

# House Kills Legislature Reapportionment as Issue This Session

## Bitter Debate Precedes Vote On Giving Each County One Or More Representatives

**Neuberger Asks Defeat Because Measure Would Violate State Constitution; Rodman Expresses His Views**

Reapportionment of the legislature apparently died as an issue for this session Friday when the house voted 50 to 9 to kill a measure by Rep. E. W. Kimberling (R-Grant) to give each county at least one representative.

The vote came after a bitter debate which ended with the house rejecting 47 to 11 Rep. Richard L. Neuberger's bill to increase Multnomah county representation in house and senate at expense of upstate counties.

Kimberling's measure, for which Neuberger attempted to substitute his own proposal, would have been placed on the ballot as a constitutional amendment.

Defeat of the Kimberling proposal was asked by Neuberger because the constitution provides reapportionment according to population.

**Bitter Repartee**  
The debate was marked by bitter repartee between Neuberger and Rep. James A. Rodman (R-Lane).

"Mr. Neuberger," Rodman said, "is disturbed about violating the constitution. Yet the day before yesterday, I heard him say that President Roosevelt is the second greatest statesman in our history. But Mr. Roosevelt six years ago advised congress to disregard the constitution."

"That fellow in the White House certainly gets you down, doesn't he?" Neuberger shouted. "He gets the whole country down," answered Rodman.

"This is the third time this session," Neuberger retorted, "that Mr. Rodman has let his personal malice for the president guide him into letting his prejudice guide him. The members of his party should be ashamed of him."

Denial of Neuberger's statement that Multnomah county wants more representation was made by Rep. Frank J. Loneragan (R-Mult.).

Kimberling said his measure would be fair because a representative in a large city could more easily represent a large number of people than one in a large area could represent a smaller number.

The measure would have abolished all joint districts and left Multnomah representation the same. All counties which are districts themselves would have had their representation unchanged, except Douglas and Yamhill, which would each lose one representative.

Rep. Harvey Wells (R-Mult.) said no reapportionment is needed because "we've got a good house here and are getting along fine. In fact, some people think Multnomah county has too many, so let's let well enough alone."

Douglas and Yamhill county representatives opposed the Kimberling measure, asserting it would be unfair to reduce their representation. Speaker Robert S. Farrell, jr. (R-Mult.) said that Multnomah county doesn't want to start a quarrel over whether Multnomah county should have more representation, but that "of the two proposals here today, the one by Mr. Kimberling is by far the silliest."

### Resolution Requests Mental Case Study

A resolution introduced Friday by Sen. Harry Kenin (R-Mult.) authorizes the appointment of an interim committee of five members to make a survey of state institutions caring for mental cases.

Two members of the committee would be appointed by the president of the senate and three by the speaker of the house. The committee would report its findings prior to the 1943 legislative assembly.

Special request was made in the resolution that the superintendents of the institutions cooperate with the interim committee members.

### Abolishment Asked In Seasonal Bills

Sen. Marshall E. Cornett (R-Klamath) Friday afternoon introduced three bills to abolish seasonality provisions of the state unemployment compensation law and provide revenue for the compensation fund by taking 1 percent of the wages of employees. Cornett estimated that the employees contributions would aggregate \$2,400,000 annually and would make up for payments to seasonal workers in the off seasons.

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## Key Forestry Bill Passes

Unanimously and without debate the house passed and sent to the governor the key bill of his forestry program. The bill would permit the state to acquire private forest lands with permission of county courts in which the lands are situated for lease to logging operators on a sustained yield basis.

The house earlier in the session defeated a memorial urging congress to enact the Pierce forestry bill.

The house also passed and sent to the senate bills to regulate the sale of second hand watches in order to prevent reconstruction and sale of old watches as new merchandise and to authorize rural water districts to organize as fire protection districts and to purchase fire apparatus.

## Neuberger Gets Roosevelt Note On Forest Bill

Support of the viewpoint of Rep. Richard L. Neuberger on forest conservation as expressed in the memorial supporting the Pierce bill in congress, is expressed in a letter which Neuberger received Friday from President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The letter said in part: "Our public domain of some 395,000,000 acres, as you have emphasized with voice and pen, represents a basic asset of incalculable value."

"The wise conservation and the intelligent utilization of all these varied resources deserves the attention of Americans everywhere, particularly in their relation to the national defense. Without real conservation, an important factor of which is planned development, we shall fail to derive the full benefit of our vast natural resources in trees and land and rivers in the far west."

## Committee Hears Indigent Debate

The senate roads and highways committee Friday heard lengthy arguments for and against a bill by the medicine, pharmacy and dentistry committee, providing reimbursement for hospitals which care for indigent persons injured in motor vehicle accidents.

The measure would increase the cost of automobile drivers' licenses from \$1 to \$1.50 each two years. The additional 50 cents would be placed in a fund for the benefit of the hospitals. Hospital owners appearing before the committee said their losses were heavy due to motor vehicle accidents as many persons involved were unable to pay for hospitalization.

The measure was opposed by representatives of a number of insurance companies. It passed the house last week.

## Grading Bill Passed

The senate Friday passed a bill by Senator W. E. Burke, Yamhill county, providing amendments to the walnut grading law without a dissenting vote.

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## Get New Army, Navy Jobs



Ralph A. Bard

Ralph A. Bard, of Chicago, is a new U. S. assistant secretary of the navy, succeeding Lewis Compton, who resigned. Robert A. Lovett, of New York, has been appointed special assistant to the secretary of war.



Robert A. Lovett

## Sprague Signs New Measures

Gov. Charles A. Sprague Friday signed a bill providing for the reception, distribution and application of moneys received from the United States in lieu of property taxes.

Other bills signed by the governor:

SB 58—Relating to duties of school boards.

SB 121—Relating to issuance of stock by public utility.

SB 89—Providing duties of tax commissioner.

SB 79—Relating to fishing license fees.

SB 198—To provide authority to cities.

SB 244—Relating to bond of school clerk.

HB 85—Relating to sale of securities.

HB 138—Relating to manufacture and repair of bedding.

HB 268—Relating to leasehold.

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

TB 366—Relating to Gilliam county.

HB 171—Relating to libelous publications.

HB 469—Appropriation for relief of Charles Stephens, Clifford R. Fones, Raleigh C. Wilson, Mrs. T. T. Geer, Lute Savage and Bertha Bergerson.

HB 354—Relating to irrigation districts.

HB 426—Relating to county and local fairs.

## Senate Bills

**INTRODUCED FRIDAY**

SB 355, by Zurcher, et al — Relating to county road districts.

SB 356 by Mahoney — Relating to initiative and referendum measures.

SB 357, by Dickson — Relating to filing and trial fees.

SB 359, by game — Relating to fish and game law enforcement.

SB 360, by roads and highways — Relating to motor vehicle traffic.

SB 361, 362 and 363, by Cornett — Pertaining to unemployment insurance.

SB 364, by Kenin — Relating to Columbia county liquor law enforcement funds.

SB 365, by Kenin — Relating to electric cooperatives.

**PASSED BY SENATE**

SB 331, by Burke — Relating to grading of walnuts.

SB 332, by Mahoney — Relating to Voters' Pamphlets at primary elections.

SB 70, by revision of laws—Relating to state parole and probation system.

SB 247, by mining — Relating to Rogue river coordination board.

SB 330, by Wheeler — Relating to recording of articles of incorporation.

## Benton Causes Bill Delay

Amended in the senate elections committee to place Benton county in the first congressional district rather than the fourth, the congressional reapportionment bill was sent back to the committee Friday for a decision as to whether Lincoln county should be placed in the fourth district.

As the bill passed the house, the district would have included Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane and Linn counties.

House leaders have said they would not concur in any senate amendment which would take Benton county out of the proposed district.

If a stalemate between the two houses results, and if no bill is passed, Oregon automatically would have a congressman at large.

## Benefit Schedule Increase Recommended by Committee

The senate industries committee Friday recommended a sharply increased benefits schedule of workmen's compensation allowances for enactment by the senate and house.

The \$522,326 extra revenue estimated necessary to make the increased payments would be provided by rate adjustments made by the industrial accident commission. The bill would not go into effect until July 1, 1942.

## Jones Reveals Reason Wine Bill Killed

Rep. H. R. "Farmer" Jones' wine bill was reconsidered by the house of representatives Friday by a vote of 45 to 13 on motion of its author, who made reference to Gov. Charles A. Sprague's letter to Sen. P. J. Stadelman objecting to the bill's provisions.

In an extension of his remarks for the record, Rep. Jones said in part:

"It has always been my understanding that the legislature made the laws, and that the governor's only relation to the legislature was recommending, in his bi-annual address, conditions in the state that need correction, or veto bills after they have been passed upon by both houses and reach his desk for approval or disapproval.

"The governor, in this instance, has upset all established precedent and has gone out of his way to interfere with the orderly functioning of the legislature, and has attempted to induce the senate to defeat a house bill, so that he will be saved any possible embarrassment arising from his veto power."

"I think that it is time that the people of Oregon realize the interest that the governor of the state of Oregon has taken against the fruit and berry growers of this state, and particularly those of Marion county.

In this connection, I wish to call to the attention of this house, that House Bill 474, which is now under attack by Governor Sprague, received the whole-hearted, unanimous and unqualified support of every member of the Marion county delegation in the house of representatives.

"I am making this explanation so that the fruit and berry growers of this state and their friends may know the true facts in this matter and that the rec-

The committee was advised by accident commission statisticians that the new schedule would cost agricultural contributors \$44,554.47 more a year, mining and quarrying \$12,117.98 more, manufacturing including logging and sawmilling \$294,017.73 more, construction industry \$106,815.82 more; transportation and utilities \$34,055.70 more, trade \$15,930.97 more and service industries \$14,834.08 more, construction industry \$106,815.82 more, transportation and utilities \$34,055.70 more, trade \$15,930.97 more and service industries \$14,834.08 more.

Both pensions and allowances for partial and permanent losses of bodily parts and functions would be raised by the bill. The committee Friday made no important changes in benefit payments it had agreed upon tentatively at other sessions in the last two weeks.

Three other workmen's compensation bills, dealing with rejection of employers; with hospital association and maximum hours on public works were ordered reported out favorably. A "do pass" recommendation also was voted on a bill redefining agricultural labor as it applies to the unemployment compensation law.

Two major bills remain before the industries committee, one setting up a system of occupational disease benefits and the other a house bill for the creation of a state department of labor and industries.

## Fails to Find Favor

A bill by Sen. Rex Ellis (R-Umatilla) providing severe penalties for persons who advocate overthrow of the United States government by force or violence, was reported out without recommendation by the senate judiciary committee Friday afternoon.

ord may show my position and that of those who supported this measure."

## Two Auto Bills Create Issue

### Sen McKay Declares Measures Buried in Wrong Committee

Status of two bills relating to motor vehicles became a controversial issue in the senate Friday when Sen. Douglas McKay (R-Marion) asked that they be taken from the rules committee and referred to the roads and highways committee. President Dean Walker said they had gone to the rules committee to determine whether they could be considered, as they contained matter similar to measures indefinitely postponed.

Sen. McKay said both bills came within the category of roads and highways committee operations and had no business in the rules committee.

"This is just a trick to chloroform these measures," Sen. W. E. Burke (R-Yamhill) added. Sen. Earl Fisher (R-Washington) promised that the bills would be considered in time to file a report in the senate Saturday morning.

The senate swung into high gear Friday and cleared its calendar prior to noon. Most of the afternoon was devoted to committee meetings and hearings.

The senate approved a bill by the mining committee providing for reorganization of the Rogue river coordinating board. Under the reorganization measure the board would be composed of a Curry county fisherman, a Josephine county miner and a member at large. All would be appointed by the governor.

Approval also was given a bill by Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney (D-Mult.) prohibiting attacks on candidates in the voters' pamphlet on racial or religious grounds.

A measure relieving the state parole board of considering cases involving prisoners serving terms of less than six months in a county jail was passed without a dissenting vote.

Another section of this bill gives the parole board power to restore civil rights to a parolee at any time after he has been released.

A bill by Sen. Walter E. Pearson (D-Mult.) providing additional authority to the state treasurer in the collection of fines from justices of the peace was defeated.

## House Bills

### PASSED BY HOUSE

HB 214, by highways — To authorize destruction by public utilities commissioner of obsolete records.

HB 226, by highways—To provide for regulation of certain motor carriers.

HB 243, by Loneragan — To regulate sale of second-hand watches.

HB 457, by Ways and Means—Appropriation for state board of health and sanitary authority.

HB 476, by Smith — To cure defective and irregular deeds.

HB 495, by Rodman — To enable water supply districts to provide protection from fire.

HB 506, by Ways and Means—deficiency appropriation for elections.

**PASSED BY SENATE**

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

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

HB 486, by Elections — To provide for rotation of candidates on general election ballot.

HB 11, by Brady — Relating to failure to pay wages.

HB 329, by McAllister and Newberry — Relating to grades and standards for agricultural and horticultural products.

HB 397, by Elections — Relating to allotment of space in Voters' Pamphlets.

HB 447, by Revision of Laws—To provide for payment of deposits or investments of deceased.

## Insurance Bills

### Receive Favor

Three bills were reported out favorably by the senate insurance committee Friday afternoon.

One bill would authorize the state or its political subdivisions to purchase insurance for its employees from private insurance companies. Another measure provides means for liquidating insurance companies which have become defunct.

The third bill allows assessable insurance companies to operate in Oregon in case they have a reserve of \$300,000 and put up a bond of \$25,000.

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