

Ways and Means Committee Defers Action on Institution Raises

Plan Favored In Principle

Eccles Predicts State Revenues Will Exceed Budget by \$150,000

Consideration of shorter hours and increased wages for employees in state institutions was deferred by the joint ways and means committee of the legislature at its first meeting on Wednesday, until a clearer picture of state finances could be had. There were indications that the proposal was favored in principle.

David Eccles, state budget director, predicted that the state's revenues for the next biennium would be more than \$150,000 in excess of those set out in the budget, exclusive of some increase in inheritance taxes. He also declared that \$50,000 might be deducted from the recommended budget for the state welfare commission.

There probably will be no increase in receipts from the personal income tax for several years, Walter E. Pearson, chairman of the senate ways and means committee said.

Governor on Record Opposed to New Taxes

"As you all know," Pearson declared, "Governor Charles A. Sprague has gone on record opposed to any new taxes at the 1941 legislative session."

Figures placed before the committee showed that the estimated revenues for the 1941-43 biennium exceed the budget recommendations by approximately \$28,000.

Pearson told the committee that the board of control had given careful study to the state institution budgets and they were cut to the bone.

"I am of the opinion that we may be able to increase some of the institution budgets later," Pearson continued.

The committee approved a motion by Senator W. H. Strayer that all recommendations of the ways and means group be unanimous and that no minority reports be filed.

Sub-Committees Named to Confer on Budgets

Sub-committees were appointed to confer with heads of state departments and institutions in connection with their budgets. A number of these sub-committees will work Friday and Saturday even though the legislature recesses Thursday noon until Monday.

Pearson said he hoped that the ways and means committee would be able to report out some of its bills not later than the third week of the session.

Three special committees were appointed. These are:

Social security — Representatives Rennie, Bradley and Huggins and Senators Belton and Strayer.
Higher education — Senators Dunn, Stadlerman and Ronald Jones and Representatives Engdahl and Semon.

Claims — Senators Strayer and Stadlerman and Representative Engdahl.

Shortage of Nurses Laid to Low Wages

Eccles reported a shortage of registered nurses at some of the state institutions due to low wages paid by the state in comparison with the wage schedules in private industry.

Recommended appropriations by Governor Sprague aggregate approximately \$19,000,000, of which \$15,000,000 is within the constitutional six per cent limitation provision and \$4,000,000 outside the limitation.

Angus Gibson, Lane county, is chairman of the house ways and means committee.

The senate and house ways and means committees will operate jointly throughout the legislative session.

Norman Beugli Wins Badge as Life Scout

Life scout badge was presented to Norman Beugli of troop 11 at the monthly Cherry City district Boy Scout court of honor last night. Bill Ready and Douglas Carter, both of troop 11, became star scouts.

Merit badges were awarded Edward Newman of troop nine, Edward Porter of troop 13, Marvin Mattson of troop 53. Boys advancing to second class rank were Albert C. Miller, troop 17, Robert E. Robins, troop one, and Earl

Senate Bills

INTRODUCED WEDNESDAY
SB 3, by McKay — Repealing Oregon non-resident motor vehicle registration law.

SB 4, by McKay — Providing that state officials and state employees called for military service shall be entitled to leaves of absence.

SB 5, by roads and highways — Authorizing construction of "free-ways," in connection with state highway program.

SB 6, by roads and highways — Prohibiting signs on state highway property or within view of a highway not authorized by owner of the property.

SB 7, by roads and highways — Increasing maximum length of commercial motor vehicles, with load, from 50 to 60 feet, and the maximum weight from 54,000 pounds to 68,000 pounds.

SB 8, by roads and highways — Authorizing highway commission and county courts to grant one-year permits for operation of logging trucks with an overall length of more than 50 feet, providing surveys indicate road surfaces would not be damaged.

SB 9, by roads and highways — Authorizing state highway commission to compel cutting of trees on private property if they constitute a hazard.

SB 10, by roads and highways — Authorize state highway department to construct cattle guard gates at cow crossings.

SB 11, by Ellis — To protect military establishment and other properties under national defense program.

SB 12, Mahoney — To prohibit members or persons affiliated with organization designed to overthrow United States government by force or violence from being candidate for public office.

Legislators Ask For Auto Spaces Around Capitol

Members of the legislature, who have been given official immunity against city overtime parking charges, want Secretary of State Earl Snell to mark off parking space for them around the capitol.

Both houses passed yesterday a resolution requesting the parking space.

Senator Charles Childs (R-Linn) had a word for the taxpayers, however, asking that they "be given a break."

"If you reserve space for legislators," Childs said, "the taxpayer won't be able to get within four blocks of the capitol."

Childs also suggested that the legislature do away with reserved parking space for state officials.

Wooton Explains Deferment Stand

Blanket deferment from selective service training of students seeking scientific and technical degrees is impossible and undesirable under the present selective service law, Lieutenant-Colonel Elmer V. Wooton, state selective service director, declared here Wednesday.

The statement was in reply to many inquiries received at state selective service headquarters.

Wooton said deferments likely would be limited in number unless a definite shortage of men in such fields is nationally recognized.

Post Is Divided By School Board

To solve a seniority puzzle, Percy Cupper ascended to the chairmanship of the Salem school board at its first 1941 meeting Tuesday night, succeeding Mrs. David Wright.

Board regulations give the post to the director who has served the longest. Since Cupper and Mrs. Wright were elected at the same time, she served the past six months and he will serve the next.

Cooley, troop 11. Ted Reschke of the Salem 20-30 club, which conducts the courts of honor, presided.

Neuberger Bill Outlines Shift

Marion County Delegation Would Remain Same in Reapportionment Plan

The bill sponsored by Rep. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Multnomah) to give the Oregon legislature its first major reapportionment since 1907 would give Multnomah county five more representatives and three more senators.

Marion county's delegation of four representatives and two senators would be unchanged. The increase in the Multnomah delegation would be largely at the expense of the smaller eastern Oregon counties.

In the senate, the Multnomah delegation would be increased from six to nine. Jackson and Josephine counties, which now have a senator each, would be given a senator between them.

Clackamas county, which now has a senator and shares another with Multnomah and Columbia counties, would have two senators. Baker county, which has a senator of its own, would be placed in a district also including Union and Walla Walla counties.

Klamath county, now sharing a senator with Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Lake counties, would have a senator all its own.

Hood River and Wasco counties, each now having a senator, would be united in a new district to also include Gilliam and Sherman counties.

Lane County Would Have Two Full Senators

Lane county, now having a senator and sharing another with Linn county, would have two senators. Linn county would continue to have one.

Umatilla county, now having a senator and sharing another with Union and Morrow counties, would be in a joint district with Morrow county, and the district would have only one senator.

In the house, Multnomah county's delegation would be increased from 13 to 18. Lane and Douglas counties now have three and two representatives, respectively. Lane would continue to have three, and Douglas would have only one. But the two counties would be in a joint district to have another.

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Complete List Shows Districts, Assignments

The complete list of proposed senate districts and the number of senators assigned to each follows:

Marion county 2, Linn 1, Lane 2, Douglas 1, Coos and Curry 1, Polk and Benton 1, Yamhill 1, Washington 1, Clackamas 2, Multnomah 9, Lincoln and Tillamook 1, Jackson and Josephine 1, Clatsop and Columbia 1, Hood River 1, Wasco, Gilliam and Sherman 1, Wheeler, Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Lake 1, Umatilla and Morrow 1, Klamath 1, Grant, Harney and Malheur 1, Baker, Union and Walla Walla 1.

The list of proposed house districts, all to have one representative unless stated otherwise:

Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington 2, Multnomah 18, Clackamas 3, Yamhill 2, Lincoln, Polk, Benton, Marion 4, Linn 2, Lane 3, Douglas, Coos, Curry 2, Josephine, Jackson 2, Hood River, Wasco, Umatilla, Walla Walla 2, Union, Baker, Deschutes, Malheur, Klamath 2, Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Crook, Jefferson, Wheeler, Grant, Harney, Lake.

Court Will Scan Corrected Books

The state supreme court will look over corrected copies of the 1940 Oregon code today with a view to certifying the work to the governor's office provided the justices determine that serious errors found in the original edition have been eliminated.

A supply of the corrected volumes sufficient to meet the needs of the legislature arrived from the publisher yesterday and will be distributed as soon as the code has been officially proclaimed by the governor.

1000 Copies Asked On New Speed Bill

The senate Wednesday ordered the printing of 1000 copies of the proposed new Oregon motor vehicle speed law introduced last Monday.

Senator Dorothy McCullough Lee, co-author of the bill, said it would require 1000 printed copies to supply the demand.

Five Bills Seek Parole Changes

Amendments to Present Law Placed Before Revision Group

Amendments, chiefly minor, to laws affecting paroled or released convicts, are included in five bills drafted by the state parole department and placed before the senate revision of laws committee on Wednesday.

The committee took no action on the bills and it is not likely that they will be introduced until early next week.

One bill provides that prisoners released from the state penitentiary may vote without waiting for a full pardon, as required under the present law.

Another bill gives penitentiary prisoners under parole the right to enter into civil contracts, including marriage. Under the existing laws prisoners released on parole cannot marry until their parole has expired.

The third bill provides that committing magistrates shall impose maximum sentences, leaving the matter of the prisoner's release in the hands of the state parole authorities.

The parole board would be relieved of handling cases involving county jail prisoners serving less than six months terms under another bill.

The final bill of the series does away with what is known as the bench parole.

Paul R. Kelly, Lafayette, is chairman of the state parole board. Other members are R. S. "Spec" Keene, Salem, and Gerald Mason, Portland.

Authors of Bills Must Be Notified

In case a committee decides to report out a bill with the recommendation that it "do not pass," the author must be notified, under a new rule adopted by the senate rules committee Wednesday.

The new rule was requested by Senator Thomas R. Mahoney of Multnomah county.

Mahoney said the rule would preclude the defeat of a bill reported out unfavorably during the temporary absence of the author.

House Bills

HB 2, by Greenwood — Provides for adoption of standard log rule for determining board foot content of saw logs.

HB 3, by Carson — Provides for removal of state policemen in certain instances.

HB 4, by Carson — Authorizes executors and other fiduciaries to invest in savings and loan associations.

HB 5, by Brady — Providing for payment of additional inspection fees to the state labor commissioner.

HB 6, by Brady — Changes name of State Welfare Commission to "Wage and Hour Commission."

HB 7, by Brady — Relates to mining wage collection.

HB 8, by Brady, et al — Authorizes dependents of deceased to collect wages, without administration, if amount is \$100 or less.

HB 9, by Brady, et al — Makes warehouse receipts on lumber and slabwood subject to labor liens.

HB 10, by Brady, et al — Provides for payment by insurance companies of fees for boiler inspections.

HB 11, by Brady, et al — Provides for collection from employer by Commissioner of Labor of additional 10 per cent in case of failure to pay wages due upon receipt of notice.

HB 12, by Brady, et al — Establishes in Bureau of Labor, a division to care for welfare and employment of the deaf. Appropriates \$10,000.

HB 13, by Brady, et al — Relates to logging wage collection.

HB 14, by McCourt — Provides for organization of Oregon State Guard in case National Guard is called into active federal service.

HB 15, by McCourt — Provides for the appointment of a general staff by governor whenever National Guard is called into service.

HB 16, by Neuberger — Providing reapportionment of legislative districts.

HB 17, by Allen — Providing a two cent state cigarette tax.

HB 18, by Allen — Provides \$40 maximum old age pension.

HB 19, by Smith — Providing for various private claims to heirs of Frank Wood, deceased.

PASSED WEDNESDAY
HB 1 — Appropriating \$50,000 for expenses of legislative session. (Passed by both houses.)

County Offered Tract for Deal

Ed Jory, son of an old Willamette valley family, and owner of part of his father's donation land claim taken up in 1846, yesterday offered to deed Marion county 94 acres of that land in return for permission to give a tract which he owns in the Liberty district in exchange for a piece of county land which he now fancies.

Jory proposed to the county court that he deed the 94 acres, now encumbered with \$2400 in delinquent taxes which he declared he could not pay, in return for permission to make the other trading deal.

He indicated that the tax delinquent property had been improperly assessed at \$9600 rather

than at \$5600 as suggested by the state tax commission, but denied that he was offering it to the county in lieu of taxes.

The court, anxious to please but not entirely certain of all interests involved, postponed action on the matter.

Senate Taxation Group Gets Bills

Two bills were before the senate assessment and taxation committee Wednesday. Both were drafted by the state tax commission.

One bill would simplify the foreclosure of utility properties. The other would clarify the general utility and taxation laws.



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