

House Memorial to Congress Urging WPA Maximum Sidetracked

Bull's Motion Lost 41 to 19

Move for \$875,000,000 Passage Is Still in Committee Hands

The house refused yesterday 41 to 19 to consider a motion by Rep. Vernon Ball (D-LaGrande) for immediate action on a memorial to congress to grant President Roosevelt's full request of \$875,000,000 for WPA continuance.

Bull, author of the resolution, said that the committee to which the memorial was referred had wired Senator McNary to learn the status of the work relief appropriation bill but that the status of the bill had no bearing on the feeling of the house in the matter.

Rep. C. C. Chapman (R-Portland) moved that Bull's motion be referred to the committee on committee bills and the motion carried.

Judges' Pension Bill Due A pension system for supreme and circuit court judges over 70 who have continuous service of ten years is included in a bill being prepared for introduction by the house judiciary committee.

Rep. John Steelhammer (R-Salem) introduced in the house a bill which would give labor lien claimants increased control over warehoused lumber and slab wood.

A bill introduced by Rep. Frank R. Wiley (R-Albany), Hector MacPherson (R-Corvallis), and Senators Joel C. Booth (R-Lebanon) and Charles Childs (R-Albany), provides for the exonerated public officers who have in good faith deposited public money in banks which have failed.

Income Tax Bill In The corporate income tax bill, one of the several pieces of legislation among the major bills confronting the session, was introduced under the signatures of Rep. C. T. Hockett (R-Enterprise), and Sen. W. H. Steiwer (R-Portland).

Bills introduced in the house included three by the joint judiciary committee, which would give peace officers authority to make arrests on telegraphed or telephoned warrant from other counties, allow for the hiring of interpreters and nurses for grand jury sessions and providing for a statute prohibiting placing of stink bombs to include places of business. The latter statute formerly covered only theatres and auditoriums.

A bill introduced by Rep. George Duncan (R-Slayton) establishes inspection fees of not more than \$3 for inspection of wiring in new houses.

Rep. Hector MacPherson (R-Albany) introduced a bill providing a code governing manufacture and sale of ice cream.

Affidavit Filing Passes The house passed and sent to the senate a bill introduced by Rep. Robert Farrell (R-Portland) which would allow filing of affidavits of prejudice against judges in courts of probate and domestic relations.

Only Multnomah county has a full time probate court.

Also passed and sent to the senate were bills allowing union high school districts to contract with regular school districts for buying of land and providing for disposition of tax money of inactive highway improvement districts to county general funds.

Shot Saves Woodcutters From Springing Cougar BAKER, Ore., Jan. 25.—(P)—The keen eye of 16-year-old Gene Steele saved his father, Ted, and George Wise from possible serious injuries on a wood-cutting expedition. The two men were resting under a tree when Gene approached and saw a cougar about to spring upon them. The youth's shot killed the animal.

Disaster Cause Mystery; Hero Recovers His Pipe



Issue Certain To Be Pressed

Initiative to Be Sought if Present Bill Isn't Adopted, Asserts

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therefore would not favor any legislation which in any way denied labor the right to collective bargaining.

Each side was allowed one hour in presenting its arguments on the bill. Representative Frank Longan presided at the hearing which was marked by the restraint of the speakers and moderate applause from the audience supporting each side. The downstairs hearing room in the state-house was filled to capacity.

Curtis B. Cross Is Called at Age 51

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The Valley Packing company was incorporated in 1919, consolidating the wholesale and manufacturing interests of Curtis B. Cross and Stoussloff Brothers. Actual operations were started in January 1, 1920. At that time F. W. Stoussloff vice president and Mr. Cross secretary. He became president March 1, 1927. Since that time a number of improvements and additions have been made at the plant and it has served a large territory in Oregon.

In 1911 Mr. Cross was married to Miss Barbara Durbin, also a member of a pioneer Salem family. Their children are Edwin C. Cross of San Francisco, Frank D. Cross who has been living in Chicago but who was in Portland at the time of his father's death, and Virginia Cross of Salem. In addition to his widow and these children, Mr. Cross is survived by his mother, Mrs. E. C. Cross; a sister, Mrs. Prince W. Byrd of Salem, and one grandson.

Funeral arrangements, not completed Wednesday night, are in charge of the Clough-Barrick company.

Marriage Law Fee Cut Loses

Senate Ousts by One Vote Bill Reducing Blood Test Cost to \$1

The senate, by a margin of one vote, Wednesday defeated a bill by Senator Joel C. Booth, Multnomah county, which would have reduced the cost of blood tests required under the Oregon marriage physical examination law to \$1.

Senator Booth said physicians were now allowed only \$5 for the physical examination of each applicant for a marriage license and that half of this goes to the laboratories for blood tests.

"It has been advertised extensively that many Oregon applicants for marriage licenses have been induced to go to other states because of the preliminary cost of a physical examination law," Senator Booth continued.

The bill was opposed by Senator W. H. Strayer, Baker county, who said it would not accomplish that for which it was intended.

Amendment Suggested Senator Strayer suggested that the bill be amended so that weak-minded persons desiring to marry would be sterilized.

Approval was given a resolution of condolence in connection with the death of Mrs. Lydia Hoag Bowerman, 93, mother of J. B. Bowerman, Portland attorney and ex-president of the state senate. Mrs. Bowerman died here Monday.

Thirty-five bills were received in the senate of which more than half were introduced by the agricultural committee. Most of the latter bills have to do with re-codification of the state's agricultural laws.

The joint ways and means committee announced that its subcommittees were completing their reports and that several of them would be filed early next week.

Legislative Sidelights:

Here and there behind and in front of the scenes at the 40th legislative assembly.

(Continued from page 1) Sweetsland field at Willamette is named after Sweetsland's father, who was the Bearcat coach at the time the field was built.

Rev. W. H. Miller of Grants Pass, who is the lone representative in the house from the multi-terrestrial ranks, delivered the invocation for his fellow members yesterday morning.

The house committee on commerce and navigation will conduct a public hearing here next without the senate amendments to the social security board would certify the law. Rep. Grant's committee had deleted the senate amendments in referring the bill back to the house.

"We are not trying to slap the senate in the face," Grant said. "We are only trying to make sure that the law will be certified, and the federal social security board attorneys wired today that the reference to the anti-picketing bill was not desirable."

Governor Sprague did not favor the senate amendment, which was inserted by the upper house by a 16-13 vote.

Railroad Brotherhood's Insurance not Affected Three house bills introduced by Senator Thomas E. Mahoney, relating to the licensing and taxing of foreign insurance companies, do not apply to railroad brotherhood insurance. Attorney General I. E. VanWinkle held an opinion here Wednesday.

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Senate Bills

INTRODUCED WEDNESDAY

SB 140, by Wheeler and Childs—Relating to county boards of equalization.

SB 141, by Balentine—Authorizing foreign building and loan corporations to operate in Oregon, provided they have proper reserves.

SB 142, by committee on assessment and taxation—Relating to foreclosure of certificates of tax delinquency and redemption thereof.

SB 143, by Steiwer and Duncan—Relating to the sale, lease or exchange of public grazing lands.

SB 144, by agricultural committee—Repealing and amending parts of the Oregon agricultural code.

SB 145, by agricultural committee—Relating to grain storage and warehouse certificates.

SB 146, by agricultural committee—Referring to commercial fertilizer and declaring an emergency.

SB 147, by agricultural committee—Referring to acquisition of lime lands by the state and declaring an emergency.

SB 148, by agricultural committee—Repealing certain sections of the state agricultural laws.

SB 149, by agricultural committee—Relating to the sale of agricultural lime and declaring an emergency.

SB 150, by agricultural committee—Referring to soil conservation and declaring an emergency.

SB 151, by agricultural committee—Providing for consolidation of certain sections of state agricultural laws.

SB 152, by agricultural committee—Relating to powers of state board of agriculture in connection with animal husbandry division.

SB 153, by agricultural committee—Providing for prosecutions by district attorneys under state agricultural department.

SB 154, by agricultural committee—Clarifying laws relating to eradication of contagious diseases among animals.

SB 155, by agricultural committee—Making uniform quarantine provisions of state agricultural laws.

SB 156, by agricultural committee—Referring to scabies infection of sheep and declaring an emergency.

SB 157, by agricultural committee—Referring to county dairy herd inspectors and declaring an emergency.

SB 158, by agricultural committee—Referring to county meat and herd inspectors and declaring an emergency.

SB 159, by agricultural committee—Relating to inspection of meats and declaring an emergency.

SB 160, by agricultural committee—Relating to branding law under state agricultural department.

SB 161, by agricultural committee—Relating to the regulation of breeding by stallions; and declaring an emergency.

Capital Waits

Final Assault

Barcelona Radio Station Sends out Defiance to Besiegers

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Anteoers formerly fighting with the Spanish government forces arrived here late today by train from Barcelona.

The group included 292 Catalans, 95 Americans and 11 Mexicans.

The leader of the Americans, who said he was William Oliver Altrom, of New York, said "we don't know anything about Barcelona. The government held it when we left. There is plenty of fight left in the Catalonians."

ABOARD US CRUISER OMAHA, Jan. 25.—(P)—The United States cruiser Omaha sailed from Caldesa, Spain, north of Barcelona, for Marseille, France, with 80 American refugees aboard at 3:35 p.m. (12:35 p.m. PST) this afternoon.

The Americans escaped injury from the bombs, which killed at least four persons in the village of Arenyes de Mar in the Caldesa harbor zone.

MARSEILLE, France, Jan. 25.—(P)—The United States destroyed France and safety tonight from the bomb torn zone of Barcelona.

Chamber Musicale Charms Audience

Kneisel - Alden - Turner's Group Plays Before big Group Here

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cello were heard in a group of numbers, with John Alden as the very pleasing soloist. In "Ronde" his bow brought forth a string almost as if they were plucked, giving a lively effect.

Returning at the instance of the audience the musician played two encores including "Lullaby" by Cyril Scott.

True to predictions, pianist Robert Turner pleased the listeners in his capacity as soloist as well as accompanist. His group included a familiar nocturn by Chopin, D flat major, opus 27 No. 2, and a brilliant and difficult paraphrase of Strauss' "Blue Danube Waltz" by Schulz-Evler. He followed with two encores, his own "Milan" and "Malaguena" by Albani.

The violinist Frank Kneisel ranked with the others as an excellent musician and pleasing soloist. He played a group including "Praeludium and Allegro" by Pugnani-Kreislner, "Aprea Un Reve," one of the rich, melodious lyrics by Faure, and "Polonaise" by Wieniawski. His encores were beautiful "Ave Maria" and "Gavotte" by Bocherini, arranged by Elman.

Cities Unopposed To Diversion Ban

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"California has a constitutional amendment against diversion but cities get a portion of state-raised highway funds. Any public thoroughfare—city street, county road or state highway—is a public highway under federal definition and agreement by the National Road Users conference. The congress has recognized this fact in providing by law that 25 per cent of federal aid to states must be used on streets within the city limits of the state in which they are spent."

HJR 4, if passed by the legislature and approved by voters of the state, would make invalid legislation giving cities a portion of state funds, the two men declared.

The League of Oregon Cities will introduce its bill calling for a \$1.50 per capita allocation a year for cities for street use before the week is over, officials of the League declared.

Road Debts Cut To \$19,841,750 The state highway bond debt, at the close of the biennial period ending June 30, 1938, aggregated \$19,841,750, according to a report of the state highway commission filed with Governor Charles A. Sprague Wednesday.

Approximately \$4,575,000 of these bonds were retired during the past two years. The report indicated that principal payments on outstanding highway bonds would amount to \$2,000,000 annually for each of the six years from 1939 to 1944, inclusive.

Bill Re-Referred On Project Group

The bill of Senator Douglas McKay, Marion county, providing for creation of a "Willamette valley project commission," was referred Wednesday to the joint ways and means committee. This committee had reported the bill out favorably after reducing the appropriation to \$18,000.

The commission would cooperate with the federal government which already approved the project. Request for a federal appropriation to develop the project is now before congress.

Senator Lew Wallace, Multnomah county, suggested that the bill be amended so that one of the three members of the commission should represent the state wildlife. He said this was important because of the dams and other stream obstructions proposed by the government engineers.

Split Legislative Session Is Goal

A proposed constitutional amendment providing for a split legislative session in Oregon, similar to the California plan, was being drafted by the attorney general Wednesday, at the request of Senator Harry Kenin, Multnomah county.

Kenin said his amendment would also provide compensation for legislators at the rate of \$3 per day and would compel the attorney general to conduct a continuous bill drafting service available to the public as well as the legislators.

It was suggested that the legislative meet 30 days for the production of bills. The legislature would then recess for 30 days during which interim measures would be given state-wide publicity.

The 30 days of the session would be devoted to the disposal of bills and other legislative matters.

Silverton Search On for Gamblers (Continued from page 1) that investigation would be continued and no form of gambling will be tolerated.

Indications that professional gamblers had been staging semi-public poker games in private residences were found in Silverton yesterday but no evidence sufficient to justify an arrest, Sheriff A. C. Burk reported last night.

We warned one man we feel in our own minds has been a poker operator that if we heard any further complaints we'd arrest him," Burk said. "The county is pretty clean now and we want to keep it that way. As long as I'm sheriff, there's going to be no gambling."

Burk said he had not had reports lately of any gambling in Salem.

Astoria Fisherman Dies After Train Hit Him ASTORIA, Jan. 25.—(P)—Injured yesterday when he was struck by an eastbound Spokane, Portland & Seattle train resulted in the death of Henry Wanhal.

House Bills

INTRODUCED WEDNESDAY

HB 91, by joint judiciary committee—Confers larger powers on peace officers making arrests without warrants.

HB 92, by joint judiciary—Relating to attendance of district attorneys on sittings of the grand jury. Provides for interpreters, etc.

HB 93, by joint judiciary—Provides a penalty for placing of stink bombs in places of business. Broadens effect of present statute.

HB 94, by Duncan—Relates to the licensing of electricians. Establishes inspection fees.

HB 95, by MacPherson—Code governing manufacture and sale of ice cream, etc.

HB 96, by Hempstead—Appears designed to eliminate consuls as administrators.

HB 97 by Steelhammer—Relating to laborer's liens upon lumber and slab wood placed in warehouses.

HB 98 by Wiley, MacPherson and Sens. Booth and Childs—Permits certain public officers who have deposited public monies in banks which have failed or which shall fail to be exonerated from responsibility.

HB 99 by Hockett and Senator Steiwer—Amends present excise tax structure and particularly provides for inclusion of peoples' utility districts.

PASSED BY HOUSE HB 22, by Farrell—Relating to affidavits of prejudice.

HB 26, by Hockett and Sen. Zurchev—Regulating the hours of business for Wallawa county officers.

HB 45, by Fisher—Relating to contracts between union high schools and regular school boards.

HB 48, by McAllister and Newberry—Relating to fishing in Rogue river.

HB 71, by Marsh and Caufield—Providing for disposition of tax moneys of inactive highway improvement districts.

Oregon Backward, Speaker Asserts

Oregon is apathetic toward "any modernism and real progress as a state," State Representative Walter Hempstead, Jr., (R-Gladstone) told the Marion County Young Republicans in an address on "Medieval Oregon, Politically, Socially and Economically," at the Marion hotel Wednesday night.

The state is backward, Hempstead asserted. In business, its state institutions, its schools, its laws, its accumulation of bureaus and its people in general.

"Business is in such a chaos that Oregon ranks fourth from the bottom in recovery from the depression," Hempstead declared. "As for our school, Oregon ranks 47th place in backwardness. Until such time as we fully acquaint ourselves with the facts and take proper steps to alleviate the existing situation, we will continue to be medieval."

Appointment of Jean Hoes as chairman of a committee on participation in the republican victory banquet to be held at the Marion Friday night was announced by Win Jenks, president of the local club. Dave Hoes, state Young Republicans chairman, urged more active participation in political matters on the part of the younger men and women.

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