

Decision Near On Speed Bill

Senate to Act on Matter Monday; Long Debate Is Held Friday

Sen. Douglas McKay's bill fixing a basic speed limit of 50 miles an hour for automobiles on the public highways of Oregon will be finally considered under special order of business at 11 a. m. Monday, it was determined Friday afternoon after the senate had spent nearly two hours debating the measure.

The state highway commission, under the bill, would have authority to increase or lower the speeds. Municipalities also could alter the speed restrictions but only with the consent of the state highway department.

The original bill fixed the speed of automobiles in cities and towns at 25 miles an hour but this was amended to read 20 miles. This amendment was made at the request of Senator Lew Wallace, Multnomah county, who declared that 25 miles an hour was too fast in certain sections of Portland.

Sen. Lyman Ross, Washington county, opposed the bill on the ground that the highway commission already has too much authority.

Sen. McKay declared the bill had the approval of the national conference for highway safety, the secretary of state, and a large number of other organizations and individuals interested in traffic safety.

"I am for this bill because it conforms to the federal traffic safety policies," Sen. Robert M. Duncan said.

Both Bill substituted a lengthy debate preceded the presentation of a bill by the revision of laws committee providing for repeal of the pauper's oath in connection with old age assistance. The new measure would repeal that part of the existing law which gives county relief committees authority to require liens on property of old age pensioners.

The bill would permit the committees to take from the estates of pensioners an amount equal to the total pensions paid.

The bill was protested by Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Multnomah county, on the ground that it did not exempt pensioners' homes from taxation.

Senator Lew Wallace asked why the state should protect property of pensioners so it would go to their children. "I will go so far as any member of this senate in providing assistance for the aged," Wallace declared, "but I do not think we should protect children who will support their parents. This is a lot of damned foolishness."

Relief Bill Batch Due

The danger of passing old age assistance laws without studying the social security setup was stressed by Sen. Dean Walker, chairman of the senate ways and means committee. He said a group of relief bills aggregating expenditures of more than \$22,000,000 were now being drafted and would be dropped in the house before early next week.

Approval was given a bill allowing the state printing board to fix the salary of the state printer. He now receives \$3600 annually.

A bill by the mining committee providing for a state mining code and appointment of a mining inspector also was passed.

Two companion bills introduced by Senator Kenne had the way for a retirement plan for county employees in counties having a population of more than 100,000. Only old and infirm county employees in continuous service for 20 years would be affected.

The retirement fund would be created through contributions of 1 1/2 per cent based on the salaries of all county employees receiving in excess of \$75 a month. Employment of an actuary to work out the retirement plan was authorized. In case the plan is authorized by 1942 the contributions of the county employees would be returned.

Marion Talley Child's Mother, Suit Discloses

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 10.—(AP)—Marion Talley, former opera star, is the mother of a 3-year-old child, it was disclosed publicly today.

Her relationship to the child was revealed in supreme court when Miss Talley opened proceedings to gain custody of her daughter from her husband Adolph Eckstrom, New York singing teacher.

The "American nightingale" of 1926, who made her metropolitan opera debut at 17, charged in a petition that her husband was a man of immoral character, wholly unfit to have custody of any child, particularly a young infant of such tender years; and that he was financially unable to give the child a suitable home.

Lawyers said Miss Talley had kept the birth of the child a secret because she thought it might hinder her career.

North Pacific's Shipping to Get Government Aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The maritime commission undertook today to recapture for American commerce millions of dollars worth of traffic moving out of Puget Sound by reestablishing a United States shipping service in the north Pacific.

First step in the long range program, announced by the commission following conferences with Mrs. E. C. Bennett and shipping representatives, would be the transfer of a number of United States merchant-marine freighters to the Seattle-orient trade route.

Waits of Spanish Strife Seek French Haven



Fatigued waits of civil war are these Spanish youngsters, bound for they know not where, as they were swept along ahead of the insurgent tide in Catalonia. They crossed the borders by the thousands at Perpignan, France. Later developments in the civil war that Franco was withdrawing troops from the northeastern province to concentrate on the Madrid-Valencia region.

House Bills

PASSED IN HOUSE
 HB 19, by Staples—Removing 3 per cent limitation from the amount at which credit of the state or its agencies may be loaned.

HB 29, by Smith and Sen. Wm. L. Dickson—To provide for determining value of security for secured claims in administration of an estate, in a receivership or any liquidation proceedings.

HB 53, by medicine, dentistry and pharmacy—To provide for correction of records and the legitimation of children.

HB 55, by medicine, dentistry and pharmacy—Regarding illegitimate births and records of adoption.

HB 137, by joint Multnomah—Provides for contract between board of control and adjunct general and WPA for drainage of Yacquina bay area an opportunity to organize a cooperative association with authority to set up rules and regulations for the operation and handling of the natural oyster beds and the replanting of native oysters on lands capable of growing oysters.

HB 160, by Thomas and Sen. Walker—To create a game refuge on the Polk county for six years.

HB 169, by Thomas—Relating to qualifications and certification of high school teachers.

HB 179, by judiciary—Relating to salary of court reporter of supreme court.

PASSED IN SENATE
 HB 124, by education—Relating to admission of pupils in school districts.

HB 125, by education—Relating to the qualifications of high school teachers.

HB 126, by education committee—Relating to duties of county school boards.

HB 173, by French—Relating to cancellation of interest on liens in cities.

HB 228, by ways and means—Giving Secretary of state authority to use mechanical device for signing documents.

HB 120, by education—Relating to method of issuing bonds.

HB 148, by Miller—Relating to time of registration and providing for keeping open the county clerk's office in certain instances.

Salem Creditmen Oppose new Bill

The Salem Retail Credit association yesterday went on record as opposed to SB 232, introduced by Senator Balestine and which relates to the making of financial or credit reports.

The local creditmen claim the provisions of the bill would throw most credit reporters into oblivion. The bill, still before the senate committee, would place the license fee at \$2000 and require a \$50,000 bond.

The creditmen, at their luncheon session, heard Howard Grimm, essay contest chairman, report that final awards in the high school essay writing competition sponsored jointly with the Salem chamber of commerce probably will be made next Friday at a school assembly.

President Les Whitehouse appointed these additional committee chairmen: Attendance, Phil Corbett; program, A. E. Robins; membership, Ralph Glover; entertainment, Hugh Adams.

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Ask Removal of Oyster Control

Amendment of the present laws so as to remove from the jurisdiction of the state fish commission any and all control over the natural oyster beds and lands capable of producing oysters on Yacquina Bay, was urged in a report of a special committee of the 1937 legislature filed here Friday.

The report was signed by Senator Isaac E. Staples, chairman, and A. L. Bohn, secretary.

Legislation was requested granting to the residents of the Yacquina bay area an opportunity to organize a cooperative association with authority to set up rules and regulations for the operation and handling of the natural oyster beds and the replanting of native oysters on lands capable of growing oysters.

Wallace Hits at Farm Price Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace warned senators today against a bill to fix minimum prices for farm products, saying that if the government attempted this there would be widespread boycotting of farm crops and a billion-dollar increase in consumers' food costs.

"Otherwise said it would not help the farmer."

The administration farm head testified before the senate agriculture committee which is considering a "cost-of-production" farm bill sponsored by 17 senators.

Instead of trying a new farm program, Wallace suggested, congress should find funds to increase benefit payments to farmers under the present farm act.

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SB 332, by Kenin—Providing that jurors in Multnomah county shall be drawn from registration lists.

SB 333, by Kenin—Authorizing county commissioners of counties having 100,000 inhabitants to retire aged and infirm employees.

SB 334, by Kenin—Empowering county commissioners of counties having more than 100,000 inhabitants to deduct 1 1/2 per cent from monthly salaries of all county employees whose salaries exceed \$75 per month.

SB 335, by Booth and Childs—To require bids on supplies, equipment, repairs and transportation contracts in second or third class school districts and union high school districts.

SB 336, by W. Dickson—Granting consent to United States to acquire lands within the state for purpose of erecting thereon needed public buildings.

SB 337, by Stadlerman—Relating to city planning boards.

SB 338, by livestock—To regulate the sale of livestock.

SB 339, by roads and highways—Relating to operators and chauffeurs' licenses and special permits to drivers.

SB 340, by Chaney—Increasing salaries of certain Coos county officers.

SB 341, by medicine—Relating to the practice of dentistry.

SB 342, by A. Dickson—Authorizing counties to sell outcrops lands acquired through foreclosure.

SB 343, by Mahoney—To fix hours of employment and preventing reduction in wages of employees in certain state institutions.

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 SB 302, by Francisovich—Relating to composition of funds of road districts.

SB 323, by mining committee—Providing for state mining code and appointment of mining inspector.

SB 318, by printing—Making it optional with state printing board to fix salary of state printer.

SB 94, by Wallace—Relating to inheritance tax exemptions.

SB 228, by banking—Providing one annual inspection of state banks instead of two.

SB 229, by banking—Relating to operation and examination of credit unions.

SB 230, by banking committee—Relating to regulation and conduct of banking and trust business.

SB 118, by joint agriculture—Relating to regulation of stallions and jacks.

SB 247, by Burke and Ross—Relating to grades and standards of walnuts and filberts.

SB 157, by agriculture—Relating to weights and measures, tolerance and specifications.

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SB 241, by education—Relating to certification of elementary or high school teachers.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The war department announced today that Robert M. Houston, battery A, 249th coast artillery, Albany, had been commissioned a first lieutenant.

Oddities in the News

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The wind "stopped the clock" today. It blew with such force against the south face of Milwaukee's Big Ben, in the city hall tower, that it broke the control shaft on which the three-foot minute hand and six-foot hour hand rotate.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 10.—(AP)—"Be as light as you can," said solicitor B. E. Deaton when the judge prepared to sentence a man Deaton had charged with stealing his overcoat.

"Well," said Judge H. B. Abernethy, "let him off and let you pay the cost."

Deaton paid—\$23.25 for six kind words.

EUNICE, La., Feb. 10.—(AP)—Robert Dupuch, 19, said he dreamed burglars were in the house, grabbed a shotgun and fired.

He awoke to find his mother wounded in the left arm and shoulder, his brother holding him. Mrs. Dupuch is expected to recover.

BATON ROUGE, La., Feb. 10.—(AP)—Mike, being a city deer, had no trouble threading his way through downtown traffic today and was wholly composed as he ambled into a dry goods store and settled down for a nap on a low shelf.

But Mike barely had dropped off to sleep when rude groundskeepers from the state capitol routed him out, tossed him into a patrol wagon and took him back to his enclosure beside the state-house.

Automobile Confiscation In Theft Cases Okehd

The senate Friday passed a bill by Senator Robert M. Duncan which would give the courts the power to confiscate automobiles and other vehicles used by persons convicted of livestock thefts.

Senator Duncan said this bill was of particular interest to the livestock men of eastern and central Oregon.

Legislators should be, and are, used to standing on their feet and

Japanese Seize Important Isle

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Outrun smugglers responsible for running arms to Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Duration of the occupation "will depend entirely on military necessity," he said.

A large force of soldiers and bluejackets made the landing on Hainan's western coast while surprised Chinese resisted only with sporadic machine-gunfire.

The action brought 25 Americans, two of them customs officials and the rest northern Presbyterian missionaries, into the war zone, but they could not be reached since the island's only radio station had been dismantled.

Southeaster May Drive off Cold

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Mont., and 40 minus in Havre, Mont.

High winds whipped snow blockades across roads in Minnesota and the Dakotas. Rail and road traffic was hampered in some places; halted in few others.

The oncoming cold was expected to halt persistent rain in the Ohio river valley and end new flood threats.