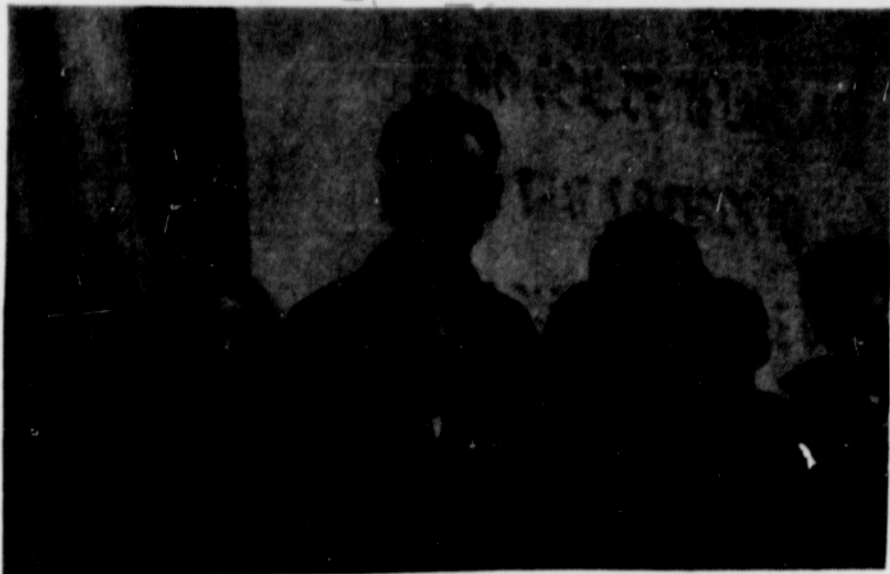


Kinsey hot line



Representative Lloyd C. Kinsey visits the Portland public school. He wants to know the young and old alike.

KINSEY REPORTS by Representative Lloyd C. Kinsey - Multnomah County

Much history was made this week when the Senate, on a 25-3 count, passed out House Bills 1631 and 2115, which are the bills changing the basic school formula and the appropriation of \$24.9 million to retain the present level of state support at 22%. What made this so noteworthy was that it was the first time in many decades that the matter of distribution and appropriation relating to basic school support have been settled before the session was half over and this will, of course, be of tremendous assistance to local school districts in assessing their needs in their upcoming budget elections.

Another first is that the state moneys will be going "where the students are", and not distributed on some unrealistic equalization basis that was contrived 30 or more years ago, at a time when school financing was entirely different. Both bills have now gone to the Governor's desk, and he has indicated that he will sign them.

I understand from those who have been on the Capitol scene for a long time that this particular Legislature is more sensitive to the problems of our State. And is responding to these problems in a meaningful way, as is evidenced by the speedy passage of the extended unemployment compensation benefits, the study of the Welfare situation, and the speed with which these school bills were passed.

The House Revenue Committee this week tabled HB 1109 by one vote (7-6), which was apparently a reflection of the tremendous public reaction to taxing the property of churches, lodges, hospital and charitable organizations. The word is out here that the measure may be resurrected again, but on the basis of separating the various properties. The most educated guess at the moment is that churches may be eliminated from any proposed taxation which of course would leave lodges, hospital, and charities to bear a share of the property taxes.

A precedent setting piece of legislation, and one which was passed out of the House with surprising ease, was the no-fault divorce law, which was approved on Wednesday with a strong religious background was of the opinion that the children of divorced couples (who always seem to bear the brunt of the deprivation of money and family life) need more protection than they are getting under present divorce laws. This bill eliminates the need for false or trumped up charges in order to establish the guilt of one or the other of the partners as grounds in our present divorce system, which has created messy court proceedings and a great deal of

unnecessary acrimony on each side. It was argued that this bill provides a better climate for these children--and also perhaps for the possibility of a future reconciliation of the parents by a reduction in the bitterness of the divorce proceedings. This I believe, was the reason that the legislation passed so easily in the House.

Another extremely important piece of legislation, Senate Bill 48 which pertains to the welfare of children, was endorsed by the House Republicans this week. The measure, of which I am a co-sponsor, is designed to eliminate the current problem areas in Oregon's adoption procedure, and is in response to a situation which developed when the Oregon Supreme Court ruled that a mother has the right to revoke her consent to the adoption of a child placed by her in a private child-care agency. The bill would cut of the natural mother's right to revoke her consent after the child has been placed by an agency in an adoptive home, and would be retroactive to all surrenders and waivers executed prior to the effective date of the act. It is designed, in other words, to eliminate the possibility of an adopted child being removed from the home of its adoptive parents once consent has been given, and passage seems assured when it reaches the House.

During this coming week House committees are scheduled to hear testimony on some 175 House bills. It becomes literally impossible to summarize the action taken on all the various pieces of legislation before them, but I have tried to highlight some that I think might be of particular interest to you. I am told that constituent mail is running heavier than ever before and I'm all for this. Legislator constituent contact is very important, and I hope you will write, call or visit me on any issue in which you have an interest.

PCC Spring Registration

Registration for spring term classes at PCC's Cascade Center in Northeast Portland will open at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 31, and continue til 8:30 p.m. on both Wednesday and Thursday. Registration will close at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 2.

Classes are offered in Anthropology, Art, Biology, Business Education, Economics, History, the Humanities, Journalism, Personal Health, Literature, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physical Science, Political Science, Psychology, Radiologic Technology, Reading and Writing, Sociology, and Speech.

Many are available in both day and evening schedules. For more information, call 244-6111.



Robert McKinney 83 years old says this is a great country. He is proud of Black progress thru the years but thinks things should be better.

Keep it clean and pretty

The Oregon Environmental Council reports that Senate Bill (SB) 4, which would give citizens' groups and individual citizens standing in court to sue polluters has apparently died in the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Anthony Yturri.

Several members of the House have written a House version of the Citizens Standing Bill. It is House Bill (HB) 1753, sponsored by Rep. Nancy Fadeley.

If passed, HB 1753 would grant citizens the right to seek relief from alleged polluters of the air and water through court action. Presently, no one can file for a declaratory judgment or an injunction suit against an alleged polluter unless that plaintiff can show "direct harm" from the pollution. This excludes from the court those citizens who are concerned about the general welfare and safety of the environment.

The big is in the House Environmental Affairs Committee which is chaired by Irvin Mann. Other members of the committee are Keith Skelton, William Gwinn are Keith Skelton, William Gwinn, Hugh McGilvra, Rod McKenzie, Allen Pynn, Less AuCoin.

Project Equality

BY Mary Ann Buchanan

Project Equality of the Northwest, an interfaith program promoting equal opportunity employment, has published its first list of area firms pledge to affirmative employment action.

The list of 40 firms will be mailed to all churches participating in Project Equality. These sponsoring churches have committed themselves to consider firms' employment policies as equal purchasing specifications with price, quality and time of delivery.

Persons or organizations interested in obtaining the list may call the Project Equality office at 228-4732.



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