

Two to Six More Days Required to Wind Up Legislature

TIRED, PAYLESS SOLONS REMAIN

Senate Faces Heavy List of Major Issues; House Could Close Soon

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session not adjourn until some definite action is taken on the utility district proposal; otherwise the power question might be left without a final decision. Governor Martin pins his hopes for Bonneville distribution on federal power lines and is wary of any grange measure to put the state into the power business.

Bus, Truck Lobby Remain on Job

Bus and truck operators have been staying around the session to see what the senate will do with House Bill 481 which embodies the changes the house favored in the 1933 transportation act. A public hearing was held by the highways and highway revenue committee of the senate yesterday afternoon and last night. No truck bill ever satisfies all the groups affected; the fixed terminal, or the contract haulers, or the anywhere-for-hire operators or some of the special groups have such a composite problem a win-win is needed to keep them all satisfied. If the senate makes any major amendments to the house truck bill a half-day's debate is sure to ensue on that measure alone.

The new revenue act for the state liquor commission was still a senate committee yesterday. Designed to raise more money for relief and to give a portion of beer and wine taxes to the cities of Oregon, the bill went through the lower house quickly. Brewing interests, lined up solidly against the proposed increase of the barrel tax from 62 cents to \$1.30 on beer, have been pushing hard to get the senate committee to scale that tax down to not more than \$1.10 a barrel. The League of Oregon Cities is standing pat for \$1.30 a barrel, with 30 cents of that revenue going to municipalities. The commission itself, while stalling in taking a stand on legislative matters, is thought to favor the \$1.30 tax.

Several tax measures must be disposed of before the session adjourns if the calendars are finished. One is the Thomas income bill which squeezed through the house Friday. Another is the license tax on slot machines, also dumped into the upper house by the youths across the hall. A third revenue bill, a ten per cent tax in the gross income of amusements, will be a special house order tomorrow. For the legislature to pass any of these measures and to expect them to become law is futile; the executive offices have repeatedly stated that Oregon needs no new taxes, rather a tax holiday.

Coast Bridge Issue

Now Before Senate

The senate yesterday had the toll-bridge vs. free-bridge question on its calendar but could not consider it. Governor Martin has argued the passage of the measure which permits the state highway commission to remove tolls from

Police and Firemen Pension Bill Narrowly Defeated; is Backed by Portland Solons

Portland firemen and policemen were rebuffed again yesterday when the senate voted down, 14 to 16, a bill designed to add \$40,000 a year to their pension fund. The measure provided for a two per cent tax on all fire and casualty insurance premiums collected in that city. The senate debated through Saturday afternoon on the measure.

Earlier in the session the house had turned down a similar proposal. Senator Staples who supported the bill ardently on the floor, changed his vote before the roll call was announced, and announced he would seek reconsideration tomorrow. With Staples voting no the final count stood at 13 ayes and 16 nays.

Multnomah county senators took the lead in fighting for the bill while upstairs assembly swung the majority of no votes which carried the proposal to defeat. Senator Walker, opening the argument, said he thought the senate lacked time for a careful consideration of the measure. He said the pension plan should be worked out on an actuarial basis before being submitted to the members.

Senator Dickson referred to the bill as one of the most meritorious submitted at the current legislative session.

"We would collect this tax from the sources which receive the

the Oregon Coast highway structures if it sees fit. A close vote is expected in the senate with Ed Miller, manager of the Oregon Coast Highway association, quite confident yesterday a majority will approve the bill. Eastern Oregon senators fear the free-bridge plan is a check to their demand that highways there be finished within a few more years by the state highway commission. A companion bill to the toll bridge measure is still in the house; it would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in lieu of the toll-backed bonds, if the highway commission saw fit.

The timbermen of the state, aided by the administration, are to make a fight this weekend to get Senate Bill 159 through the session in the manner proposed by the federal government. In such a form the federal government would be enabled to purchase privately-owned timber in the state. As the house amended the bill, Uncle Sam would be required to promise to dig up the equivalent of the taxes collected annually from the timber before a sale would be consummated. Governor Martin does not believe the amendment feasible. He thinks the counties must look for their revenue to a portion of the proceeds received when the timber is severed from the land.

As the session winds up its weary course members are fatigued, inclined to be irritable and convinced the state has done them wrong in putting up \$1000 them for the expenses of a session and excluding the members from the payroll after the first 40 days.

Everyone is anxious to get home. The galleries have thinned debate to fill them. The third house is waning in size as controversial measures are weeded from the calendar. Once a bill is passed and approval from the governor assured, the lobbyists scurry for home.

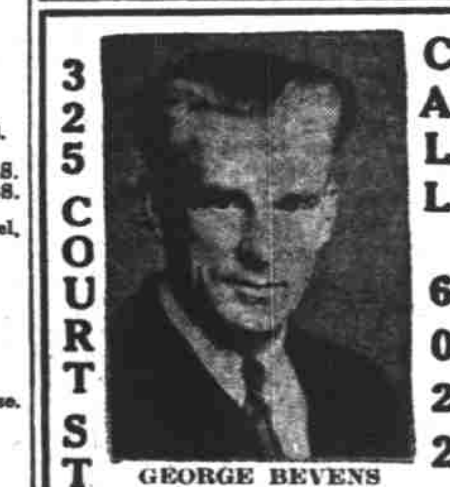
Free Ferry Bill Voted by House

Authority for the state highway commission to operate free ferries over the Columbia river between Astoria and Megler, Wash., was granted yesterday when the house passed Senate Bill 35 sponsored by the Clatsop and Columbia county delegation.

The bill provides that the state of Washington is to bear one-half the cost. Ferries which have operated for years at the mouth of the river have been privately owned and have charged tolls.

Fund Voted for Widow of Hoss

A state appropriation bill providing \$1043 for the widow of the late Hal E. Hoss made its appearance in the house yesterday. The ways and means committee, in passing on the appropriation, said it was in recognition of the faithful, efficient service rendered by the former secretary of state.



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SENATE PASSES STATE NRA ACT

Argument is Extensive but Vote 17 to 12; Aid to Industry Debated

A state NRA act won approval here yesterday when the senate, after a fortnight's inaction, took the measure from the table and approved it 17 to 12.

The bill, amended in some degree from the manner in which it passed the house, sets up controls over intrastate commerce. Codes may be promulgated by the governor and have the effect of law.

Proponents of the bill showered senators with telegrams and telephone calls in a frantic and successful effort to revive the measure, dead earlier in the week, and get it passed.

Most ill-advised

Bill, Says Duncan

Senator Duncan branded the bill as the most ill-advised and untimely legislation introduced at the current session.

"This bill has been before the judiciary committee for several weeks," Duncan said, "and tremendous pressure was brought to bear in hope that it would be reported out favorably."

"By the passage of this measure you would write into the statutes of this state thousands of codes not applicable to local conditions."

"It is my opinion that this measure was written by some third-class clerk in Washington and passed on to the legislatures of the various states."

Duncan declared that many of the codes already had been held unconstitutional.

Senator Dickson said the bill was a part of Governor Martin's program and was wanted by the small industries of the state.

"These codes have revived business," Dickson said, "and salaries have been increased. This bill would work no hardship on any industry or on the people, and would retain Oregon's position of being first in the enactment of progressive legislation."

Local Angle Stressed

By Marion Senator

"I am not interested in the national aspect of this bill," Senator McKay said, "for the reason that any codes not applicable to the state of Oregon could be thrown into the discard. My principal interest in this legislation is to help the small merchant and the small industry."

Senator Byrnes referred to the national recovery act as one of President Roosevelt's experiments which had failed to accomplish its purpose.

"Every man knows that the national recovery act has demoralized the Oregon lumber industry," Byrnes continued. "Those who sponsor this bill are the straggling minority who hope to make more money for themselves. Violations of the codes exist in all sections of the Pacific coast and the federal officials have done nothing."

Senator Goss said the judiciary committee had failed to find out

The sum approximated the salary reduction he took during his last year of service.

Battleship Gets More Help Than First Proposed

Eight appropriation bills were hurried through the house Saturday almost as fast as the reading clerk could call the roll. The Battleship Oregon won an appropriation of \$9000 for the biennium, \$4000 more than the ways and means committee first decided to give the ship, and a reduction of \$3000 from the 1933-1934 appropriation.

The operators of the ship, however, were authorized to use the annual income from fees to aid in the expense of upkeep.

Governor Martin a few days ago termed the ship a "peppercorn" and indicated its appropriation should be drastically reduced or abolished.

Driver Licenses Revoked Number 30 in February

Thirty motor vehicle drivers' licenses were revoked in Oregon during the month of February, Earl Snell, secretary of state, announced Saturday.

Twenty-eight of these were revoked for driving motor vehicles while intoxicated. Nine drivers' licenses were suspended for speeding, reckless operation of cars and failure to stop at the scene of an accident.

Sixteen Receive Jobs Past Week

Placements of Marion county residents from the local office of the national reemployment service picked up last week with 16 men and women sent to work within the county, and one man, a steelworker, assigned to the Wallace bridge construction job in Polk county. Seven of the local placements were at common labor, five at farm work, and one each at housework, book selling, wood cutting and office work.

PLANNING DEFEATED

The senate Saturday postponed indefinitely House Bill 479, by the counties and cities committee, providing for the creation of county planning committees. This measure was a part of Governor Martin's program.

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Legislative Calendar

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HOUSE:

House bills on final passage: 508, House Bills 515 to 528, inclusive, ways and means.

H. J. R. 26, Senate bills on final passage: 194, 287, 310, 312, 314, 317, 327, 365, 373, 381.

S. J. R. 14, S. J. R. 15, Special order, 10:30 a.m., H. B. 445, 11 a.m. S. B. 589.

SENATE:

Senate bills on final passage: 391, 273, 336, 383, 392, 393, 394, 396, 401, 402, 408, 300.

S. C. R. 4, S. J. R. 17.

House bills on final passage: 364, 423, 210, 422, 171, 386, 186, 189, 475, 405, 422, 395, 494, 247, 341, 436, 504, 505, 506, 440, 494, 490, 470.

H. J. R. 26, 25, H. J. R. 19, 3.

where the bill came from.

"The more we studied this measure," Goss continued, "the more grave became our doubts as to the wisdom of its passage. The government already has abandoned a large number of codes and others will be dropped in the near future."

Municipal Audit Measure Passed By Lower House

The house yesterday approved an administration-sponsored measure providing for audits of municipal corporations and sent the bill to the senate with every likelihood that the bill will come back for further consideration in the lower assembly.

The bill came out from the committee on legislation and rules with a report that it pass.

House leaders overlooked the fact that the measure contained an appropriation of \$15,000 which requires that the bill go to the joint committee on ways and means.

FROWNS ON SURVEY

The senate late Saturday afternoon postponed a house resolution, by Representative Bolvin, requesting the appointment of an interim committee to study and compile data on the subject of gasoline sales at wholesale and retail. The committee would have been composed of two senators and three representatives.

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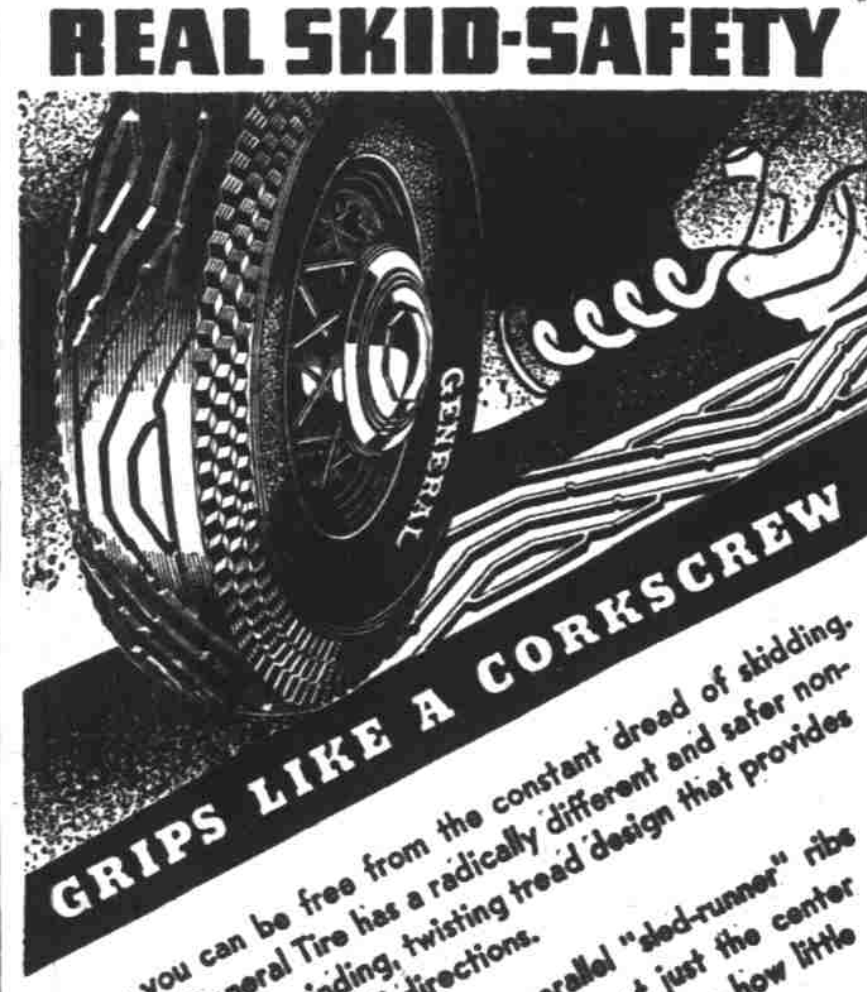
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THIRTEEN PERMITS ISSUED PAST WEEK

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Permits were divided as follows:

Alterations	Permits	Value
Repairs	6	\$1970
Re-roofing	4	475
New construction	2	201
Totals	13	\$2846

Auto Financing Bill Passed by House; Amended

With only six dissenting votes, the house late Saturday passed Senate Bill 297 which sets out as a state policy that no motor car manufacturer shall require financing of retail auto contracts through a subsidiary or fully owned company of the manufacturer. The passage of the act was sought by independent finance concerns. Representative Angell opposed the measure as unconstitutional and as one of bad precedent. Four sections of the bill were stricken out by the house committee to which it was referred and the measure goes back to the senate for concurrence or rejection of the changes.

Most Expensive Session, Belief

An added appropriation of \$10,000 was approved by the house yesterday for expenses of legislative session, bringing to \$140,000 the total appropriation for the present assembly. With the cost running more than \$1000 a day

Governor Only Grants Parole

The governor is the only person who has authority under the constitution to grant reprieves, commutations and paroles, according to an opinion written by Attorney General Van Winkle Saturday.

The opinion was requested by Representative Olesen in connection with a bill which would have authorized the parole of prisoners for employment upon public works. Van Winkle held that a parole was regarded as a form of conditional pardon.

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Amusement Tax Bill up Monday

House Bill 445 which provides a tax of ten per cent on the gross income of all amusement houses, was set over from the house calendar yesterday and made a special order of business for Monday at 10:30 a. m. The bill has the approval of the house committee on taxation and revenue. It is one of a series of tax bills which the house has considered including a surtax on incomes, a flat tax on wages for old-age pensions, higher income taxes and a tax on oleomargarine.

REFUND BILL OUT

The house yesterday indefinitely postponed Senate Bill 194, designed to permit cities to get a refund from all gasoline tax monies paid the state for use in city trucks and autos. Representatives of the secretary of state's offices protested against the bill.

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