

Aged Fishers Given Break

Senate Favors Small Fee to Older Persons; Indigent Bill Dies

Sen. W. E. Burke's measure to enable 10-year Oregon residents over 60 years of age to purchase fishing licenses for 50 cents received a new lease on life Monday when the senate rejected 15 to 13 an unfavorable report of the game committee.

Sen. Lew Wallace (D-Mult.) said the bill's provisions would reduce the state game commission's income \$50,000 a year.

"I always have been a supporter of legislation affecting the elderly people of Oregon," Wallace said, "but I feel that the age provision in this measure is too low."

Sen. Burke (R-Yamhill) declared that if the game commission could not afford to lose a few thousand dollars it should reduce its overhead costs.

A motion by Sen. Coe McKenna, Multnomah county, to re-refer the bill to committee for the purpose of reducing the fishing license fee to all indigent persons over 50 years of age was voted down.

A bill by Sen. Charles Childs (R-Linn) providing that hunting and fishing seasons shall not be closed after licenses are issued was indefinitely postponed.

This measure came before the senate on a divided report. The majority report was against passage of the bill.

House Bills

PASSED BY HOUSE

HB 8, by Brady et al.—To authorize surviving spouses and dependents of deceased employees to collect wages without administration.

HB 112, by Thomas—To provide additional revenue for support of public schools and old age assistance.

HB 164, by Hedlund—Relating to attachments.

HB 204, by Heisler et al.—To empower state highway commission to construct or purchase a bridge or bridges over Columbia river.

HB 302, by Allen—Relating to licenses for sale of intoxicating liquor.

HB 308, by Wells—Relating to powers of rural fire protection districts.

HB 325, by revision of laws—Relating to subpoenas and attendance of witnesses.

HB 326, by revision of laws—Relating to classes of membership in Oregon state bar.

HB 416, by Marsh—To preserve rights conferred upon municipal corporations.

HB 436, by agriculture—To require railroads to designate safe and convenient sidetracks to place cars for state inspection.

HB 444, by revision of laws—Relating to receipts and disbursements by state library.

HB 452, ways and means—To provide for payment of salaries of teachers of Benton county, school district No. 442 and Multnomah county, school district No. 30.

HB 454, by ways and means—To create revolving fund for purchase and sale of commodity stamps by state public welfare commission.

HB 455, by ways and means—Appropriation for transportation of insane and idiotic persons, transportation of convicts and arrest and return of fugitives and expenses of state board of parole and probation.

PASSED BY SENATE

HB 173, by Staples—Establishing a herd district in Malheur county.

HB 369, by judiciary committee—Relating to oaths of witnesses.

Coogan in Draft Checkup



Former child star of the movies, Jackie Coogan, is pictured, left, about to be given a physical examination in Hollywood before service in the army, probably in the air corps. Coogan is shown with a nurse and a Legionnaire, who is painting a number on Jackie's hand.

Senate Okehs Bill Removing Women "Discrimination"

Several Measures Returned to Ways And Means Committee; Hopper Gets Two More Propositions

Discrimination against women as litigants in Oregon courts would cease under the terms of a bill approved by the senate on Monday, Sen. Ashby Dickson, its author, said wives are discriminated against in certain legal proceedings under present law.

"This measure has received the careful consideration of the judiciary committee," Dickson continued, "and was endorsed by Senator Dorothy Lee, the only woman member of the senate."

A bill authorizing construction of a union student building at the university of Oregon and an auditorium at Oregon state college was sent back to the joint ways and means committee for further consideration. The proposed buildings would cost \$250,000 each and would be paid for out of athletic funds.

Vehicle Book Returned

Another measure sent back to the ways and means committee directs the secretary of state to print annually in book form a list of motor vehicle license numbers. This legislation was requested by the state police department and many other law enforcement officers. Sets of these books, covering a 12 months period, would sell at \$25. Cost of printing the books was estimated at \$30,000 annually.

There was no opposition to a bill by the livestock committee proposing the establishment of a herd district in Malheur county. Senator J. N. Jones said he had received a petition containing a large number of signatures requesting this legislation.

Two companion bills providing for the creation of a so-called "Oregon Compensation Bureau" to operate in connection with the state industrial accident commission, were dropped into the senate hopper. The bureau would fix the commission insurance rates.

The commission would be composed of three members. One would be selected by the governor, another by the accident commission and the third by the state insurance commissioner. The governor's appointee would receive a maximum salary of \$5000 a year. The other two members would serve without compensation.

Against Boat Measure

The ways and means committee reported against passage of a measure prohibiting boat fishing in the McKenzie river above Belknap bridge. A public hearing was held on this bill a week ago.

The senate game committee reported out favorably a house bill to extend the area of the game

Cities Want Share of Tax

House, Senate Groups Hold Hearings on Divergent Topics

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loss of county market road funds has hampered maintenance of county roads.

Judge F. L. Phipps, executive secretary of the Association of Oregon Counties, said his organization favored increased funds for the counties.

In the hearing on the consumption tax for electric utilities, Senator Ronald Jones, (R-Marion), co-author with Rep. Angus Gibson, (R-Lane), of the house bill admitted that the measure had been a finished bill in any sense.

Immediate Need Seen For Some Type of Levy

He argued however that there is immediate need for some kind of tax which will cover municipal, people's utility and federal systems, especially in view of impending congressional legislation for a Columbia river authority empowered to take over entire private systems and operate them until sold to public agencies.

Jones said that the public utilities commission would readjust rates to consumers to reflect the elimination of property taxes on private utilities, but that such reductions probably would not be uniform.

W. M. Tugman, Eugene editor, favored the bill, declaring that uncertainty of taxation has barred expansion of public ownership.

J. W. McArthur, superintendent of the Eugene water board which operates Eugene's municipal lighting system, strongly opposed the bill, however, declaring that many of its provisions are unworkable and the measure had been drawn without adequate knowledge of how the systems must operate.

Ray Gillet, master of the state grange, said his organization and the Oregon public ownership league are opposed to such a tax at this time.

In the hearing on general disease control, Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, Portland, state health officer, told the senate medicine, pharmacy and dentistry committee that the federal government would not give money to the state for syphilis control unless syphilis tests are given free of charge to all citizens.

The committee's hearing was on house-approved measures to require doctors to give pregnant women such tests within 10 days of the first appointment, and to all citizens free of charge.

Representatives of private laboratories opposed the bills, stating that they would lose much revenue if the tests were free. The measures were supported by the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs.

Arguments Hot at Hearing Before Senate Committee On "Fair Trade" Measure

Refunds, Rebates, Prizes and Below Cost Selling Would Be Prohibited by Act; Stores' Attorneys Debate

Results that might follow enactment of the proposed "fair trade" law were variously interpreted in testimony at a hearing before the senate revision of laws committee Monday afternoon. The bill, introduced by Sen. Douglas McKay (R-Marion) and others, prohibits sale of any article below cost of production. Refunds, rebates and prizes also are taboo under the measure. Prosecutions for violations of the proposed law would be under the direction of the attorney general and district attorneys.

Plaintiffs successful in prosecutions would be entitled to actual damage sustained.

Principal speakers against the measure were Attorney Jay Bowerman, representing the Safeway Stores, and George Mead, representing the Fred Meyer stores. Attorney Challenges Bill Proponents on "Loss Leaders"

Bowerman challenged proponents of the bill to show that the Safeway store had used loss leaders as a means of attracting business.

"This is purely a price-fixing bill," Bowerman declared, "and if approved will tend to increase prices. The present price discrimination law has operated very satisfactorily and should be retained."

Bowerman contended that a person arrested for violation of the proposed law who was successful in his defense would have no redress under the proposed new enactment. He asked why utilities were exempted from the new bill.

Mead said it was only fair that a merchant should be permitted to meet competition. He declared that the Meyer stores sell for cash with the result that they can offer lower prices than some other concerns.

"This measure, if approved, would give the credit merchant an unfair advantage," Mead continued. He said the proposed new law is not in the interest of the consumer.

Attorney Carl Pope, Salem representing the Willamette Valley Food Dealers' association, denied emphatically that the proposed new law fixes prices.

"This is a copy of the Washington law which has been held constitutional by the state supreme court here," Pope declared. He added that the various bar associations and other organizations already have price regulations. Pope charged that some chain stores had sold milk and other articles below cost.

Others who spoke for the bill were C. M. Roberts and Theodore Roth of Salem and H. E. Carlson, Portland, representing the Independent Retail Grocers of that city.

Carlson said he doubted state-

Funeral Set For Officer

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 19, at 1:30 p.m. for Captain Dwight L. Mulkey, 36, of the US army. Interment will be in City View cemetery with Rev. W. Irvin Williams officiating.

Captain Mulkey died Monday at a local hospital following an extended illness. He had received notice of his appointment to the rank of major only a few days ago.

Born October 10, 1904, at Mehama, Captain Mulkey attended Salem schools, Willamette university and was appointed to West Point army academy from the Oregon National Guard. He graduated from West Point in 1928, entering the army signal corps.

Willette Welch, Salem girl, became Mrs. Mulkey August 3, 1929, in Pennsylvania.

Survivors, in addition to the wife, include three daughters, Mary Gertrude, Elizabeth Ann and Nancy Louise; mother, Mrs. Mary E. Mulkey; two sisters, Miss Mildred Mulkey and Mrs. Genevieve White, all of Salem.

On Calendar Today

The senate banking committee Monday reported out without recommendation a bill by Senator J. N. Jones, Malheur county, relating to investments. The bill will be on Tuesday's calendar.

Senate Bills

INTRODUCED MONDAY

SB 268, by industries—Relating to rates under state industrial accident commission.

SB 269, by industries—Providing for creation of "Oregon Compensation Bureau" to operate in cooperation with industrial accident commission.

PASSED BY SENATE

SB 208, by medicine—Relating to reports involving venereal diseases.

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

SB 252, by Multnomah—Relating to jurisdiction of small claims department of district courts.

SB 260, by ways and means—To transfer unexpended balances in department of agriculture account to general fund.

SB 31, by forestry—Relating to fire season as it pertains to logging and milling operations.

SB 32, by forestry committee—Relating to uncontrolled fires on forest lands.

SB 148, by mining committee—Relating to motor transportation law.

PASSED BY HOUSE

SB 90, by education—Relating to special certificates for vocational teachers.

SB 131, by medicine, pharmacy and dentistry—Relating to practice of chiropody.

SB 189, by J. N. Jones—Relating to livestock in Harney and Malheur counties.

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