

INSURANCE CODE IS PASSED IN SENATE

Eddy Declares Interests of Policy-Holders Are Ignored and Makes Charge Thrice.

ORTON, CHAMPIONS BILL

Women in Fruit Plants Exempt From 10-Hour Law—Levy for Rose Festival Allowed and Road Bill Is Passed.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—By dint of working until well after the dinner hour tonight, the senate disposed of another huge list of bills. The upper house passed 23 measures and killed four, a grand total for the day of 27.

Most important of the measures passed was Senate bill 252, the new insurance code, a voluminous document of 124 closely printed pages, regulating insurance companies doing business in Oregon. It had been introduced by the joint insurance committee of the two houses, which has been holding hearings on the bill almost every day and night since the opening of the session.

It passed after the senate had resolved itself into committee of the whole and inserted amendments presented by Senator Eddy and others to protect beyond question interests of policy-holders on certain contested points.

Letters Indorse Code. These amendments were made as the result of a vehement attack on the code by Senator Eddy, of Douglas, who insisted that the policy-holders were not sufficiently protected.

Senator Orton, chairman of the joint committee, read many letters from insurance men and business men carrying heavy insurance warmly praising the code and urging its passage. Some of these letters declared that no other measure to be the best instrument of its kind ever prepared.

Senator Eddy charged, however, that recommendations he made to the committee for the safeguarding of the interests of policy-holders had been ignored by the chairman and not even brought before the committee. "I charge," he cried, "that the interests of the policy-holders of the state of Oregon were not considered in framing this bill. Otherwise the recommendations I made would have been considered."

Charge Thrice Repeated. Senator Orton jumped to his feet hotly.

"That's not so," he shouted. Senator Eddy repeated his words. Again Orton cried: "That's not so, and you know it."

For a third time Eddy made the same statement. Orton apparently was about to make a still hotter retort, when President Eddy declared order by pounding with his gavel.

Continuing, Eddy said passionately: "I promise you if you pass this code that if God Almighty give me life I'll introduce some legislation in the senate two years from now that will make some of these pirates take notice that they are not in Oregon and a champion of the policy-holders."

Recommendations Not Seen. Senator Vinton, a member of the committee, replying to Eddy, said the senator from Douglas had not at any time while he was there appeared before the committee to state his views.

"Did you see my written recommendations filed with the chairman of the committee?" queried Eddy.

Senator Vinton said he had not. He vehemently asserted, however, that the committee in the course of its arduous labors on the bill had made every effort to look after the interests of policy-holders and to give all persons interested in any way a full and fair hearing.

"Why this tirade against the committee?" he asked. "I can say that it has made an honest effort to protect the interests of all concerned."

Olson, of Multnomah, pleaded for the substitution of personalities. He said he had been counsel for the committee appointed by Governor Withycombe two years ago to prepare the first draft of the new code for the legislature, and told of its earnest work to prepare an acceptable measure.

Defects Are Corrected. "Do not condemn this measure because of some small defects it may contain," he urged. "They are not serious and can be easily remedied here on the floor by going into committee of the whole and correcting them."

With unanimous approval the senate went into committee of the whole, and an amendment prepared by Eddy to make proof easier for a policy-holder, so the policy would not lapse because of technical failure to observe the conditions of the policy was promptly adopted. A few other amendments were made further safeguarding the public interest.

On final passage, the code as amended carried with only three negative votes, cast by Eddy, Pierce and Smith, of Coos.

There was another warm debate on the adoption of a majority report recommending passage of Senate bill 164, by LaFollett, exempting women working at harvesting or at canning or packing fruit and vegetables from the ten-hour law.

Bill Up for Passage Today. Senators LaFollett, Bishop and Lewis maintained that unless such a law were

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passed, the fruit canning plants would just about be put out of business. The majority report prevailed, and the bill will be on tomorrow's calendar for passage.

Of special interest to Multnomah County was the passage of Senate bill 219. It authorizes the levying of a special tax of one-fiftieth of a mill in counties of 25,000 persons for the support and maintenance of Rose Festival associations.

Senator Moser said the bill had been prepared by members of the Portland City Council, and that it had the indorsement of the County Commissioners also and of civic bodies. It carried unanimously.

Mrs. Thompson Speaks in Senate. An unusual privilege was accorded Mrs. Alexander Thompson, member of the House from Wasco County, when she obtained the privilege of speaking in the Senate on behalf of her measure to raise the standard of rural schools.

The first of the big paving and road bills of the session passed the Senate. It was Senate bill 5, by Barrett, requiring the State Highway Commission to prepare standard paving specifications for the various counties, and setting out a method for competitive bids between patented and non-patented pavements.

The measure is modeled closely after the city ordinance which has worked satisfactorily in Portland, and Senator Barrett declared he expected it to solve the troublesome question of paving competition.

Senator Dimick, who has bills now before committees aimed at the patented pavements, vigorously opposed the bill, but it carried by 16 votes, just the bare constitutional majority. The rollcall stood:

For the bill—Senators Barrett, Cusick, Garland, Gill, Hawley, Hurley, Huston, LaFollett, Lettenweber, Lewis, Olson, Orton, Shank, Von Der Hook, Wilbur and Moser.

Against—Senators Baldwin, Bishop, Dimick, Eddy, Pierce, Smith and Coos, Smith of Josephine, Strayer, Vinton and Wood.

Appropriations totaling \$757,498 were also passed by the Senate, after previously passed the House. Of this total, the largest item was \$558,936 for the maintenance of the Oregon State Hospital for the insane for the coming two years.

This was said by Senator Wood, chairman of the joint ways and means committee, to be probably the largest single appropriation item the Legislature will be asked to pass.

The other appropriations included \$15,000 for the Oregon Naval Militia, and \$75,498 for support of the State Tuberculosis Hospital.

The total of appropriations that have passed both houses now amounts in round figures to \$1,026,000.

Cascade County Killed. Another "special day" was added to the long list of special days in the public schools when the Senate passed Representative Anderson's bill setting aside part of the afternoon of the fourth Friday in October as "Frances E. Willard day" in the public schools.

The bill makes it the duty of teachers to hold appropriate exercises and to give prohibition talks.

Among the important bills killed today by the Senate was the LaFollett bill to eliminate state aid from the industrial accident fund and the House bill creating Cascade County. It was indefinitely postponed in the Senate by a vote of 23 to 4.

The Senate today passed the following bills: S. B. 252, by joint insurance committee—For the regulation and supervision of insurance in the state of Oregon.

S. B. 251, by Senate committee on claims—Providing for audit and payment of claim of insurance Commissioner for premium of his office, total, \$225.

S. B. 187, by Orton—Relative to compensation of election officers.

S. B. 223, by Pierce—Providing for notification of tax levy in school districts.

specifications for paving and providing for competition between patented and unpatented pavements.

S. B. 170, by Huston—Authorizing Port of Portland to improve Oregon and Columbia sloughs.

H. B. 219, by Sheldon—Requiring eighth grade diploma or its equivalent for admission to high school.

H. B. 144, by Mrs. Thompson—to raise standard of rural schools by increasing school terms from six to eight months and increasing maintenance required of each district from \$300 to \$400.

H. B. 183, by Meek—Fixing standard formula for condensed milk.

H. B. 202, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating \$10,000 for maintenance of Oregon Naval Militia.

H. B. 264, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating \$656,936 for maintenance, betterments and improvements at Oregon State Hospital for the insane.

H. B. 103, by Lunsger—Providing for bounty on gophers and moles in Yamhill County.

H. B. 249, by Anderson—Designating Frances E. Willard day as fourth Friday in October in public schools of the state.

H. B. 397, by Senate committee on revision of laws—Amending law extending liens on chattels.

H. B. 232, by House committee on forestry and conservation—Amending state forest fire laws to authorize state to do fire safety work when owners are delinquent.

H. B. 261, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating \$750,000 for maintenance of Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital.

H. B. 29, by Deschutes County delegation—Fixing salary of District Attorney of Deschutes County at \$800 a year.

The Senate today killed the following bills: H. B. 165, by Stephens—Creating Cascade County from Eastern Clackamas County.

S. B. 248, by Farrell—Declaring county roads in the city of Seaside to be streets of said city.

S. B. 147, by LaFollett—Eliminating state aid from industrial accident fund.

S. B. 232, by Eddy—Lectures that political parties, to be represented on the ballot, must have polled five per cent of vote for Representative in Congress at last preceding election instead of 20 per cent, as at present.

Inspection Similar to That in Effect in Washington Is Supported by Wheat-Belt Delegation.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Two bills intended to provide a uniform standard of grain inspection for the farmers of Oregon now are pending in the Legislature and are receiving the earnest attention of members of both houses.

Legislators representing the wheat belt of Eastern Oregon are giving the pending measures their solid support. They recognize the need of a business-like system of grain inspection.

MERGER HOPE GONE

Speaker Suggests Commission to Report 2 Years Hence.

OTHER BILLS NOT DELAYED

Prospect for Real Consolidation at This Session Is Slim, He Says, and Proposes Board of Business Men of State.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Speaker Stanfield threw a mild bombshell into the legislative consolidation proceedings today when he introduced in the House a resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint a committee of seven to investigate the feasibility of consolidation and report back to the session two years hence.

The speaker says it is well apparent that little effective or comprehensive consolidation legislation can be had at this session. His resolution will not interfere in the least with consolidation measures now pending or yet to be introduced at this session, but it will clear the way for a comprehensive programme two years from now.

The resolution in full follows: Whereas, it devolves upon the Legislative Assembly to provide for an economical and efficient administration of the business of the state;

Whereas, without thorough investigation and efficient administration of the various offices and departments of state without hampering or destroying efficient work by its officials;

Therefore, Be it resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate jointly concurring, that a commission of seven members, composed of representative business men of the state of Oregon, be appointed by the Governor and instructed to make during the ensuing biennium a thorough investigation of the work performed by each and that the above mentioned commission be required to make a complete and comprehensive report of its findings, together with such recommendations as to economy and efficiency, to the next regular session of the Legislative Assembly, and that the said commission serve without compensation, but that the actual expense while engaged in the official business and other necessary expenses, including photographic and legal hire incurred by said commission, be paid from the appropriation for the payment of general and contingent expenses of the 29th regular session of Oregon, not to exceed the sum of \$25,000, and that the Secretary of State be authorized to audit any claims which may be incurred pursuant to this resolution in the same manner as other claims against the state.

The Joint House and Senate consolidation committee made little progress today. A bill providing for the consolidation of the stallion registration board, the livestock sanitary board and the dairy inspection department of the Dairy and Food Commission, together with the bill introduced in the House today by Representative Brownell and in the Senate by Senator Dimick, chairman of the respective committees.

LAURGAARD'S BILL IS LOST Highway-Automobile Measure Sent Down House Skids.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Representative Laurgaard's bill to regulate automobiles joining a passenger or freight business on the public highways caused quite a flurry in the House this morning when it came in with an adverse report from the roads committee.

Laurgaard tried to save it, and insisted that it go onto the calendar for third reading. Various members protested that it granted attorneys already operating out of Portland an undue advantage. On the motion to postpone indefinitely Laurgaard demanded a rollcall, which resulted in a tie vote, 23 to 23. Callan then changed his vote, and the bill went down the skids.

Mother and Three Die in Blizzards. VANANDA, Mont., Feb. 7.—While endeavoring to reach home during Saturday's blizzard, Mrs. C. W. McConnell and three children were frozen to death. The bodies were recovered today.

BOND ADVERTISING REQUIRED Callan Says Districts Lose Money on School Issues.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Representative Callan's bill to require that school districts will require district school boards in all parts of the state to advertise for bids when bonds are to be sold. The present law permits such boards to sell bonds on private contract.

Callan, in speaking for his bill, pointed out that in various recent bond sales the school districts had suffered heavy losses because they were unable to get the current market premium which is bound to be offered under competitive bidding. The bill had no opposition and got almost a full vote.

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