

Kinsey hot line

At the end of the 12th week of the 1971 Legislative Session, a quick review of the action taken during this past week shows that the pace is speeding up and that many significant pieces of legislation are now reaching the stage for final floor vote.

Property tax relief, as proposed in the Home Preservation Plan which was announced earlier this session by the Speaker of the House, Robert F. Smith, and Senate Minority Leader Victor Atiyeh, cleared the House Revenue Committee and came to the floor of the House this week. House Bill 1317 would allow a credit against Oregon income taxes of the amount of property taxes actually paid on \$1,500 true cash value of the homestead, or \$750 for a married person filing a separate return. Using a typical rate of \$30 per \$1,000 actual cash value, this would amount to \$45 in property tax relief. If the allowable credit exceeds the income tax due, or there is no income tax due, the difference would be payable to the taxpayer. Most importantly, this measure would direct tax relief to an estimated 450,000 homeowners in the state without the need for any broad-based increase in income taxes by financing it from cuts in state budgets and from revenue provided by a 5¢ increase in the cigarette tax.

This measure was approved over opposition of the House Democrats who proposed instead a \$140 million increase in income taxes in order to gain property tax relief. It would seem to me that increasing income taxes in order to finance property tax relief would provide a real slap-in-the-face to Oregonians who have asked us to hold the line on any major tax increases. Also, while it would increase the tax burden by \$140 million, it would provide only slightly more than \$30 million for tax relief. The most objectionable factor in this plan is that the lion's share of the revenue collected from the income tax increase would be used to increase government spending rather than going for this needed property tax relief.

Along with the passage of HB 1317 to provide property tax relief, the House also voted to pass HB 1640 which increases the cigarette tax from 4¢ to 9¢ per pack. This bill was approved in opposition to a plan proposed by the Democrats wherein they would reimburse vending owners for the actual cost of converting their equipment, and the costs of this provision, not to exceed \$1 million, would be paid out of the property tax relief account. Objection to this proposal was based primarily on the fact that paying the costs of collecting this new tax might establish a pattern which could spread to paying for the costs of collecting other taxes which are now in existence.

The \$1,500 tax relief measure and the 5¢ cigarette tax increase were the first two parts of the Republican's Home Preservation Plan to be approved.

The other two parts of the plan which would freeze the property taxes for Oregonians aged 65 and older, and the plan to allow \$500 annual income tax deduction from monies spent for home improvements, are now being considered in the are assured passage out of that committee.

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Employment division

SALEM -- (Special -- The Employment Division listed here today 27 job openings which have been extended to office around the state because local, qualified applicants are not available. Further information on these and other job opportunities may be obtained at the nearest Employment Division office.

Bend Employment Division office lists an opening for dental hygienist who has completed two years training in a school approved by Oregon State Board of Dental Examiners, and for a journeyman auto upholsterer.

The Coos Bay Employment Division office lists openings for an outboard motor mechanic to repair and service outboard motors and some inboards, and who has had at least five years recent experience and has own tools, and for a journeyman electrician to plan layout, install and repair wiring, electrical fixtures, apparatus and control equipment.

Eugene Employment Division office lists openings for an insurance adjuster with a minimum of five years current experience including multiple line experience; for a saw filer, journeyman to do any and all work for saw shop, mostly large circular saws; for two journeyman electricians with Oregon State blue cards for wiring of commercial and residential buildings and must have own hand tools and be able to work alone; for a sawmill maintenance electrical with journeyman or limited manufacturing plant license for work in sawmill, and must have sawmill experience, and for a librarian with a degree in Library Science, experienced in public school libraries.

Klamath Falls Employment Division office lists opening for a general duty registered nurse, to coordinate activities of 18 nurse aides and eight licensed practical nurses in county-operated 56-bed nursing home; for an office-machine serviceman with minimum of three

years experience repairing all types of office machines; for a front-end man and brake man, to align wheels and axles, frames and steering on autos and light journeymen maintenance electricians with sawmill experience preferred.

Medford Employment Division office lists an opening for a floor layer with at least three years experience in asphalt, cork, linoleum and rubber tile and coved linoleum and must transportation.

Lakeview Employment Division office lists an opening for a band-head-saw operator with left-hand band saw and Ponderosa pine experience.

Pendleton Employment Division office lists openings for a therapeutic dietitian to plan and direct preparation and service of regular diets for hospital patients and have minimum one registry; for a television picture tube maintenance man for rebuilding television tubes with minimum of two years experience and for a thoroughly-experienced shake sawyer able to bend, lift and carry and operate hand rip saw to cut bolts into shakes.

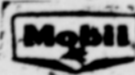
The Dalles Employment Division office lists openings for a civil draftsman for drafting detailed construction drawings, topographical profiles, street layouts and building layouts, and for two electrical repairmen with journeyman plant-type electrician qualifications with 4-5 years experience and able to pass rigid physical exam.

Toledo Employment Division office lists openings for a journeyman electrician for layouts, installation and repair of wiring; for a trailer park manager to show, rent and assign trailer spaces and register guests, collect rents and keep records and for an experienced journeyman Volkswagen auto mechanic, especially experienced in automatic transmissions, front end alignment, major and minor systems.

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