

House Passes Securities Bill, Permit Water Deal Here

ABRAMS' PLEA GETS SUPPORT

Marketing of Bonds Below Par to Meet PWA Loan And Grant Favored

The house of representatives yesterday passed its bill No. 16 by Representative Carl Abrams, empowering cities and other governmental units to sell securities at any point desired under the present statutory limit of 95 cents of the par value of the bonds. Fifty-three members voted for the enactment, two were absent, five voted no. Securities could only be sold in order to meet federal PWA funds.

Abrams explained the measure as one particularly aimed at giving Salem permission through a discount of its bonds to acquire the Oregon-Washington Water Service company here. He declared that Salem had been rebuffed for three years in its attempt to secure the local plant. Unless H. B. 16 became law, Abrams declared, Salem had not an iota of chance to acquire the local plant and the \$1,085,000 loan which PWA proposed to tender Salem to add to the present plant.

The local representative, who was vigorously supported by Representatives Paulus and Martin, also of Marion county, declared that the sale of city bonds at a proposed discount of 13 per cent or at 87 cents on the dollar, was much more advantageous to the city than sale at par of 6 per cent bonds. The net interest price on the 5 per cent bonds if discounted 13 per cent would be 5 1/2 per cent over a 20-year period, Abrams said.

"Our water here is such that

Bills Introduced in Special Session Monday

SENATE BILLS

S. B. 47, by Booth—Limiting combined weight of motor vehicles and trailers to 34,000 pounds.
S. B. 48, by Booth—Limiting combined length of motor vehicles and trailers to 45 feet.
S. B. 49, by Jones and Dunne—Authorizing municipal corporations to rent or lease real property for the purpose of conducting rodeos, horse and dog races and other similar events.
S. B. 50, by Jones and Dunne—Authorizing dog and horse races within a radius of 20 miles of Portland.
S. B. 51, by Chianock—Defining definitely deductions to be allowed under inheritance tax laws.
S. B. 52, by Chianock—To overcome complications in decision in case of Cabell vs. Holman, state treasurer, involving the method of determining a remainder, under the inheritance tax laws.

HOUSE BILLS

H. B. 63, by Rep. Judd—To amend code relating to weight of motor vehicles and loads.
H. B. 64, by Cooter, Lynch, Hilton—Relating to and providing for a temporary state power commission to study and collect data pertaining to the Bonneville dam on the Columbia river.
H. B. 65, by committee on taxation and revenue—Relating to the corporation excise tax.
H. B. 66, by Cooter, Hilton and Lynch—Relating to and providing for the development, transmission, distribution and sale of power by the state of Oregon.
H. B. 67, by committee on unemployment—To provide for the construction of certain buildings specified by the state of Oregon for public purposes with funds to be obtained from the United States government through the Public Works administration; providing for the payment thereof, and declaring an emergency.

visiting legislators must have special water sent to them to consume while they are in Salem," Abrams averred. "Why will members seek to protect themselves and not allow Salem to develop a better water system?"

Opposing the measure was Representative Lowell C. Paget of Portland who contended statewide lowering of the sale price of bonds permitted cities and other subdivisions to get too far in debt and thus to weaken their credit position and to increase their tax load. Abrams replied that his measure was one designed only to meet existing situations and to allow governmental bodies to meet PWA requirements. He suggested that his bill could be repealed by a subsequent legislature if it was so desired.

Salem banks are known to have vigorously opposed the Abrams bill as tending to weaken Salem's credit and to reduce all of its bond issues in market value.

UTILITY TAX BILL EXPECTED IN TODAY

A gross earnings tax bill on all utilities operating in Oregon will probably reach the house today this morning. While the tax measure's provisions have been carefully shrouded by Commissioner Charles M. Thomas who is nursing the measure, it was thought yesterday that all types of utilities—electric, water, telephone and railroad—would probably be included. Revenue received would go to aid the public school system of Oregon.

The bill, even before birth, is under heavy attack by the utility interests of the state. Lobbies yesterday were eager to see the measure in order to perfect their defense machinery. A group of utility security owners has already appealed to Governor Meier asking that he not support the measure. Such a tax was favored by the administration in the first address to the special session made last Monday.

LIQUOR SALE FUND FOR RELIEF ASKED

The proposal to issue certificates of indebtedness up to \$3,000,000 for unemployment relief out of liquor sale revenue was reported out favorably by the house unemployment committee Monday and will be up for final consideration today.

The first of the administration power measures were introduced into the house Monday, one creating a new power commission to construct transmission lines to the Bonneville dam project, sell the power and issue \$20,000,000 in bonds, and another to provide a temporary commission be appointed to act until the permanent group is elected. The commission will be composed of three members. Representatives J. E. Cooter, Frank Hilton and M. H. Lynch attached their names to the administration measures.

Water Power Bills Up, Hearing Today

A joint hearing on all water power bills before each house will be held tonight at 7 p. m. in the hall of representatives. Parties interested in the measures are invited to attend and to speak. Hearing the testimony will be the joint house and senate committees on power development. Representative John Lewis announced the meeting.

FAVOR CITY HALL JOB

The Multnomah county delegation Monday voted to report out as a committee measure a bill prepared by Frank Grant, city attorney of Portland, authorizing a loan of \$150,000 from the federal government for remodeling the Portland city hall. The money would be obtained from the public works administration. The committee further voted that none of the members would be obligated to vote for the bill on the floor of the two houses.

PORTLAND MAYOR HERE
Mayor Carson of Portland, accompanied by J. E. Bennett, city commissioner, spent Monday in Salem where they appeared before the business control committee of the house in connection with bills affecting the city of Portland.

HARVEY LEW AYRES
in **"MY WEAKNESS"**
Chas. Butterworth

SEEKS REPEAL OF HOME RULE

Upton Files Resolution to Prevent State Taking Over City Debts

Repeal of the home rule amendment to the state constitution and inhibition of the state to assume any indebtedness incurred by municipalities other than in defense of the state, invasion or rebellion or for the cost of highway construction through the cities, were provided in two resolutions introduced by Senator Upton Monday. The senate held two brief sessions lasting less than 30 minutes and then recessed so that its members might attend committee meetings having to do with proposed amendments to the 1933 bus and truck law and liquor control legislation. A public hearing, at which the Citizens Unemployment league presented its legislative program, also occupied the attention of a number of senators following the afternoon session.

Probably the most important senate bills introduced Monday would reduce the combined weight of trucks and trailers on state highways from 49,000 to 34,000 pounds and the combined length of trucks and trailers to 45 feet. Trucks and trailers used exclusively in hauling piling, logs and highway construction equipment would be exempted from the provisions of the proposed law. These bills were introduced by Senator Booth and include several features of the so-called West measure which was defeated by the voters at the last general election.

Another bill, by Jones and Dunne, would amend the state racing commission code so as to allow dog and horse races within a radius of 20 miles of Portland. This is prohibited under the existing laws. Senator Jones said this bill particularly was of interest to the citizens of Oregon City who had expressed a desire to hold dog and horse races in competition with those at Vancouver, Wash.

The banking committee reported out favorably seven bills providing for amendments to the state banking code in line with recent federal enactments. The most important of these bills authorizes the investment of commercial, savings and trust funds of state banks in bonds of the Home Owners Loan corporation. Another empowers the state superintendent of banks to borrow funds from the federal government for the payment of dividends to depositors in state banks which are in liquidation.

Senator Upton introduced a memorial urging congress to restore to war veterans the hospitalization benefits enjoyed prior to the present administration.

County Christian Group Undecided Over Legislation

Vote of approval of the Christian Federation of Marion county has not yet been placed on any legislative measures now before the special session. Fred J. Toote Jr., president, declared last night. It is likely the federation will formulate a definite policy at a meeting to be held shortly.

The federation met late last week and gave considerable study and discussion to the various measures before the solons, particularly those dealing with the liquor question, but it was agreed to withhold any decision pending further study.

\$3000 Limit on Salaries, Plan

Senator Woodward Monday was preparing a bill providing that no tax-paid salary shall exceed \$3000 a year, and that appropriations for salaries in excess of that amount shall revert to the unemployment relief fund. Woodward said his bill had received the approval of a large number of tax relief organizations. Other bills, providing for salary and wage reductions of state officials and employees, will be introduced by Senator Burke.

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Friday—Double bill, Loretta Young in "Midnight Mary" and Zane Grey's "Life in the Raw."

Spaulding's Tax Bill Discussed; Debt Officer Up

Three important bills were discussed at a meeting of the senate committee on assessment and taxation Monday but no definite action resulted.

Two of the bills were introduced by Senator Spaulding. One bill permits the payment of taxes, either in part or in full, at any time of the year while the other provides for remitting interest when taxes are paid before a certain date.

The third bill was introduced by Senator Upton and authorizes the creation of a state debt commissioner. Senator Upton will appear before the committee before definite action is taken on this bill.

MAJOR ISSUES ARE PUSHED BY LEADERS

Kiddle Says Solons Agreed Against Bootlegger and Profit in Liquor

Liquor control has far overshadowed anything else in the minds of legislators working here now, but despite the importance of this problem, leaders of the two branches will do all in their power to hold the work of the solons to the liquor question and three other major issues. President Fred E. Kiddle of the senate told the chamber of commerce luncheon assembly Monday noon.

The proper liquor enactment for best interests of all is "a big guess," what with no precedent or experience, Kiddle said, but declared legislators were agreed on three ideas: There shall be no return of the saloon, bootleggers shall be eliminated, and profit eliminated from sale of liquor. Unemployment relief, for which the session was primarily called, has been minimized by the new CWA program, and with a bill already in sight to provide a three million dollar tax from liquor for relief, this probably will be largely disposed of, Kiddle said.

The other vital problems are the school situation, in a deplorable state because of increasing tax delinquencies, and the truck and bus bill, upon which amendments instead of repeal appear most likely.

Kiddle declared position of the solons was somewhat incongruous, what with individual businesses claiming more attention than ever in the same year in which three legislative sessions have been held. In view of this, he sees the need for something analogous to the English career system, though he says this sale, funds of which will go to "help build fences at the top of the cliff instead of supporting ambulances at the bottom" in Marion county's fight against tuberculosis.

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