

Hearing Set On Milk Bill

Mahoney Demands Report on Repeal Of Control Law

Public hearing on Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney's bill proposing repeal of the milk control law was set for Wednesday afternoon by the senate agriculture committee Monday after Sen. Mahoney had demanded that the bill be reported out without delay.

"The people of Oregon are wondering what has become of this measure," Mahoney remarked. The bill had been introduced last Friday.

"I don't care whether you report it out favorably or otherwise," Mahoney declared, "but I want it reported out." He said that in the event it became law, he would later support any measure which would provide "real" milk control and operate for the dairymen's benefit.

Sen. Burke then suggested that another bill by Mahoney, placing the functions of the milk control board under the state agricultural department, be given right of way over the repeal measure. The latter bill is now on the table in the senate.

"I think such a plan would be fair to Gov. Earl Snell," Burke said. He read a letter from Gov. Snell suggesting early consideration of this bill.

Snell indicated in his letter that he preferred transfer of the milk board's functions to the state agricultural department rather than repealing the entire law.

Sen. Frederick Lamport, Marjorie, and Earl T. Newby, Jackson, voiced opinion that the Mahoney repeal bill should be reported out.

The committee voted to report out favorably bills defining a standard unit of sawdust, changing the classification "Oregon full cream cheese" to "Oregon full milk cheese," and providing that insecticides and fungicides containing certain poisons be colored for identification.

Action on Bills

PASSED IN SENATE

SB 66, by fishing industries—Restoring poundage fees on certain fish classified as commercial.

SB 67, by fishing industries—Relating to fishing on Sandy river.

SB 4, by Wallace—Providing for quarterly payment of excise corporate taxes.

HB 35, by revision of laws—Relating to costs and disbursements in the state supreme court.

PASSED BY HOUSE

HB 15, by Snyder—Relating to licensing of applicants for operators' and chauffeurs' licenses.

HB 92, by Francis—Relating to licenses to conduct auto wrecking business.

HB 129, by forestry—Relating to regulation of timber cutting.

HB 135, by judiciary—To grant nonresident owners and operators of motor vehicles right to use Oregon highways.

HB 154, by highways and high-way revenues—Relating to motor carriers' monthly reports.

HB 181, by French et al.—To fix salaries of Sherman county officers.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB 9—Defining Montana grayling as game fish.

SB 13—Relating to commercial fishing licenses.

HB 28—Relating to testing of milk.

HB 31—Relating to disposition of unclaimed bodies at Oregon state hospital.

HB 32—Relating to office of state bacteriologist.

HB 34—Relating to punishment of violators of commercial fishing laws and regulations.

Lobby Hobnobber

Quips, "Angles" And Personalities At the Capitol

Mrs. Henry M. Hanzen, whom the third-term legislators will remember as "Pinball" Hannah Martin for her house battles against the nickel grabbing devices, accompanied her lawyer husband to the capitol Monday, will be back there again with him today. She was "just accompanying my husband," she said, and not interested in any particular legislation.

Since retiring from the Salem city recordership, which she held creditably for two years—she didn't seek reelection—Mrs. Hanzen has been just a housewife at their country home on the Willamette river near Riverdale, south of Salem. The Hansens spend three days a week in Portland, where Mr. Hanzen has for years maintained a law office in the Oregonian building, and the rest of the week in the country.

Around New Year's they were marooned by the flood—the water came up the driveway toward but not into their house. As if being flooded in wasn't enough, they were snowed in two weeks later.

The milk, butter and egg problem is no worry to the Hansens. "Yes, I make butter, have 25 pounds in cold storage," Mrs. Martin said. "Come on out and I'll make you some scrambled eggs, too." Her servings of scrambled eggs became more or less famous while she was a state representative and living at her house in South Salem.

Johnny denies . . . Marion county's Rep. John Steelhammer says it isn't true, the story that it was he who once upon a time put skunk oil in the Woodburn schoolhouse, bringing a two-day holiday while the place was being aired out. "There was factions in the school," explains Johnny. "The day before they ganged up on me and some furnishings were broken that we all had to pay for. The same bunch put two bottles of skunk oil in the school next day."

Three methods of hitch-hiking were taken note of at informal discussions in the house Monday afternoon. There was the thumbing method, of course, which soldiers are forbidden to use. And Rep. R. C. Frisbie of Baker said he had seen another digital idea. He demonstrated, pointing an index finger out at arm's length in the way that he wanted, theoretically to go. It was left for Stella Cutlip, the representative from North Bend, to demonstrate another method.

"I'm going this way," she laughed, as she coquettishly lifted a skirt just above a comely knee.

Visitor . . . none other than the rotund Joe Dunne, he of the mop of silver hair, who served in the state senate and ran for governor in '34. Not much time for hanging around the legislature, he indicated, after attending a Salem chamber of commerce luncheon at which visiting legislators were thick and Sen. Pres. Steiwer was principal speaker.

Granpop Frisbie is going to show 'em off next week. Since last session when he and Reps. Pier and H. R. Jones posed for Statesman pictures with their grandchildren, Frisbie has acquired a second. Both are coming next week, he said Monday.

Wonder who is the better businessman? "Pop" L. M. Ramage, one of Salem's new representatives, sells his soft drinks at the capitol—his Ramage's Bottling Works trucks are seen in the capitol driveway often. Rep. "Farmer" Jones, on the other hand, gives his wine away, generous samples. Whether or not the senate will give him his way on his pet wine bill is to be decided one of these days.

"It is true, what I hear, that there's going to something doing

at that dental hearing tonight?" wanted to know Mrs. R. L. Wright, pro-American worker and vice-chairman of the Marion county democratic central committee Monday afternoon. She's quite a campaigner, also interested in seeing committee fireworks.

Did you know . . . that Ralph Peoples' mother founded a church near Salem? She did, and her husband helped build it. Mrs. Peoples was a United Brethren pastor. They started the Hazel Green church, which later, given up by the UB denomination, became a Japanese Sunday school, fostered by women of Hazel Green and Salem to a large extent. It closed, of course, when the Japanese were sent off to relocation camps.

Mr. and Mrs. Peoples came to Salem in 1902 and remained until 1917. Son Ralph returned in 1925 to spend a year at Williamette university; he drove a truck for the Cherry City Cleaners to pay his way. His father is still living, at Lacombe in Linn county.

After four years of lobbying and handling public relations for the state CIO council, of which he is an effective executive secretary, Peoples expects to step out in April. He is not a candidate for reelection—might go on up in the CIO organization or follow his logging skill as a timber faller, much sought after now.

Ralph doesn't want to travel too much, thinks he's getting to be too much of a stranger in his home in Washington county. He has six children, of whom he obviously thinks a great deal.

The CIO representative is especially interested, he says, in some form of tightening up the workmen's compensation act. Too many loggers are getting hurt and then finding that they have been working for the "gyppo" type of operator who takes out no compensation protection and has no assets on which to levy when the workman obtains a judgment against him under the act.

Jerry Dean, six-year-old son of Zylpha Zell Burns, chief clerk of the senate, is as proud as any little boy could be of some coins and stamps he recently received from north Africa. They came from Col. Roy K. Terry, Portland attorney, son of the late one-time Sen. Gps Moser and friend of the Burns family. Mr. Burns has a nephew in the Solomons area about whom they would like to hear more.

Tradin' . . . "Okehl!" says "Farmer" Jones, when Reps. Frisbie and Gile ask him to release from his committee on public welfare a new bill, HB202, which they wanted over in Gile's assessment and taxation chamber. "You can have it, if you'll take these three, too." "These three" were hot potatoes. The bill's author, Rep. Walter Gearin of Portland, said, however, that the moves was agreeable to him, and Jones indicated he might let go without demanding his pound of flesh.

Courtesies of the senate Monday were extended to Phil Metchan, owner of the Imperial hotel in Portland. He occupied a seat at the desk of Sen. J. N. Jones of Malheur county.

Reps. William Niskanen, Deschutes, and Howard Turner, Jefferson, started homeward over the North Santiam highway last Saturday to visit their constituents, but gave it up after reaching the Cascade summit, where they found that the highway was blocked by snow drifts all the way to Sisters. Above Detroit they were delayed by a rock slide, and on way back down to Detroit a tree fell partly across the road too close to them for comfort.

"Senator" Alex G. Barry and Judge Walter Toozie of Portland were at the capitol Monday. Barry served as United States senator for a few weeks back in 1938, completing the unexpired term of Sen. Frederick Steiwer.

Sheriff C. J. Bauman of Morrow county was accorded courtesy of the house Monday afternoon. He is a resident of Heppner.

Sen. Lew Wallace was twitted, in the course of debate on his bill for monthly income tax payments, on being one member who "is always thinking about the voters." His rejoinder was: "I think I should have the privilege of forgetting about the voters." He lost the governorship race to Earl Snell by a wide margin.

Report Unfavorable

The senate livestock committee Monday reported out unfavorably a bill providing that applications for meat dealers' licenses shall be referred to the state labor commissioner for study with respects to hours, wages and working conditions.

Repeal Favored

The senate banking committee Monday voted favorably on a resolution that would repeal the double-liability for stockholders in state banks. The resolution would be referred to the voters.

House Raises Employes' Pay

Revote Brings \$1 a Day Increase; 309 Bills Beat Deadline

Employees of the Oregon house of representatives are happy. The resolution increasing their pay \$1 a day, bringing it up to the wage scale previously approved in the senate, was reconsidered Monday and approved 31 to 28. Last week it had been defeated 31 to 29.

How much credit the house employes will take for successful lobbying was not apparent—but some of the lobbying was.

Reconsideration was asked by Rep. Leo Smith, Multnomah, who had voted against the resolution on the previous occasion. He said he changed his mind after sounding out sentiment among constituents and finding it to be favorable to the increase, chiefly as a matter of equity since senate wages had been raised.

Reps. Giles French, Sherman, and Walter Pearson, Multnomah, arguing on opposite sides of the question, agreed that the senate action had been "a mistake," but French, opposing the increase, said the house was not bound to err because the senate did; while Pearson, favoring the increase, was chiefly concerned with the aspects of justice.

The house action was retroactive in that the higher pay will apply to the entire session. It was estimated that the cost will be between \$3000 and \$4000.

Following the bill-introducing spree of last weekend, just ahead of the 20th-day deadline on in-

dividual introduction, there was an abrupt falling-off in the number of new bills. Those which beat the deadline but had not been read Saturday, however, brought the total up to 309.

One of the last bills so introduced was a measure by Rep. W. W. Chadwick, Marion, designed to increase the tax on fortified wines; and on related subjects, there was a bill by Rep. H. A. Kuratli, Washington, designed to regulate the sale of liquor near military reservations, and one by the alcoholic control committee relating to changes in the liquor regulations which may be necessitated under wartime conditions.

The house passed six bills, chiefly corrective measures.

Measure Seeks Lake Transfer

The state land board will not protest any action the legislature may take in connection with the proposed transfer of Summer lake to the state game commission, the board decided at a special meeting Monday.

The lake includes approximately 5400 acres and is located in Lake county. The land board previously had set a price of \$2.50 an acre on the land, while a bill by Rep. William Niskanen, Deschutes county, would have transferred the land to the game commission without charge.

This bill is to be withdrawn and a new measure will be introduced. The price to be fixed on the land in the new bill had not been determined Monday afternoon.

Members of the land board include the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer.

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Senate Defeats Monthly Tax Payments, Okehs Quarterly

Reflecting a middle-of-the-road attitude which may typify its later action on tax questions, the Oregon senate Monday approved quarterly payment of corporation excise taxes and indicated that it would today pass a similar provision relating to

income taxes, but turned thumbs down, 24 to 2, on a proposal that income taxes might be paid monthly if the taxpayer so desired.

The proposal under which installments of \$10 or more might be paid monthly was rejected when Sen. Lew Wallace, Multnomah, author of both bills, attempted to substitute his minority report for the majority report deleting this provision but permitting quarterly payments. Wallace said this program would help "the little fellow" but Sen. Dean Walker, Polk, objected that it would benefit few and would greatly increase administrative costs.

As amended, the quarterly payment bill will be up for final passage in the senate today.

Membership of the senate would be increased from 30 to 31 and the house of representatives from 68 to 61 under the provisions of a proposed constitutional amendment introduced by Sen. Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath, and Walker and Rep. Henry Semon, Klamath.

Sen. Walker explained that the increased membership would prevent an organization deadlock such as occurred in connection with the election of a president of the senate at the outset of the current legislative session. In event the proposed amendment is approved by the legislature it will be referred to the voters at the next regular or special election.

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and one resolution at the forenoon session. Two of these bills were requested by the state fish commission. Under one measure the poundage tax on fall salmon would be restored to its pre-depression basis while the tax on crabs would be five cents a dozen. The tax on shell fish would be collected by the purchaser.

The other bill prohibits the taking of smelt from the Sandy river, below Viking Park, on Mondays. This is a propagation measure.

Brief debate centered on a memorial by Sen. Coe McKenna and Rep. Stanhope Pier, both Multnomah, urging congress to enact legislation equalizing the burden of federal income taxes between citizens of common law and community property states.

McKenna charged that under the existing setup Oregon is discriminated against to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

The memorial was branded as bad legislation by Sen. Wallace. He urged that action on the memorial be deferred until such time as the senate votes on a bill providing for a community property law in Oregon. Sen. Irving Rand, Multnomah, referred to the memorial as unpatriotic.

Among new bills in the senate, one by the Marion county delegation provides an allowance of \$5.95 per person per week, for the

board of prisoners in counties of not more than 100,000 population. Sen. Frederick Lamport said this legislation was asked by Sheriff Burk of Marion county and had received the indorsement of other sheriffs throughout the state.

Closure Notice Asked, Sportsmen

The senate game committee introduced Monday a bill under which hunters and anglers would receive advance notice of emergency closing of fish and game streams and areas.

Under provisions of the bill the state game commission would be required to give five days notice of the emergency closures, and the orders would have to be printed in two newspapers of general circulation in Oregon. In all cases the orders would have to be printed three successive days.

Decision to rescind these orders would become effective immediately.

Hearing Thursday On Fish Board

The senate fisheries committee has announced a hearing for Thursday night, when a bill giving the state fish commission additional authority will be discussed. Sen. Merle Chessman, Clatsop, said this hearing would be attended by fishermen and packers from many sections of Oregon.

Another hearing, involving the game committees of the senate and house and state game commission, will be held Wednesday afternoon.

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