

HOUSE PASSES ITS COMPENSATION BILL

Measure to Remedy Defects in Law Goes Through by Vote of 55 to 2.

RATE CHANGES PROVIDED

Reclassification of Industries to Make Cost to Employers Commensurate With Risk Involved Principal Provision.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special).—By vote of 55 to 2 the House this morning passed House bill 222, providing a series of amendments to the workmen's compensation act that are expected to remedy defects in the law that have been discovered in the few months it has been in effect.

The principal change contemplated is to reclassify the industries and make their rates of insurance under the act commensurate with the risk involved.

The measure requires the industrial accident commission to investigate all cases where it has reason to believe that employers subject to the act have failed to install or maintain safety appliances required by statute, and to report cases of failure to a prosecuting attorney and request criminal proceedings.

Reduction of Hazards Urged. It further offers inducements to employers to remove the hazard from their shops and factories by reducing their rates in proportion to the reduction of the number of accidents.

It was openly charged on the floor of the House this morning that the casual companies were eager to have the bill defeated and that they would benefit by enactment of a law similar to the Michigan law.

A dozen members spoke in favor of the bill, including Representative Schenkel, its author, and Sam Brown, Mr. Smith, of Multnomah, Horne, Hare, Lewis, Jeffries and Wentworth. It was pointed out that the bill had the endorsement of both employers and employees, and Dr. Smith declared that the best argument in favor of it was the charge that the casual companies were against it.

On final rollcall every member voted for the bill, with the exceptions of Messrs. Brown and Barrow. Representatives Irvin and W. O. Smith were absent and Mr. Clark was excused from voting.

A score or more of different classifications are provided. Under the present law there are two classifications, one paying 3 per cent of the total monthly payroll and the other paying 1 1/2 per cent.

List of Rates Given. Following are examples of some of the rates in the new measure: Workers in foodstuffs, including oils, fruits and vegetables; workers in wool, cloth, leather, paper, broom, brush, rubber or textiles not otherwise specified; cordage, jewelry; also laundries, 3 1/2 of the payroll; workers in condensed milk plants and creameries, 4 1/2 per cent; printing trades, 4 1/2 per cent; electrotyping, photogravure, engraving and lithography, 4 1/2 per cent.

Employees are required to pay 1 cent for each day or part of day that they are employed by persons operating under the act, and the employers are authorized to retain these payments from the employees' wages and remit them to the commission.

One section that is expected to appeal to employers is that which provides a 10 per cent bonus on the employer's rate if, for a period of 12 months, the money paid out to his employees does not exceed 50 per cent of the money he has paid in.

NEED OF CHAPLAIN DEBATED

Legislators Argue Over Paying Prison Minister \$50.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special).—What is a chaplain worth to a penal institution? The joint House and Senate committees on ways and means debated that question at length and brought into question the advisability of paying \$50 a month for such services.

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TAX DISCUSSION SCHEDULED

Meeting to Be Held Thursday to Argue Over Several Measures.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special).—Invitations have been issued by Chairman Perkins, of the joint committee on assessment and taxation, to tax experts from many parts of the state, including the State Tax Commission and Governor Withycombe to appear before the committee Thursday evening at 8 o'clock for an open session, when all the tax measures introduced will be discussed. Included in the bills to be discussed will be those for changes in the system of tax collection as prepared by Senator Barrett and Senator Smith, of Coos county, who have introduced separate bills along this line. A large number of County Assessors have signified their intention of being here to attend the session. A number of prominent men of Portland have been invited to attend to discuss the feature of the bill which provides for a limitation of tax levies.

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