

Kinsey hot line

Most of the bills which have been introduced in the House of Representatives this session have been heard in committee and are now ready for vote on the mittedes are now scheduling hearings on Senate bills which have been passed in that chamber and sent to the House for further action; and by the same token the Senate is now holding hearings on bills which have been passed by the House. As the bills are heard in the opposite chamber, more and different testimony will be presented and the bills may be further amended before receiving final action. It is very important therefore, for us to learn of your thoughts concerning legislation which is yet to be acted upon in either the Senate or the House.

On Friday of this past week, the House voted to refer to the people at the next primary election in May of 1972 the question of the 18-year-old vote. At issue in that election will be a proposed amendment to the Oregon Constitution to lower the voting age to 18 years in both State and local elections, Congress having last year voted to give them the vote in national elections.

During the House debate on this issue the discussion developed into a definitely partisan matter, unfortunately in my opinion, with the Democrats wanting the Legislature to ratify an amendment to the United States Constitution to lower the voting age for all elections, and the Republicans contending that the people should be given another opportunity to vote on the issue since they had turned down a 19 year-old vote measure last year. I regretted the fact that this turned into a partisan issue.

In the end the Republican majority won, thus climaxing a Democrats in an attempt to substitute a minority report as an amendment to SJR 7, which would have allowed the Legislature to ratify the amendment. This amendment, in order to become the law of the land, will have to be ratified by 38 states and has thus far been ratified by about a dozen. In opposing this method of giving the vote to 18-year-olds in State and local elections, it was argued that in fact they may receive it faster by the route of submitting the measure to the people in 1972 rather than in relying on ratification by the required 38 states since there is no way of determining how long this may take. The final vote approving the proposed state amendment was 56-4.

Another piece of controversial legislation, House Bill 1036, was passed out of the House State and Federal Affairs Committee this week and is expected on the floor Friday. This bill requires a five cent deposit on viding economic incentive for people to return their bottles and cans to retailers rather than throwing them away on our beaches, streams and roads, with snap-tops, which some bottlers feel will have a disastrous economic effect on them.

In the Senate, the first major overhaul of Oregon's Criminal law is expected to come to the floor shortly. The Criminal Law Revision Commission spent almost four years drawing revisions to the law, which has remained basically unaltered since 1864. There has been some public opposition to one or two sections of this mammoth bill -- 180 pages of criminal code -- but it is felt that this was primarily due to a lack of complete understanding as to the intent of the law.

The Committee on Urban Affairs, of which I am a member

has voted to send House Bills "Do Pass" recommendations. These bills provide for the Oregon FAIR Insurance Plan (Fair Access to Insurance Requirements), which creates, protection for residents and business owners in the so-called "red-lined" areas. The standard risk insurance for fire protection and extended coverage, personal property and liability insurances. I can predict that this legislation will have great social significance in the State, and most important to Portland, it will help curb the deterioration of the inner city.

The original amendments covering crime insurance were deleted because this is now covered under a Federal law which was just passed by Congress and will go into effect on August 1, 1971. The Urban Affairs Committee has put in long hours hearing testimony from representatives of the Portland Urban League, the NAACP, the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission and the Portland State University Urban Studies Center, as well as from individuals who live in the Albina and Irvington areas, the State Insurance Commissioner and representatives from the insurance industry. All of these groups are now in accord that this will be a model piece of legislation to be created by a State.

This week a Republican caucus position was taken to support substantial increases in the Workmen's Compensation benefits to workers injured on the job. The total increase will be nearly \$9 million a year in benefits awarded to total temporary disability and permanent partial disability. I will develop more details on this major and much-needed increase in Workmen's Compensation benefits in a future column, and I would like to urge you to share your views with me on this very important subject.

PSU glass recycling program

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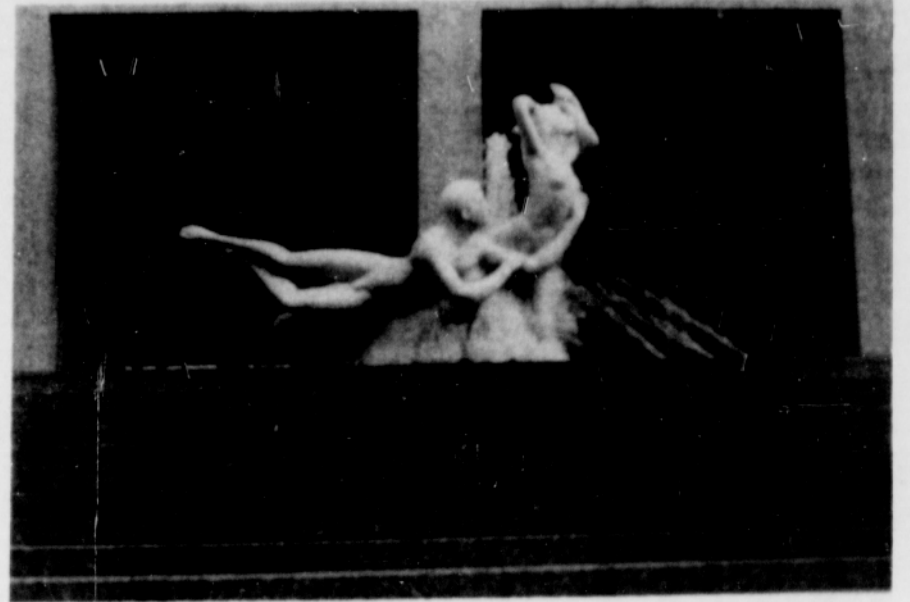
1. Between Smith Memorial Center and South Park Hall, next to the No Parking sign.
2. In the visitors parking lot at the corner of Harrison and Broadway.
3. At Portland Student Services at Montgomery and Park Streets. The Portland Student Service facility will also accommodate aluminum, steel, paper, etc.

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