

State Land Board Activities Upheld in Senate Resolution Vote

New Board Plan Defeated

Present Commission Said Efficient Handling School Lands

The Oregon senate defeated Thursday a joint resolution by Sen. Lew Wallace (D-Mult.) authorizing the creation of a commission of three members to handle school lands in this state. These lands are now handled by the state land board, composed of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer.

The proposed new commission would be appointed by the governor and would serve without compensation.

Sen. Walter E. Pearson (D-Mult.) opposed the resolution on the ground that the present land board was efficient and well qualified to handle the state's school lands.

"This resolution was drafted at the request of Jessie Short, a Portland educator," Pearson said. "This woman has been a critic of the land board for many months, and has attempted on many occasions to direct the activities of the land board in connection with school land administration."

The resolution set forth that creation of the proposed commission was demanded by many residents of the state who were dissatisfied with the manner in which the school lands had been handled by some previous administrations.

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Twenty-one senators voted against the resolution which would have been referred to the voters at the next general election.

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Here's Genoa, Blasted by British Navy



Here is a view of the harbor at Genoa, important Italian port which was subjected to a terrific shell-bombing by British fighting ships in a daring raid. Genoa is a principal Italian shipping center.

Senate Bills

INTRODUCED THURSDAY
SB 244, by education—Relating to bond of school district clerk.
SB 245, by Dickinson—To provide for purchase of Lee S. Wright collection of guns, pistols and other antiques; appropriating \$15,000.

SB 246, by Dickinson—Relating to removal of civil disabilities of a wife.

SB 247, by mining—Relating to Rogue river coordination board.
SB 248, by Wiperman—Relating to operation of county hospitals.

SB 249, by Belton—Relating to parks and recreational districts.
SB 251, by game—Relating to enforcement of game laws.

SB 252, by Multnomah delegation—Relating to small claims department of district court.
SB 253, by McKenna—Placing certain groups under price discrimination law.

PASSED BY SENATE
SB 39, by forestry—Relating to fire extinguishers in logging and milling operations.

SB 40, by forestry—Relating to operation of steam or internal combustion engines in logging operations.

SB 61, by forestry—To provide for participation in emergency fire cost fund by official fire districts.

SB 98, by education—Relating to non-high school districts.
SB 127, by agriculture—Relating to growing and sale of nursery stock.

SB 168, by insurance providing for supervision and regulation of domestic insurance companies.
SB 191, by J. N. Jones—Relating to terms of circuit court in 9th judicial district.

SB 205, by Stetler—Increasing salary of Wheeler county school superintendent.

PASSED BY HOUSE
SB 8, by joint highways—Authorizing highway commission and county courts to issue permits for continuous operation of combinations of motor vehicles for transportation of logs, poles or piling having overall length exceeding 50 feet.

SB 10, by joint highways—Providing for construction and maintenance of gates and cattle guards.

SB 37, by Strayer—Relating to tax refunds on motor vehicle and aviation fuels.

SB 77, by joint medicine, pharmacy and dentistry—Relating to the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery.

SB 117, by Burke—Relating to practice of chiropractic.
SB 128, by Franciscovich—Relating to motor vehicles, their lights, etc.

SB 129, by highways—Relating to use of flashing lights on motor vehicles.
SB 141, by agriculture—Relating to compensation of state board of agriculture.

SB 165, by Dickinson—Relating to practice of naturopathy.
SB 184, by Ellis et al—Relating to certified copies of certificates of illegitimate births.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 24—Relating to state military general staff.
SB 26—Relating to mineral survey.

SB 35—Relating to requirements to practice optometry.
SB 80—Relating to commercial fishing in Willamette river.
SB 84—Relating to control of ocean fish.

SB 98—Relating to regulation of banking and trust business.
SB 130—To authorize payment for sets of OCLA purchased by state.

SB 179—Relating to general fund appropriation for public assistance fund.

State Labor Chief Talks on Measures
Charles H. Gram, state labor commissioner, appeared before the senate industries committee Thursday night in connection with two bills affecting his department.

One bill would change the name of the state welfare commission. The other bill provides for the payment of penalty for failure to pay wages. Gram is secretary of the state welfare commission.

House Bills

INTRODUCED THURSDAY
HB 451, by Newberry et al—Authorizing state board of forestry to accept and expend federal funds for protection of forests from white pine blister rust, and appropriating \$10,000.

HB 452, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating \$6000 for salaries of teachers in Children's Farm home, and \$4500 for teachers in Wynne Watts school.

HB 453, by ways and means—Appropriating \$248,734 for expenses of Oregon national guard.
HB 454, by ways and means—Creating revolving fund of not more than \$200,000 for purchase and sale of commodity stamps.

HB 455, by ways and means—Appropriating \$108,342.60 for transportation of insane patients.

PASSED BY HOUSE
HB 88, by agriculture—Relating to sale of carbonated beverages.
HB 101, by agriculture—Relating to sale and storage of foodstuffs.

HB 102, by medicine—Relating to detection and control of syphilis.
HB 108, by revision of laws—To regulate sheriff's fees in civil suits.

HB 124, by Canfield and Sen. Kauffmann—Relating to tax for closure proceedings.
HB 329, by McAllister and Newberry—Relating to grades and standards for agricultural and horticultural products.

HB 338, by Chindgren—Relating to commercial fertilizers.
SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 131—Relating to punishment for misdemeanors.

HB 143—Relating to non-high school districts.
HB 149—Relating to terms of school district officers and fiscal year.

HB 155—To provide for control and destruction of predatory animals.

Bill Increases Salary
The senate Thursday approved a measure increasing the salary of the Wheeler county school superintendent from \$400 to \$600 a year.

Budget Okehed By Committee

Higher Education Given \$550,000 Supplement by Ways and Means

Action upon the state board of higher education budget for the coming biennium was virtually completed Thursday by the joint ways and means committee of the legislature when it approved an appropriation of \$550,000 to supplement millage, compared with the board's request for \$850,000 and the governor's recommendation of \$538,564.

Action on a house-approved bill to raise district attorneys' salaries from \$149,000 to \$168,000 was postponed. Several members of the committee protested against the state paying the salaries of deputy district attorneys in Multnomah county.

Resents "Pressure"
Rep. Angus Gibson (R-Lane) said he resented political pressure of the district attorneys in asking approval of this bill.

The program for aid of crippled children was withdrawn from the state public welfare commission and transferred to the University of Oregon medical school with an appropriation of \$106,000.

Whether the working hours of employees at the Oregon state hospital and some other state institutions will be reduced from 72 to 60 hours a week will be decided at the next meeting of the ways and means committee.

Prison Fund Approved
Approval was given the appropriation of \$621,790 for the state penitentiary. The governor had recommended \$589,515. The increase was caused by the purchase of equipment for the new prison buildings now under construction.

Another bill to permit the legislature to examine lists of public welfare clients also was approved by the committee. Legislators would not be allowed to copy the lists. The measure is intended to head off a resolution calling for an investigation of the public welfare commission.

Other appropriations approved included \$27,350 for the Barnhart ship Oregon commission, \$3404 for the state board of accountancy and \$2919 for the state board of architects' examiners.

Non High School Units Can Borrow
The senate Thursday approved a bill by the education committee giving non-high school districts authority to contract short term loans instead of issuing warrants at a higher rate of interest.

The bill also would allow these school districts to contract with private concerns for the transportation of their pupils.

The measure was defeated early in the week and later reconsidered.

Bill Is Referred On Qualifications
The senate Thursday afternoon re-referred a bill, by Rep. Marsh, tightening up the qualifications for justices of the state supreme court and circuit judges.

Approval was given a bill appropriating \$20,000 for construction of a sewage system at the eastern Oregon state hospital.

Postmen Lose Battle to Curb Dogs From Snatching Pieces From Pants

Postmen will still have to run the hazards of biting dogs, the house, influenced by a powerful toy dog lobby, decided Thursday by a vote of 32 to 27.

The vote defeated a bill, sponsored by the Oregon Letter Carriers association, which would have made dog owners liable for dog bites without the bitee having to prove the dog's past viciousness.

When the bill came up for passage toy dogs placed on the desks of members by Rep. Harvey Wells, Multnomah republican and dog lover, joined in a squeaking chorus of protest. The dogs all bore notes saying, "I have always been loyal. Please reciprocate. Vote NO."

Rep. Allan G. Carson, Marion republican who has a dog himself, admitted opponents of the bill had stolen a march on him and said "We should have put a few postmen with seats torn out of their pants on your desks."

Support for the bill was given by Rep. Warren Irwin, who said that as a young piano salesman he had often been chased from front yards by nippy dogs.

Brady Tells Why
Rep. Phil Brady, Portland democrat whose Belgian shepherd is under contract to a major film studio, said "these doberman ringers, politicians and piano salesmen probably bring the bites upon themselves."

The house passed unanimously a bill to require physicians to take blood tests of expectant mothers to detect syphilis. The tests would be made free by the state board of health. The bill now goes to the senate.

Rep. J. F. Hosch (D-Deschutes), chairman of the house medicine, dentistry and pharmacy committee, and a physician, said that when syphilis is detected before the fifth month of pregnancy the baby can be saved. He said there are 350 still births in 60,000 births in Oregon, "a high figure."

Squabble Enlivens
A squabble among the Multnomah delegation over its adverse report on a bill changing features of the Multnomah county civil service law enlivened the house afternoon session.

After extended debate the report of the delegation was approved and the bill indefinitely postponed.

The house passed and sent to the governor senate bills which would authorize county courts and the highway commission to issue continuous permits for log hauling operations instead of the 30 day permits issued under the present law, permit log trucks used only in daytime operations to have no lights, and provide per diem payment of \$10 to members of the state board of agriculture.

Action Expected On Trucks Bill
Definite action on the bill proposing to increase the length and loads of trucks probably will be taken at a meeting of the senate roads and highways committee set for early Friday.

Sen. Douglas McKay (R-Marion) is chairman of the committee. The bill is being opposed by the railroads on the ground that it is discriminatory.

The truckers contend that the proposed law would place the Oregon operators on a parity with those in Washington and California.

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, will appear before the committee at Friday's hearing in behalf of the measure.

Judges Pro-Tem Measure Referred

Bill Provides Jurists Appointed by Court Serve 90 Days

The issue of appointment of circuit judges pro-tem came up for final consideration in the senate on Thursday but was referred to the ways and means committee after Sen. W. H. Strayer (D-Baker), elicited the information that it would require an appropriation.

The bill, introduced in the house by Rep. Leo Smith, provides that these judges shall be appointed by the presiding or senior circuit judges and shall not serve for more than 90 days.

The bill, as originally introduced, provided that the circuit judges pro tem should be appointed by the chief justice of the state supreme court. Chief Justice Percy Kelly objected to this provision with the result that the measure was amended.

The circuit judges pro tem would receive compensation at the rate of \$20 per day.

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney (D-Mult.), said the legislation was required because of a deplorable condition existing in Multnomah county; He said the court dockets there were congested and it required many months to get a case at issue.

The bill was opposed by Senator Ashby Dickson (D-Mult.), on the ground that it was violation of the spirit of the state constitution.

Bill Proposes Game Law Exams

A bill introduced Thursday by Sen. Coe McKenna (R-Mult.) provides that the state police department shall conduct game law examinations involving applicants for police jobs with the state game commission.

The game commission would conduct the examinations relating to game management.

McKenna said the legislation was requested by the state game commission which is attempting to organize a small force of officers to patrol closed hunting areas and streams and propagation districts.

Congress Urged To Aid Schools
The senate Thursday adopted a joint memorial urging congress to give financial assistance to overburdened school districts.

Sen. W. E. Burke (R-Yamhill) said many Oregon school districts were overpopulated due to the establishment of national defense industries.

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