

'Homeowners' Policy Supported by OSEA

Strong testimony in favor of the so-called "homeowners insurance policies" was made by the Oregon State Employees Association before the House Financial Affairs Committee March 21.

Speaking in behalf of OSEA was Dr. Lester Strickler, president of OSU Faculty Chapter 72 and a member of OSEA's Insurance Committee.

His a professor of business at Oregon State University.

Homeowners policies are "The case is irrefutable," he said, "the consumer is being overpriced."

OSEA's 1965 General Council adopted a resolution favoring the sale of homeowners policies in Oregon.

policies which combine fire, liability, burglary, robbery, lightning and windstorm insurance into a single "package" paid for by one premium.

Oregon is the only state in the union to prohibit the sale of such policies.

Strickler said Oregon companies now sell a type of homeowners policy that is only a physical packaging of several separate policies.

Because of the way rates are set, he said, it is not a true homeowners policy.

Strickler said rates are lower under the homeowners policies, and charged that present rates under separate policies are too high.

OSEA Wants Civil Service Part of New Constitution

OSEA Executive Secretary Thomas C. Enright has asked for an amendment to SJR 7, a resolution which proposes revising the entire Oregon constitution.

In a statement to the House Judiciary Committee, Enright pointed out that a sentence of the resolution reads, "A classified service system and other career service systems may be provided by law."

Enright suggested that the word "may" be amended to read "shall".

He noted that since 1943, Oregon has had a civil service system in state government without constitutional permission. A permissive clause at this time would serve no significant purpose, he said.

"However, a clause requiring personnel administration in state government to be under a civil service or similar career service system would be of

some importance," Enright said.

He told committee members that civil service systems, long considered to be the best means of general personnel administration in public employment, in recent years have come under strong attack, mainly from some of the organized labor groups who propose that civil service be supplanted by collective bargaining.

"OSEA feels that civil service and collective bargaining are not incompatible; that collective bargaining can supplement and strengthen the basic system," Enright said.

"We feel it important that the legislature, which four years ago enacted a collective bargaining law, make it clear by the proposed constitutional amendment that it and the people of Oregon have no intention of abandoning the civil service principle," he said.

CHAPTER 72 HEARS EMPLOYEE PROBLEMS

Dr. Ross Y. Koen, executive secretary of the Association of California State College Professors, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of OSEA's OSU Faculty Chapter 72 in Corvallis.

The ACSCP represents academic employees in the California state colleges. It has 3,300 members.

Dr. Koen gave a comprehensive report of the problems facing public employees, particularly academic employees,

in the State of California and the effectiveness of the organizations representing them.

He said starting salaries and excessive workloads are his association's most pressing problems.

Dr. Lester Strickler, president of the Faculty Chapter, arranged for Dr. Koen's appearance in order to give the chapter membership a look at the approaches used by public employees in California in coping with employee problems.

Awards Draw Many Students

Just under 100 students have applied for OSEA scholarships and grants-in-aid for the coming school year, according to Jack D. Morton, chairman of the scholarship committee.

That is the greatest number of applications received since the association began its program in 1958, he said.

OSEA's Scholarship Committee will probably meet during the latter part of April to select recipients, Morton said.

"We do not know how many scholarships will be awarded for the 1967-68 school year," Morton said, "since we do not know how much money will be in the scholarship fund."

OSEA chapters have until April 15 to submit scholarship contributions.

As of March 27, \$2,300 was in the fund. That amount was contributed by 45 chapters. No funds have been received from the remaining 34 chapters.

Last year, the association awarded \$4,200 in scholarships and grants-in-aid to 15 students attending Oregon colleges and universities.

Parking Bill Gets Approval

A bill to provide more parking spaces near the Capitol Mall passed an important test March 23 when it was given a favorable "do-pass" recommendation by the Senate Public Buildings and Institutions Committee.

However, it is now before the Ways and Means Committee where it faces an even more important test -- that of cost.

The bill, SB 368, was introduced by Sen. Cornelius Bateson (D-Salem) and Rep. L. B. Day (D-Salem).

The committee amended the bill to read parking "facility" rather than "structure" and removed authority to purchase land from the Department of Finance and Administration.

Committee members apparently felt that an underground parking facility in the mall area would be preferable to buying land and building a structure near the Capitol.

A house bill on parking in the mall area, HB 1271, was heard earlier this month by the House State and Federal Affairs Committee.

A motion to table the bill failed on a 5 to 5 vote. No action has been taken since then.

DISTRIBUTION DUE GROUP REP GUIDE

OSEA's new group representative handbook is now being printed and will be distributed during the first week in April according to Field Representative C. D. Johansen.

It was prepared by a special sub-committee of the Membership Committee. Members included Vern Fisher, chairman; Betty French and Roy Priem.

Johansen said the handbook will be sent to all chapter presidents, group representatives and board members.

Bargaining Council Members Listed

(Editor's Note: Employee Collective Bargaining Councils are being established in each bargaining unit which has elected OSEA as its collective bargaining representative. For the information of the employees in each bargaining unit, the NEWS will list the names and addresses of the members in each council as collective bargaining contracts are signed.)

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