

Judicial Reform Recommendations Are Filed With Governor

Hearing To Be Held, Planned

Speeding Up Court Action Is Aim; Judge May Get Right to Comment

Headed by Justice George Roseman, chairman of the committee, and Nicholas Jauregui of Portland, secretary, the committee on the improvement of the rules of judicial procedure presented to Governor Charles H. Martin its report and recommendations Monday afternoon. Committee members present in addition were Judge James T. Brand of Marshfield, Alan A. Smith of Baker, C. E. Ingalls of Corvallis and J. R. Owen and C. A. Sprague of Salem.

Governor Martin thanked the committee for its work and announced his intention of transmitting the report to the legislature for appropriate action. It is anticipated that a hearing will be held before the judiciary committee of the houses before the bills to put the recommendations into effect are introduced.

The purpose of the committee which was appointed by the governor under authority of the 1935 legislature was to make suggestions of methods which would do away with popular criticism that the administration of justice is slow, expensive and uncertain. The committee touched on the matter of improvement in the selection of judges and jurors but made no specific recommendations for immediate reforms.

Changes suggested

Particular recommendations made by the committee include: Power to give information against accused persons under certain circumstances without the necessity of waiting for grand jury action.

Making two degrees of the crime of perjury, the lesser degree being one of "false swearing" punishable as a misdemeanor.

Giving to circuit judges power to comment on the evidence in cases in which they preside, a power now used by federal judges and by judges in English and Canadian courts.

Equalizing the number of pre-emptory challenges in criminal cases.

Court Rules Viewed

The committee also recommends numerous reforms in judicial rules, unless the rule-making authority is vested in the supreme court. Changes now recommended include requiring of notice in advance if a defendant in a criminal case is to plead insanity, repeal of requirement of service of notice of appeal in criminal cases by the county clerk, providing that circuit judges report to a central office sentences they have made in disposing of criminal cases; requiring courts to take judicial notice of laws of other states to save the necessity of proving them in the trial.

Report on Motor Law Changes Due

The report of the 1935 legislative interim committee relative to proposed amendments to the state motor transportation law has been completed and will be filed with Governor Charles H. Martin later in the week.

Most of the amendments were drafted by Frank C. McCulloch, retiring state utility commissioner, and R. H. Baldeck, state highway engineer.

Copies of the report also will be placed on the desks of legislators.

The Call Board

STATE

Today—"Popeye Meets Sinbad the Sailor" and "Pigskin Parade" with Patsy Kelly.

Wednesday—Claudette Colbert in "Secrets of a Secretary" and Kay Francis in "Twenty-Four Hours."

Friday—Gary Cooper, "The General Died at Dawn."

Today—Irene Dunne and May Rogers in "The Whistling Skull."

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CAPITOL

Today—Double Bill, Jean Harlow, Franchot Tone in "Suzi" and "The Three Musketeers" with "Riders of the Whistling Skull."

Thursday—Double Bill, Clark Gable, Jeanette MacDonald in "San Francisco" and all-color "Bold Cavalier" with all star cast.

RESINOIRE

Today—Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur in "The Plainsman."

Wednesday—Double Bill, Mae West in "Go West Young Man" and Edmund Lowe in "Under Cover of Night."

Saturday—"College Holiday" with Jack Palance.

House Bills

Introduced Monday

H. B. 30, by Barnes—Provides for the collection of inspection fees by the department of labor.

H. B. 31, by Norton, Thomas, Senators Dickson and Graham—Extends time for retirement of teachers.

H. B. 32, by Multnomah delegation—Places custodians and assistant custodians of school districts under civil service. Similar to vetoed house bill 32 of 1935 special session.

H. B. 33, by Staples—Provides for addition of properties irrigation and drainage districts.

H. B. 34, by Bevans—Provides for physical examination of both parties seeking to enter marital relationship.

H. B. 35, by Wagner—Provides that road materials used on public work by political subdivisions shall be obtained from sources of supply owned by the subdivision.

H. B. 36, by Antrim—Relating to indeterminate sentences, and allowing good behavior credits.

Senate Bills

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S. B. 21, by Francisovich—Increase salary of constable of Astoria district from \$120 to \$140 a month.

S. B. 22, by Francisovich—Increasing salary of county judge of Clatsop county from \$200 to \$250 a month, county treasurer from \$157.50 to \$175 a month, and county clerk from \$127.50 to \$150 a month.

S. B. 23, by Rose—Fixing the office hours of Washington county officials.

S. B. 24, by Francisovich—Validating certain funding bonds issued by the city of Seaside.

S. B. 25, by Staples—Relating to consolidation of school districts.

S. B. 26, by Staples—Relating to the qualifications of county school superintendents.

S. B. 27, by Staples—Relating to the apportionment of funds to consolidated school districts.

S. B. 28, by Carney—Relating to elimination of motor vehicle noises.

Vacancy Issue Is Studied Further

Disqualification Added to Cases in Which County Court May Elect

The senate committee on revision of laws took further steps Monday to clarify the legislative and judicial procedure with respect to disqualification of members of the legislature.

Three bills were recommended out to the senate by the committee, and action on four others was postponed.

A bill by Senators Francisovich and Strayer, defining the disqualifications on which a county court may appoint successors, was amended to include those cases where a body of the legislature declares one of its own members disqualified.

Previously, action by the county courts had been limited by the bill to vacancies from death, resignation or recall. The committee's amendment is expected to clear procedure for selecting successors.

Opinion Is Sought

The committee also voted to seek an opinion from the attorney general on whether a legislature could pass a bill defining positions to the senate by the governor.

A bill by Senators Dickson and Graham and Representative Baran, all of Portland, allowing the election of precinct committee members, was withdrawn and a substitute will be submitted.

The group approved a measure of Senators Francisovich and Strayer, which would allow venue of civil cases either in the county where the offense was committed or in the home county of the defendant. Representative Balentine, Klamath Falls, will file a minority report.

Inheritance Tax Increase Sought

An increase of 25 per cent in the inheritance tax rate is provided in a bill to be introduced today by Representative Olsen.

Money derived through the increased tax rate would go into the elementary school fund as an offset against the property tax.

Olsen said the general fund would lose no money because of the increased tax rate.

Representative Allen of Multnomah county announced he would introduce a bill abolishing the office in the state board of higher education now held by Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor emeritus of the state's higher institutions.

A statewide Sunday closing order by statute will be introduced into the house today by the Multnomah delegation. The Sunday closing order would not apply to establishments which sell only meals, magazines and tobacco.

Funds Outside of Budget Are Asked

Requested appropriations of approximately \$125,000, outside of Governor Charles H. Martin's budget for the current biennium, have been submitted to Senator Walker, chairman of the senate ways and means committee.

Walker said most of these items were small and included some of the projected major appropriations outside of the budget.

Press Target Of Resolution

Reporters' Wives Getting Jobs Unemployed Ought to Have, Asserted

Bearing the names of 20 representatives, the house yesterday afternoon saw the introduction of a resolution condemning the practice of "certain representatives of the press" in using their position to get clerkships for wives and relatives and urged that the resolution be sent to owners, publishers and managers of all newspapers having representatives at the session.

It was on the question of referring the resolution that Speaker Harry Belvin met his first test of support and won handily. After the speaker had referred the resolution to the resolutions committee, Rep. Hannah Smith said the resolution had to do with unemployment and moved the resolution to the unemployment committee.

The vote supporting the speaker was 34 to 22.

The resolution, said to have been introduced by Rep. Smith, said that the press was extending the courtesy of the floor to those who were formerly postmaster at Madras, he has another thought indirect claim to fame. A son of his won considerable notice as a place-kicker and lineman on the University of Washington football team a few years ago.

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The weekend recess enabled most of the sick members of the senate and house to recover. Some of them were badly laid out by the flu.

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Failure of Lights At Hotel, Armory Is at Right Time

There was nothing for legislators, or legislative employees either, to do Monday night but enjoy the legislative ball. For through out the armory and the Marion hotel, center of Oregon's temporary legislative activities, the lights were all out for approximately two hours, starting at 8:45 p.m., during the time when the social event was at its height.

Some of the late-starting revelers, however, may have had trouble finding their studs.

W. M. Hamilton, manager of the Portland Electric Power company her, said the transformer serving the block in which the hotel and armory are situated, burned out and that it was necessary to move in the emergency transformer car to restore the circuit to use.

Shadduck Resigns State OARP Task

PORTLAND, ORE., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Oregon Townsendism fell in line with the national position organization today by abandoning plans for the "people's recovery alliance," incorporated at Salem last week, and ordering conventions in each congressional district to form three separate groups.

Dr. Ralph I. Shadduck resigned as state manager.

The national organization last week ordered the dissolution of state groups and the formation of new units in congressional districts.

The first Oregon district set its election for February 21. E. J. Noble, Oregon City, was named director in the first district, at the meeting held here yesterday.

Dr. Shadduck and Tom Monks were named to attend the legislature in the interest of the Townsend movement. Delegates at the meeting here included E. M.