

SPECIAL 1965 LEGISLATIVE SECTION

In response to many requests from members and chapters that they be supplied with "voting records" of their legislators on bills affecting state employees in the 1965 legislative session, the NEWS in this special insert supplies, as it has done in previous years, a chart of votes cast by representatives and senators on eighteen bills which reached the floor of the House or Senate.

Votes have been characterized as "favorable" or "unfavorable" to the interests of state employees. This may create a tendency on the part of readers to "rate" legislators merely on the basis of recorded votes. Although a voting record often does reveal the attitude of a legislator in a general area, for reasons to be discussed it does not furnish the sole criteria of legislative performance, and this listing should not serve as either an endorsement or a "blacklisting" of any particular legislator.

GROWING INTEREST

The desire for information regarding the votes of legislators is a sign of the growing interest on the part of state employees in so-called political matters, which will be emphasized further next year in candidates forums and other pre-election activities. It is hoped that readers of this special NEWS feature will set it aside and keep it for future use, not as a "voting guide" for the next election but as a research aid to be used in conjunction with forums and other materials to help form an evaluation of legislators seeking re-election.

As examination of the chart will show, this material is not nearly as revealing in the case of senators as representatives. Most of the bills originated in the House and votes were cast at times when there was considerable examination and debate. By the time the bills reached the Senate, much of the controversy had dissipated. Also, most of the

bills were voted upon in the closing days of the session, when there was little or no debate and few negative votes cast.

BILLS DIE

Much of the work of the legislature takes place in committees. Some committees diligently record all votes on bills before them. Many bills, however, die without ever being voted upon, as was the case of a number of bills of interest to state employees in the Ways and Means committee and the State and Federal Affairs committee of the Senate. Some committees vote on bills in executive session, and votes may or may not be recorded or available for inspection. The result is that many significant activities are not subject to charting on "voting records."

VOTING INTENTIONS

A legislator may vote "unfavorably" on a bill with the best of intentions. An example is the bill setting the salaries of certain state officials and placing State

Police in the unclassified service (HB 1007). Some legislators voted "no" on this bill because they were opposed to higher state salaries, while some cast the same vote to protest what they considered inadequacies in the salary schedule in the bill.

Some bills are lengthy and complicated, containing sections some of which a legislator agrees with and some of which he opposes. This may have been true with some of the small group who voted against the apprenticeship bill, HB 1167, which was later vetoed by the Governor.

MAY VOTE NO

A legislator may not necessarily oppose a bill but may vote "no" on it because he thinks another bill on the same subject will do a better job. This was probably the case in some votes on HB 1688, OSEA's employee representation procedures bill. Some representatives who voted against the bill in the House would have voted "aye" when it was considered un-

der different circumstances in the Senate.

Not the least of considerations must be that persons of like interest do not always think alike. A legislator may take a position on a bill that is dictated by the best of intentions and a conscientious feeling that the position taken is in the best interest of the persons affected, though the latter do not agree. Charts, unfortunately, do not leave room for explanation.

ATTEND MEETINGS

A chart may be the easy way to look at a record, but it is preferable that the reader contact his legislator and talk to him, attend chapter meetings or forums where candidates can be interviewed, keep up on legislative activities in the daily press and the NEWS, and study the Voter's Pamphlet. Then he will not only learn more about what went on last legislative session, but also what may realistically be expected when the legislature meets again.

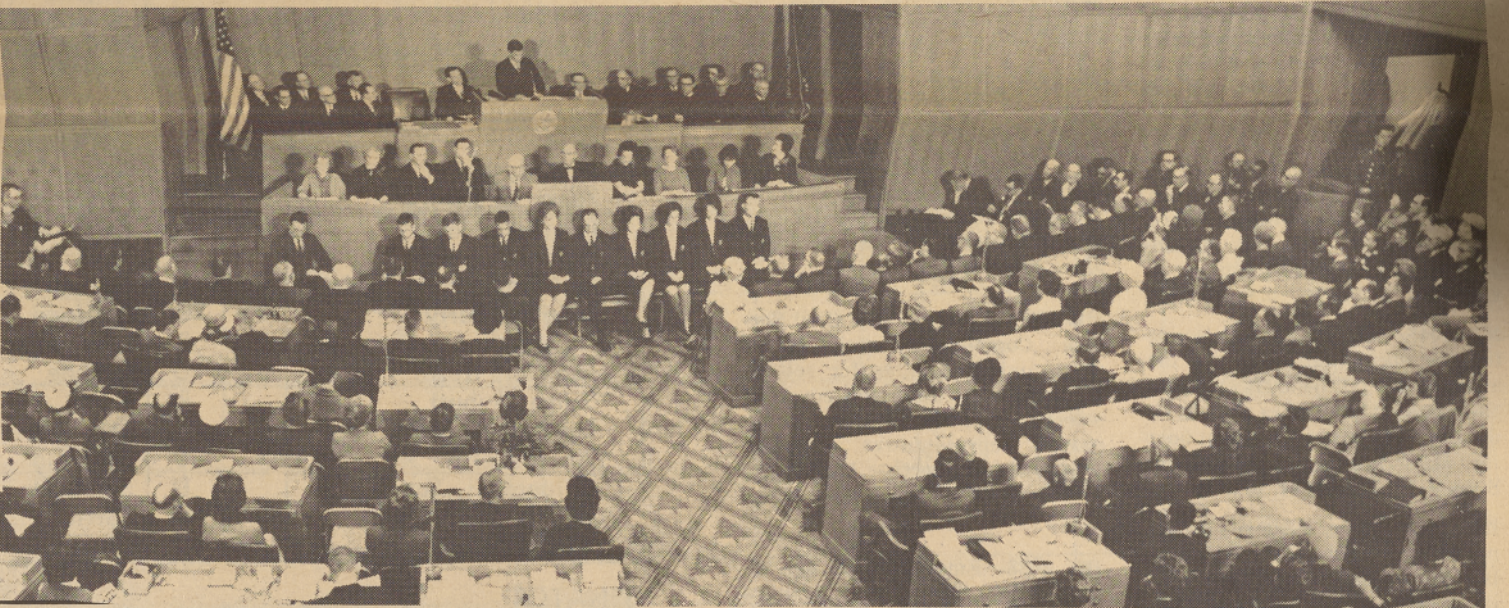
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Governor Mark O. Hatfield is shown as he addresses a joint meeting of the House and Senate in the House chambers on the opening day of the 53rd Oregon Legislative Assembly on January 11, 1965. About the session, OSEA Executive Secretary Thomas C. Enright said, "Considering the conservative approach taken by the legislature on matters in general . . . state employees received much better consideration than many other groups and better than they had received for some time. The greatly increased size of the organization and the awareness of matters political and legislative which it has shown, has benefited all state employees."



LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE APPOINTED

House Speaker F. F. Montgomery (R-Eugene) and Senate President Harry D. Boivin (D-Klamath Falls) have announced their appointments to the 1965 Legislative Interim Committees.

Along with the State Emergency Board and the Legislative Counsel Committee, the interim committees will conduct studies between the 1965 and 1967 legislative sessions. They will report to the 1967 Legislature.

After the committees organize, chairmen will be elected and staff members will be hired.

Interim committee appointments include the following legislators:

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL

Senators Alice Corbett (D-Portland), Glenn Huston (D-Lebanon), John J. Inskeep (R-Oregon City), L. W. Newbry (R-Ashland), E. D. Potts (D-Grants Pass), Ward Cook (D-Portland), and Boivin. Representatives John Mosser (R-Beaverton), Ross Morgan (D-Gresham), Edward Branchfield (R-Medford), Keith Skelton (D-Eugene), Betty Roberts (D-

Portland), Lee Johnson (R-Portland), C. R. Hoyt (R-Corvallis) and Montgomery.

HIGHWAYS

Senators Robert Elfstrom (R-Salem), John J. Inskeep (R-Oregon City), Andrew Naterlin (D-Newport) and Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario). Representatives Paul Hanneman (R-Tillamook), Edward Elder (R-Eugene), William Holmstrom (D-Gearhart), Norman Howard (D-Portland) and Sidney Bazett (R-Grants Pass).

TAX STUDY

Representatives Sam Johnson (R-Redmond), John Dellenback (R-Medford) and Richard Groener (D-Milwaukie). Senators Gordon McKay (R-Bend), Donald Husband (R-Eugene) and Glen Stadler (D-Eugene).

PUBLIC LANDS

Representatives Don Wilson (R-Eugene), Robert F. Smith (R-Burns), James Bedingfield (R-Coos Bay) and W. S. Ouderkerk (R-Newport). Senators Ted Hallock (D-Portland), Vern Cook (D-

Troutdale) and Edward N. Fadeley (D-Eugene).

PUBLIC HEALTH

Representatives Dale Harlan (D-Milwaukie), Grace Peck (D-Portland), Fred Meek (R-Portland), Morris Crothers (R-Salem) and Shirley Field (R-Portland). Senators Victor Atiyeh (R-Beaverton), Jack Bain (D-Portland), R. F. Chapman (D-Coos Bay) and Arthur Ireland (R-Forest Grove).

EDUCATION

Representatives Carroll Howe (R-Klamath Falls), James Redden (D-Medford), Hugh McGilvra (R-Forest Grove), E. G. Chuinard (R-Portland) and Richard Kennedy (D-Eugene). Senators Alice Corbett (D-Portland), Al Flegel (D-Roseburg), Walter Leth (R-Salem) and Tom Monaghan (D-Milwaukie).

AGRICULTURE

Senators Eddie Ahrens (R-Turner), Arthur Ireland (R-Forest Grove), Walter Leth (R-Salem) and Raphael Raymond (R-Helix). Representatives Don

McKinnis (D-Summerville), Gerald Detering (R-Harrisburg), Jack Anunsen (R-Salem), L. B. Day (D-Salem) and Tom Bessnette (R-Baker).

EMERGENCY BOARD

Representatives Stafford Hansell (R-Hermiston), Joe Rogers (R-Independence), Sidney Leiken (D-Roseburg), George Flitcraft (R-Klamath Falls) and Montgomery. Senators E. D. Potts (D-Grants Pass), L. W. Newbry (R-Ashland), Daniel Thiel (D-Astoria) and Boivin (chairman).

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Representatives Edward J. Whelan (D-Portland) chairman, William Gwinn (R-Albany), C. R. Hoyt (R-Corvallis), Phil Lang (D-Portland), Berkeley Lent (D-Portland), Joe B. Richards (R-Eugene) and Montgomery. Senators Robert Elfstrom (R-Salem), Donald Husband (R-Eugene), Thomas R. Mahoney (D-Portland), Don S. Willner (D-Portland), Ward Cook (D-Portland) and Boivin.

The new Tax Study Committee

created by the 1965 Legislature is the only one of the 11 committees that has non-legislative members.

Boivin named as public members former Senator Austin Dunn of Baker, an attorney; and former Klamath Falls Mayor Lawrence Slater, an insurance man.

Montgomery named John Carlin, a Salem attorney and former legislator; George Annala, Portland, Oregon Tax Research Director and former legislator; and Sam Hughes of Eugene, a lumber firm executive.

As Senate members of the Interstate Cooperation Committee, Boivin has named Glenn Huston (D-Lebanon), Al Flegel (R-Roseburg), Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) and Boivin.

The Executive Appointments Committee (senators only) includes Eddie Ahrens (R-Turner) chairman, Jack Bain (D-Portland), Vern Cook (D-Troutdale), Ted Hallock (D-Portland), Tom Monaghan (D-Milwaukie) and Don S. Willner (D-Portland).