

# House Passes Measure to Raise Age Pensions to \$40 Maximum

## Ways and Means Given Vote Of Confidence on Bill Clearing Need Basis

### Committee Revising Measure to Meet US Federal Social Security Objections; National Guard "Kicks" Aired

The house passed with but two dissenting votes Monday a bill to raise the maximum grant for old age assistance from \$30 to \$40 and later voted confidence in the ways and means committee's handling of social security legislation by refusing 34 to 23 to recall a bill to define need in pensions.

Democrats charged that the measure to raise the pension ceiling, sponsored by the administration, was "another fraud on the old people," but voted for the bill. Reps. James A. Rodman (R-Lane) and Giles L. French (R-Sherman) voted "No."

The second pension battle was on Rep. George Duncan's measure to clarify the "need basis" for pensions by permitting each recipient to earn up to \$15 monthly from private sources and allow pensioners exceptions on real property up to \$5000.

Chairman A. Rennie (R-Benton) of the ways and means social security subcommittee, said the bill had to be revised to meet federal social security board objections. Rennie said his committee was working on the bill and would report it out as soon as possible.

Rennie explained that the bill to raise the pension maximum would permit Oregon to obtain the maximum \$20 federal match money in the most needy cases and in connection with hospitalization costs now borne by the state alone.

Rep. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Multnomah) charged that past legislatures have been making "200 gestures" by memorializing congress to "do something for the old folks" while failing to enact a tax program to provide increased pensions.

"It's up to the legislature to stay here," Neuberger said, "until it enacts a tax bill that will provide adequate pensions."

Rep. Rodman told the house he had been informed that Oregon national guardsmen at Camp Murray are being required to do "menial work" for draftees coming into cantonments. He suggested it might be a matter for legislative inquiry.

Rodman said that guardsmen are occupying tents while draftees are being quartered in cantonments. "Yet reveals 'Method'"

Rep. Harvey Wells (R-Mult.) one of two Spanish war veterans in the house, said he believed it was common practice in the army to "wine and dine" new men. "You show them how to do things and pretty soon they get used to them and you can start borrowing money from them," he said.

Debate among members of the Multnomah county delegation on measures to elect representatives from Multnomah by positions and to increase the salary of the Multnomah county auditor took up a major portion of the house session time Monday.

The house passed and sent to

the governor the bill to raise the salary of the Multnomah county auditor from \$3600 to \$4600 after a 45-minute parliamentary workout.

The house passed and sent to the senate a bill to provide appeal through the courts from rulings of the state liquor commission.

**Expense Bills Passed**  
Appropriation bills to pay expenses of the Oregon national guard and to maintain the Battleship Oregon were passed and sent to the governor.

The house labor and industries committee reported out "do pass" a bill by Rep. J. D. Perry (D-Columbia) to combine functions of the unemployment compensation commission, the industrial accident commission and the state labor department in a state department of labor and industry.

## Lottery Law Letup Asked

Liberalization of the lottery section of the Oregon laws is provided in a bill introduced by the senate judiciary committee Monday. Gifts or awards of money, property or anything of value which is awarded by lot or drawing as a trade stimulant by any mercantile establishment, theatre, radio broadcasting station, newspaper or other concern which charges no price and collects no fee for participation in such lot or drawing, other than its regular prices, would be exempt from the lottery provision.

A public hearing on this bill probably will be sought later in the legislative session, Dickson indicated.

## Bill Would Increase Log Truck Weights

Under the provisions of a bill by Sen. Lew Wallace (D-Mult.) the combined weight of trucks and load in log hauling operations would be increased from 54,000 to 68,000 pounds.

Wallace said this measure is in the interest of the logging and milling industry. Certain restrictions are contained in the bill.

## Pay Hike for Yamhill Sheriff Is Sought

A bill introduced Monday by Sen. W. E. Burke would increase the salary of the sheriff of Yamhill county from \$2000 to \$2400 a year. The salaries of the county commissioners would be increased from \$4 to \$5 a day.

## US Navy Orders Tanks



The U. S. navy has awarded a \$3,240,000 contract for the purchase of troop-carrying, seagoing tanks, similar to the one pictured above, to Donald Roebeling of Clearwater, Fla. It was believed approximately 200 tanks would be delivered under the contract.

## Senate Bills

### INTRODUCED MONDAY

SB 311, by fishing industries—Making it unlawful, except under certain conditions, to bring into Oregon or have in custody crabs caught by means of trawl or drag nets in the Pacific ocean.

SB 312, by industries—Relating to experience rating under workmen's compensation law.

SB 313, by mining—To encourage production of industrial and building material mined and produced in Oregon.

SB 314, by mining—To provide for location of mining claims and execution of mining leases by state land board.

SB 315, by Kaufman—Relating to tax exemptions.

SB 316, by agriculture committee—To provide for inspection of horticultural and agricultural products.

SB 317, by Burke—Relating to boards of directors of union high school districts.

SB 318, by Burke—Relating to salaries of Yamhill county officers.

SB 319, by Wallace—Relating to size and weights of log trucks.

S. B. 320, by irrigation and drainage—Providing additional method for foreclosure of certificates of delinquency of irrigation districts.

SB 321, by agriculture—To establish standards of weights and measures.

SB 322, by judiciary—Relating to setting aside judgment.

SB 323, by judiciary—Relating to judgment of nonsuit.

SB 324, by judiciary—Relating to exemptions.

SB 326, by Dickson—Relating to suits against utilities commission.

SB 327, by Dickson—Liberalizing "lottery" sections.

SB 328, by Burke, et al—Relating to protection of livestock and poultry from dogs running at large.

**PASSED BY SENATE**  
SB 262, by forestry—Regulating cutting of timber.

SB 278, by Dickson—Relating to actions for wrongful death.

SB 288, by Dickson—Relating to abstracts of title.

SB 301, by industries—Relating to contributions by employer to industrial accident fund.

SB 303, by ways and means—Authorizing spouse or next of kin of deceased beneficiary of old-age or blind assistance to receive and endorse checks.

SB 249, by Belton and Rep. Hedlund—To produce for formation of park and recreation districts.

SB 261, by forestry—Authorizing the state through board of forestry to acquire, exchange and manage certain classes of lands.

**PASSED BY HOUSE**  
SB 51, by Booth—Changing date of medical examiners' meetings.

SB 79, by fishing industries—Relating to pilchard, tuna, etc.

SB 89, by assessment and taxation—Providing duties of state tax commission.

SB 90, by assessment and taxation—To provide for the reception of any moneys received from United States in lieu of property taxes.

SB 121, by Best—Relating to issuance of stock by officer, agent or employe of public utility.

SB 143, by Multnomah—Relating to salaries of officers of Multnomah county.

SB 198, by elections and privileges—Relating to separate ballot for municipal elections.

SB 244, by education—Relating to bond of school district clerk.

**Employer Minimum on Compensation Okehed**  
The senate Monday acted favorably on a bill by the industries committee fixing the minimum annual contribution of an employer to the workmen's compensation fund at \$10.

Sen. Ronald E. Jones, Marion county, said the present cost of collecting and auditing many contributions was larger than the amount received.

## House Bills

### INTRODUCED MONDAY

HB 496, by ways and means—Directing money received from estate of Frank Wood to be credited to general fund.

HB 498, by Kuratli, et al—To provide for protection against fire on lands outside of incorporated cities.

**PASSED BY HOUSE**  
HB 333, by Thiel and Wilson—Relating to salary of Astoria justice of the peace.

HB 336, ways and means—To remove maximum of \$30 per month for old age assistance, substitute basis of need.

HB 393, by alcoholic control—Relating to appeals from decisions of liquor control commission.

HB 453, by ways and means—Appropriation for Oregon national guard.

HB 488, by reapportionment—Relating to apportionment for congressional districts.

HB 489, by ways and means—Appropriation for Battleship Oregon.

HB 490, by ways and means—To provide for landscaping and improving of capitol grounds.

**PASSED BY SENATE**  
HB 27, by Carson, et al—To provide for transfer of probate jurisdiction from county courts to circuit courts.

HB 253, by Chase—Relating to county road petitions.

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

HB 386, by Duncan—Relating to organization of rural fire protection districts.

HB 426, by counties and cities—Relating to county and local fairs.

HB 443, by Boivin—Relating to Klamath county officers.

HB 472, by ways and means—Appropriation for Doernbecher hospital and to extend benefits of child guidance clinic of the University of Oregon medical school to all counties.

HB 473, by ways and means—

## Sprague Signs 17 Measures

### All but One Bill Gets Start in House; Sea Lions to Fees

Seventeen bills approved by both legislative houses were signed by Gov. Charles A. Sprague Monday. Sixteen of these bills originated in the house.

A bill by Rep. Roy Carter, Curry county, relates to the killing of sea lions in the Pacific ocean.

Other bills signed:  
SB 114—Relating to fees collected by state engineer.

HB 135—Relating to sale of securities.

HB 159—To require recording of orders of county courts affecting title of lands set aside as parks.

HB 163—Relating to challenge for implied bias.

HB 31—Relating to hunting and angling licenses.

HB 101—Relating to inspectors of foodstuffs.

HB 452—Appropriation for salaries of school district 42 in Benton county and school district 30, Multnomah county.

HB 456—Appropriation for state engineer, state reclamation commission and hydroelectric commission.

HB 467—Appropriation for state board of forestry, bureau of labor and welfare commission.

HB 8—To authorize surviving spouses and dependents of deceased to collect wages without administration.

HB 435—Relating to supreme court trial fees.

HB 369—Relating to oaths of witnesses.

HB 363—To change name of girls' industrial school for girls to Oregon Hillcrest school.

HB 270—Relating to regulation of persons dealing in insurance bonds.

HB 145—Relating to qualifications of teachers.

HB 91—Relating to gift taxes.

## Gas Tax Law now 22 Years of Age

Today is the 22nd birthday of the gasoline tax—the motorist's friend, if you look at it that way. Twenty two years ago Oregon made legislative history when this tax, one cent a gallon at first, was devised as a means of raising revenues to build highways. Since that time the state has collected \$115,316,000 from motorists' purses for this purpose. The rate in some states, of which many have followed Oregon's lead, has risen as high as seven cents, but here it stands at five.

Appropriation department of agriculture.

HB 475, by ways and means—Deficiency appropriation for state board of parole and probation and state tuberculosis hospital.

HB 354, by irrigation and drainage—Relating to irrigation districts.

HB 366, by Miller and French—Relating to salaries of Gilliam county officers.

## Chamber Hears Industry Tax Group Asked

### Resolution in Senate Seeks Board to Study Situation to 1943

Washington, DC, is a "horrible example" of what centralized federal government may some day mean for the entire nation, Rep. James Rodman of Eugene told members of the Salem chamber of commerce at their luncheon Monday noon.

Pointing out that Washington's crime rate is high, its health rating poor, housing deplorable and educational system below standard while the cost of city government is the highest per capita among large cities of the nation, Rodman said this was because of the "remote control" system under which the city is governed by members of congress who have no personal interest in it.

The speaker in discussing the present legislative session, objected to the proposed increases in relief and unemployment funds, while employment is gaining; and particularly to the bills which make relief records secret so that budget committees may not inspect them with a view to making savings.

Rodman was introduced by Rep. H. R. "Farmer" Jones of Marion county.

## Faculty Will Present Play

Willamette university faculty members will present the famed farce "Dulcy" Monday night, March 10, in the Leslie auditorium, Professor William C. Jones, production chairman, announced Monday.

Mrs. Genevieve Oppen, Willamette dramatics director will direct the production and play the title role. Rehearsals are in progress and casting is completed.

In the cast will be Mrs. Oppen, Dr. Jones, Professors H. C. Hutchins, Maurice Brennan, Daniel Schultze, Robert Wilson, Egbert Oliver, Kenneth McLeod and Richard Liebes, and two wives of faculty members, Mrs. Maurice Brennan and Mrs. Herbert Rahe.

Production staff will be composed of Dr. Charles H. Johnson, state manager; Constance Fowler, art director; Maurice Brennan, music; Lorena Jack and Lois Latimer, furniture; Richard Liebes, tickets; Robert Wilson, programs; Earl Brown, electrician; Mrs. Herbert Rahe, costumes; and Coach R. S. Keene, head usher.

"Dulcy" is the first play to be presented by the faculty for seven years. In 1934 they produced "So This is London," and in 1931 "The Thirteenth Chair."

## Juvenile and Probate Work Change Sought

Juvenile and probate court work in counties having more than 35,000 population, which embrace one judicial district, would be transferred from the county judges to the circuit courts under the provisions of a bill approved by the senate Monday.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Allan Carson, Marion county, and would affect only two counties.

## Industry Tax Group Asked

### Resolution in Senate Seeks Board to Study Situation to 1943

Sens. Coe McKenna (R-Mult.) and W. H. Steiwer (R-Wheeler) Monday introduced a joint resolution providing for the creation of a taxation and industrial development commission.

The resolution carries an appropriation of \$5000.

The commission would be composed of seven members, two to be selected by the president of the senate, two by the speaker of the house and three by the governor. The committee would report prior to the 1943 legislative session.

Studies outlined for the commission include:

Progressive reduction in assessed value of real and personal property subject to taxation.

To make comparison of the proportionate part of the cost of government upon both real and personal property taxes with that of adjoining states.

Investigate and determine the relative tax cost or burden upon new industries which contemplate locating in this state as compared with the costs and burdens in adjoining states.

To determine the possibility of so revising the tax structure of this state as to make its advantageous for industry and business to locate within its borders.

To make complete survey of the tax system methods of assessing, collecting and administering the entire tax structure of this state and to make recommendations for a revision thereof.

To report amount of real and personal property within the state which is subject to taxation by reason of ownership by the federal government or its agencies.

## Lines Inspection Measure Killed

The senate Monday disapproved a bill by Sen. Ashby Dickson (D-Mult.) and others, providing for the regulation of construction, operation and maintenance of telephone, telegraph, power and other transmission lines.

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney declared that this legislation was desired by both employers and workers and had been the subject of a well-attended public hearing.

The bill also was favored by Sen. J. W. Wiperman, (R-Josephine) who explained that the regulatory rules would be promulgated by the state utilities commissioner while the inspections would be under the state labor department.

Sen. W. E. Burke (R-Yamhill) opposed the measure on the ground that the inspection charge of 50 cents per pole mile was excessive.

## Tax Bill Withdrawn

A bill by Senator Coe McKenna, Multnomah county, providing for waiving penalties and interest on delinquent taxes for 1939 and prior years when the current taxes are paid in full, was withdrawn Monday.

## Britain Shoe Drive Nets 1000 Pair

More than 1000 pairs of wearable shoes will leave Salem today for London, the result of a recent drive by local Boy Scouts.

Chairman Rex Wirt said that in some instances persons donated new shoes. Some of the footwear contained notes, all of which were left in. One gave the name and address of a man who said he was "looking for a middle-aged lady."

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