

# Flood Control, Repeal of Criminal Syndicalism Law Passed

## Senate Denies Bigger Trucks

### Pari-Mutuel "Gravy" Bill Passed Amid Levity as Repeal Issue Waits

Smiles and frowns, with occasional laughs, marked the attitude of senators on bills on a very heavy calendar Saturday. The smiles were for the McKay-Williamette valley flood control law, for a conspiracy statute in lieu of the present criminal syndicalism law, for aid to the Doernbecher hospital, for prohibition of operation of wagering and bookmaking establishments.

The frowns were for longer and heavier trucks, for a different law to punish kidnaping, and for a bill to exempt certain farm products in warehouses from taxation, all of which were indefinitely postponed.

The laughs were chiefly over the "gravy" bill, S. B. 105, to increase the state take on pari-mutuel betting and divide the proceeds over community festivals about the state, which was adopted. At 4:20 the senate adjourned until 10 a. m. Monday, without touching the house bills on the calendar. Important among the latter was H. B. 159, the Martin bill outlawing slot machines and pinball games.

**Pass "Gravy" Bill**  
The gambling took up a lot of time in the afternoon session. S. B. 105 was passed, 18 for 10 against, 2 absent, but not until it had been raked with rillery from Duncan and Carney, the former jabbing at it because of what it contained, and the latter pointing out communities which had been omitted.

The bill increases the state take on pari-mutuel betting from 2 1/2 to 5 per cent, then adds a great many beneficiaries to the distribution of benefits: the Portland rose festival, Redmond potato show, Astoria regatta, Independence hop festival, Siletz rodeo, Lebanon strawberry festival, Oregon City territorial days, Molalla suckeroo, and Canyon City days of '62. Present beneficiaries, which are not disturbed, are the state fair, Pacific International stock show, Pendleton roundup, Oakland turkey show. Last year the state share was \$109,000.

The debate over S. B. 105 projected the question of pari-mutuels. S. B. 161, to repeal the law legalizing them is set on the senate calendar for 10:30 a. m. Tuesday. After the senate defeat of the adverse committee report, the day supporters of dog racing and of pari-mutuel betting hurried to Salem to defeat the Staples bill. Governor Martin issued a statement that if pari-mutuels were killed he would veto any appropriations and waging joints which operate in Portland and bets on distant races; and S. B. 305 was passed with only one or two votes in opposition.

The Burke bill to permit longer trucks to operate on the state highways received the lethal sleep of indefinite postponement when the senate approved the adverse report of the committee on highways. Burk and Ross supported the bill but Best of the highway committee, Staples and Carney opposed it. The highways and bridges and tunnels were not built to accommodate such huge outfits.

Friends of producer cooperatives successfully resisted an attempt by Carney to engraft legislation of consumer cooperatives on the present law. McCormack and Burke insisted that Oregon had a model producer cooperative law now and they objected to any alteration.

Another bill by Carney, to exempt from taxation certain farm products in warehouses, was killed.

**Refer Slaughtering Bill**  
The Carter bill, H. B. 240 relating to closed seasons on burning slaughtering, was re-referred to the forestry committee.

The bill to allow the highway commission to control and maintain freeways was laid on the table for further study.

H. B. 40 to increase the penalty on kidnaping to life imprisonment was defeated when Senator Duncan reported the judiciary committee thought the legislation unwise and the bill poorly drawn.

**The Chaney Bill** reducing the salary of the state forester from \$4200 to \$3400 per year and providing for a deputy state forester at \$3500 a year passed without debate.

Mrs. Zylpha Zell Burns was promoted from calendar clerk to assistant chief clerk, succeeding Mrs. Elizabeth Glast, made chief clerk after the death of the former incumbent, John F. Hunt.

Two bills were introduced by Senator Staples dealing with the operations of the state liquor control commission. One bill would reduce the cost of liquor permits from 50 to 25 cents a year. The other bill would authorize employes of state liquor stores to demand evidence to determine the age of a person seeking to purchase liquor.

## Social Security Bills Up Monday

The joint ways and means committee met Monday afternoon for a time to consider the "heron sisters," the social security legislation program which it has been holding back until it got its regular budget work completed. In this part of the old program bill, the committee will probably recommend a retention of the present minimum age, 70, for pensioners, for the next biennium. It has already put the negative on HB 196 to make the

## Where Legislative Bills Are ...

The following summary gives information as to present status of important bills in the legislature.

**Old Age Pensions**  
H. J. M. I. Townsend plan, passed house, senate resolutions committee will report it out "do not pass."  
H. B. 196, by Bull, reducing age to 65, recommended do pass by committee on unemployment; re-referred to ways and means.  
H. B. 345, by Alber, retirement fund for cities, etc., in com. on counties and cities.  
H. B. 332, sub. for H. B. 97, by com. on assmt. & tax., to reduce minimum pension age from 70 to 68, ref. to same com.  
S. B. 104, by Duncan, define trade dispute, in com. on ind.  
S. B. 121, by Dickson, retirement fund for cities, etc., passed senate; in com. on tax. & rev., house.

**Labor Legislation**  
H. B. 58, by Monroe, union registration, re-referred to house com. on adm. & reorg. after majority report of labor and com. is adverse.  
H. B. 57, by Monroe, banning general and sympathetic strikes, same disposition.  
H. B. 23, by Brady, Oregon labor relations act, in com. on labor and ind.  
H. B. 305, by McAllister, state control longshoring, in com. on adm. & reorg.  
H. B. 365, by Martin, commission on inquiry into labor relations re-referred to com. on labor & ind.  
S. B. 17, by Carney, defines trade dispute, in com. on ind.  
S. B. 107, by Duncan, 30-day mediation period, in com. on ind.  
S. B. 334, by Johnson, to create state farm labor conciliation board, in com. on ind.  
S. B. 335, sub. for S. B. 6, by com. on jud. to repeal criminal syndicalism law and substitute conspiracy statute, passed senate.

**Anti-Gambling**  
H. B. 159, by Martin, makes slot machines, pinball games illegal; passed house, 3rd reading senate.  
S. B. 17, by Carney, defines slot machines, makes them all illegal, passed senate, 3rd reading in house.  
S. B. 308, by Carney, prohibits keeping betting rooms, passed senate.

**Milk Control**  
All senate bills to repeal or amend milk control, killed, H. B. 103, 200.

**Public Buildings**  
H. B. 270, by Alber, to buy Portland office building, \$800,000, in ways & means com.  
H. B. 353, by Marlon delegation, to build highway office bldg., on table in house with divided report.  
S. B. 204, by Chaney, to buy Oregon bldg., Portland, in ways & means com.  
S. B. 228, by Strayer, to buy two blocks, Salem, in way & means com.  
S. B. 295, by McKay, to build library, in way & means com.  
S. B. 303, by Burke, to buy or build office bldg., Ptd., in ways & means com.

**Divorce Bills**  
S. B. 133 and 134, by Lessard, to reduce residence required to 30 days, com. on rev. of laws adverse report.  
S. B. 136, by Lessard, divorce to one least at fault, passed both houses.  
S. B. 137, by Lessard, make separation five years grounds for divorce, on Monday calendar, divided report.

**Social Security**  
S. B. 217, by jud. com., revision of unemployment insurance code, passed senate, in house com. on ins.  
H. B. 283, by Hosch, aid for dependent children, in com. on fed. relations.  
H. B. 336, by com. on adm. & reorg., establish commission for blind, in same com.  
H. B. 337, to amend law on child-care agencies in com. on adm. & reorg.  
Ways & means com. social security bills to be introduced.

**Prison Reform**  
H. B. 16, by Barnes, allow good-time credits to present prisoners, passed house, on 3rd reading senate, re-referred to com. on rev. of laws for amendment.  
H. B. 342, by joint jud. coms., sentences by judges to be for max. only, on 3rd reading in house.  
H. B. 343, by joint jud. coms., parole board to fix sentences; on 3rd reading in house.  
H. B. 377, sub. for H. B. 344, by joint jud. coms., revise parole laws, in com. on jud.  
H. B. 380, by house jud. com., system for good conduct credits, in com. on ind.  
H. B. 396, by French, creates new parole board, in com. on pub. inst.  
H. B. 397, by French, provide good time allowance, in com. on pub. inst.

**Taxation Bills**  
H. B. 37, by Oleen, increase inheritance tax, in com. on assmt. & tax.  
H. B. 96, by Oleen, gross income tax of one per cent, in com. on tax. & rev.  
H. B. 142, by Magruder, to cancel interest on 1935 taxes, passed both houses.  
H. B. 153, by Oleen, surtax on incomes for schools, on calendar for Monday, 3rd reading.  
H. B. 156, by Bevans, tobacco tax, in com. on tax. & rev.  
H. B. 272, by Alber, amend gift tax, passed house, in senate com. on assmt. & tax.  
H. B. 402, by com. on tax. & rev., to tax annuities, on 3rd reading, Tuesday.  
H. B. 400, by Hosch, for financing court house construction, passed house.

**Highway and Truck Bills**  
H. B. 161, by Miller, to share state highway fund with cities, indefinitely postponed.  
S. B. 9, by McKay, to reduce fee on pick-up trucks, passed both houses, signed by governor.  
H. B. 126, by McKay, to amend law increasing share of highway fund to counties, passed both houses, signed by governor.  
S. B. 130, by Burke, bigger trucks, indefinitely postponed.  
S. B. 147, by Franciscovich, new method computing weight of log loads, passed senate, in house com. on highways.  
H. B. 176, by Ellis, exempt farm products from jurisdiction utility com., passed senate, in house com. on highways.  
H. B. 376, sub. for H. B. 24, by com. on highways, extend operators' license to three years, passed house, in senate com. roads and high.

**Banking**  
S. B. 263, by bkg. com., allow interest on public funds only on cert. of dep., passed senate, on 3rd reading house.  
S. J. R. 7, by com. on bkg., to amend com. to remove double liability on bank shares; passed senate, on 3rd reading house.

**Merchandising**  
H. B. 297, by Roth, store closing one day a week, in com. on food & dairy prod.  
S. B. 97, by Dickson, amend fair trade act, passed senate and house.  
S. B. 103, by Dickson, price regulation; passed senate, in house com. on rev. of laws.  
S. B. 307, by Stringer, chain store tax, in com. on assmt. & tax.

**Alcoholic Liquor**  
H. B. 346, by com. on alch. control, privilege tax on manf. & imp., passed house, in senate com. on alch. control.  
H. B. 347, by com. on alch. control, to amend Knox law, in same com.  
H. B. 404, sub. for H. B. 217, by com. on jud., on distribution of certain liquor taxes to counties and cities, in same com.  
H. B. 433, by com. on alch. control, to divide wholesale and retail liquor business, on 3rd reading.

**Flood Control**  
S. B. 219, by McKay, Willamette valley flood control, passed senate.

**Electric Power**  
H. J. M. T. strange power memorial on Bonnerville, passed house, in senate com. on railroads & utilities.

age 65 and appropriate \$4,000-600 for pensions. Another bill, HB 383, to reduce the age to 68 is pending in the assessment and taxation committee.

The revolt in the house which broke out Saturday afternoon was over the alleged delay in bringing out the pension legislation.

## Bill to Assist County Passed

### Courthouse Measure Gets No Opposition; Labor Forces Rebuffed

Before action of the "pension bloc" brought the first all day Saturday session to a close, in near riot yesterday afternoon, the house had approved 14 measures. There were 18 new measures introduced of which nine were appropriation bills from the ways and means committee.

Passed without debate was a bill by Representative Hosch and others to simplify procedure in the construction of courthouses. Hosch explained that the bill was particularly designed to aid Deschutes county but that it would benefit other counties which desire to build courthouses.

The act which provided that a loser in a gambling game would be entitled to recover double his losses from the operator of the game was amended to provide that the loser could only recover one-half of his losses.

The electrical code which met defeat last week, came back in amended form as a substitute bill. Although opponents declared the measure was still too broad and gave the electrical board too much power, it passed easily.

By a 44 to 14 vote the house gave approval, without debate, to Representative Vernon Bull's measure to make the lethal gas the manner of execution in the state to replace hanging. The measure of gas as a means of execution was held by Bull to be a more humane manner of taking the life of a criminal for capital crimes.

The last of the deficiency bills before the legislature went into discard when the house approved an adverse report from the judiciary committee on Representative Antrim's bill to outlaw deficiencies on mortgage foreclosure.

The first test of a labor strength on the floor of the house yesterday morning, the labor forces met defeat by a 32 to 28 vote. The showdown came on a vote on house bill 54 which would have placed labor liens on lumber ahead of lenders' liens even when stored in a public warehouse.

Representative Phil Brady led the fight for the measure declaring that workmen needed protection in order to collect their wages and that the bill would remedy the situation by giving them a prior right to control the products upon which they had worked.

Opponents of the bill countered by declaring that should the labor liens be allowed to follow the products into the warehouses, bankers would refuse to loan money to finance the small mills and as a consequence workmen would suffer more by not being able to find work.

Boivin Opposes  
Representative Boivin in and Alber spoke against the bill as did Representative Grant.

"If this bill is passed it will drive the little man out of business," Grant said. "It will create the greatest lumber monopoly this state has ever seen."

The roll call on the bill was:  
Aye: Allen, Antrim, Barnes, Bevans, Dixon, Brady, Bull, Cady, Carter, Eckersley, Erwin, Esson, Friede, Harrison, Higga, Hogan, Hosch, Hyde, Jeannot, Jennings, Isach, Mahoney, Martin, Miller, Norblad, Norton, Roth, and Waggoner.

**Pearson Will Not Run For Congress**  
Senator Walter Pearson, democrat, Multnomah county, will not be a candidate for representative in congress from the third congressional district at the next primary election, he states definitely Saturday in response to reports that he would be a candidate for this office.

"I wouldn't mind serving in the United States senate," Pearson said, "but I have no desire to serve in the lower house."

**Highway Fund Bill Gets Signature of Governor**  
Governor Martin signed 17 bills yesterday. One of them was SB 126 by McKay to increase the share of money from the state highway funds to go to the counties. He also signed the bull frog

## Happenings Around the Legislative Halls, Including Some That House and Senate Spectators Missed

Representative Ralph Stephenson, Jackson, may not know all the procedure necessary to running the speaker's desk but he at least knows how to speak his mind. During the deadlock over call of the house motions yesterday afternoon, Speaker Bolvin turned the spot over to Stephenson while he went on the floor in an effort to straighten out the situation. While he was in the chair one member suggested that the house "disburse with further proceedings under the call of the house and go to work."

A lover of ties is Representative Charles E. He is reported to own 150 of which he brought 50 to the session in order that he could wear a different one each day. Now members are laying wagers on whether the tie he will wear on Monday that he will not have to repeat or go out and buy a new supply.

The third house comes to life. At each session lobbyists, newsmen and helpers put on a mock session. Originally scheduled earlier in the session it had been canceled but has now been placed on the calendar for Thursday night. High state officials have agreed to aid. The meeting will be presided over by Frank Lonergan, former speaker of the house and veteran legislator.

But while plans for the third house were going forward Representative Hosch of the second house took a slap at the lobbyists during the discussion on the measure yesterday morning. "This measure is closer to the lobbyists than any one else," Dr. Hosch said, "I think they ought to have a vote on it."

## Senate Bills

**Introduced Saturday**  
S. B. 259, by Johnson—Relating to salmon fishing on the Rogue river in Curry and Josephine counties.  
S. B. 260, by Balentine—Permitting secondary evidence as to contents of wills filed with the county clerk, and declaring an emergency.  
S. B. 361, by Balentine—To regulate the method of fishing in a portion of the Deschutes river and DeWitt lake.  
S. B. 362, by Staples—Relating to persons holding a license to sell alcoholic liquors within the state of Oregon.  
S. B. 364, by French and Falstead—To fix mileage and fees of the sheriff of Sherman county.  
S. B. 365, by French and Falstead—To fix mileage and fees of sheriff of Morrow county.  
S. B. 454, by French and Falstead—To fix mileage and fees of sheriff of Wheeler county.  
S. B. 455, by French and Falstead—To fix mileage and fees of sheriff of Wallowa county.  
S. B. 456, by French and Falstead—To fix mileage and fees of sheriff of Gilliam county.  
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S. B. 458, by French and Falstead—To fix mileage and fees of sheriff of Josephine county.  
S. B. 459, by French and Falstead—To fix mileage and fees of sheriff of Lincoln county.  
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S. B. 461, by French and Falstead—To fix mileage and fees of sheriff of Malheur county.  
S. B. 462, by French and Falstead—To fix mileage and fees of sheriff of Wasco county.  
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S. B. 465, by French and Falstead—To fix mileage and fees of sheriff of Harney county.  
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## House Bills

**Introduced Saturday**  
H. B. 451, by committee on highways and highway revenue—Providing for funds to all cities and towns of tax on gasoline used for municipal purposes.  
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## Session Radio Review Given By Statesman

Each night promptly at 9 o'clock while the legislature is in session, The Statesman is presenting over radio station KSLM a summary of the day's activities in the two houses. These broadcasts will not be presented Saturday nights unless there are sessions of the legislature on Saturday.

Both The Statesman and radio station KSLM have received many expressions of appreciation of these broadcasts.

**Kerr Job Bill Coming Up on Monday Morning**  
House bill 60, to abolish the position held by Dr. W. J. Kerr, has been set for special order of business for the senate Monday at 11 o'clock, after Sen. Ross failed in effort to have it taken from the table Saturday. The bill has passed the house.

**Rev. Irving A. Fox of Freeport, Ill.**  
Will Deliver His Last Messages  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Marion & N. Liberty Sts.  
Sunday, February 21st at 11 a. m.  
"The True Use of Life"  
7:30 P. M. "The Thief on the Cross, or A Compendium of Complete Theology"

**"SAVE YOUR VISION" WEEK**  
February 21st to 27th  
...has been proclaimed National "Save Your Vision" week. It is the one week in the year when the public is urged to give serious consideration to that all-important function—Vision; and its inseparable companions—Light.  
If you have not had your eyes examined in the past year make a resolution now to have it done at the first opportunity.  
Your Optometrist is a specialist and an authority on eyes and can advise you about their proper care. Have your eyes examined by an Optometrist at least once each year!

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