thing to toss into the Legislature when it was known there would be a scrap over wages and retirement. The Committee also opposed the bill tossed in by the A.F. of L. on this subject.

The loyalty test subject was laid on the table. The bill which prohibited the employment of any one in state service who advocated overthrow of the Government by force sailed through.

With respect to the Interim Committee proposal which was approved by the Council, the Laws and Legislation Committee tabled it in February due to the fact that it was a matter which properly was handled by the Civil Service Committee and came under their jurisdiction.

Another proposal which the Laws and Legislation Committee referred to the Civil Service Committee for clarifi-

fication and on which no action was taken so far as the Legislature was concerned was the one passed by the General Council urging modernization of state laws governing the hiring and employment of young people in Oregon. This might be a subject for consideration later on.

The Committee came close to putting into the Legislature the proposal to make civil service part of the State Constitution. Close to the end of the session, a bill was introduced to repeal the civil service law and the Committee held its bill and did not put it in figuring it was a good firecracker. However, it was determined that the repeal bill was not going to get sufficient support to pass it and it was felt the other bill was a good thing to hold in case someone got the same sort of

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