

### Senate Keeps Election Pay Issue Alive

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First bill defeated on the floor of the senate during the 43rd legislature may come back for another round today.

The measure (SB 24), to increase pay of election board members from \$3 to \$5 a day, went down before a tie vote Tuesday morning, and Sen. Earl T. Newberry, Jackson county, served notice that he would ask for reconsideration.

To bring the bill back to the floor, a majority must vote in favor of the motion. Newberry voted against the bill Tuesday.

**Walker Opposed**  
Sen. Dean Walker of Polk county, who had previously expressed his opposition to the change, led the opposition. Enactment of the bill would cost, over the state, from \$25,000 to \$27,000 in additional election costs, Walker maintained. He added that this would not be a considerable sum if the higher pay would improve the quality of election operations.

Yamhill County Sen. W. E. Burke also favored retention of the \$3 per diem pay. Both men argued that only when election board personnel is patriotic and generous is their work likely to be acceptable, no matter how well or how poorly they are paid.

**Delegation Split**  
Marion county's senators' votes were split, Carson voting for the bill, Lamport against it. The bill was sponsored by Sen. W. H. Strayer, Baker county, at the request of the state county courts' association.

Another of Strayer's bills was passed by the senate Tuesday and sent to the house after a flood of negative argument.

Under existing law the taxpayer receives a three per cent discount if he pays his taxes in advance, smaller discounts if specified portions are paid in advance. The loss of revenue which results from such discounts is borne entirely by the counties, with the exception of Multnomah. In like fashion, the counties receive the added income from penalties and interest charged late taxpayers.

**Would Pro-rate Results**  
The bill passed (SB 35) would pro-rate both the burden and the benefits among all municipal corporations which are recipients of taxes. This is the system now used in Multnomah county.

Declaring that the proposed change would bring about a heavy cost for low results, Sen. Paul Patterson, Washington county, urged the bill's defeat. Over a period of years, he declared, records show that the county receives in penalties and interest more than the losses from discounts.

County courts may favor the measure, but the sheriffs, who collect and turn over the tax monies, are opposed to the extra work, particularly now when competent help is scarce, said Sen. George Winslow of Tillamook county. During good years, when the loss from discounts is greatest, "they simply put it back in the levy," he maintained.

**Cost Pointed Out**  
Sen. Merle Chessman, Clatsop county, declared it a "very involved procedure" and costly to the taxpayer.

Multnomah county is finding difficulty under the system which it has and which is now proposed for the state as a whole and plans to bring before the legislature a request that it be released from the extra bookkeeping and be allowed to join other counties under the simpler plan, Sen. Irving Rand declared.

To all of which Strayer objected on the grounds: (1) That eastern Oregon counties particularly are feeling the drain of paying the discounts, that there the discounts and penalties have not balanced one another and that now the discount losses are mounting; (2) that the cost of the extra work is much smaller than the saving to the county; (3) that the

### In the House

**Bills Introduced Tuesday:**  
HB 134—(by Adams and Moore) to appropriate \$20,000 for investigation and experimentation of the Oregon agriculture experiment station.  
HB 135—relating to salaries of officers of Jackson county.  
HB 136—(by Chindgren, Greenwood) provides for 12 days sick leave each year for county employees, with pay.  
HB 137—(by committee on health and public morals) would empower state board of health to control importation and distribution of bedding and upholstered furniture, to the end of preventing contamination, mislabeling and misrepresentation.

HB 138—providing that in counties with less than 45,000 population (instead of 20,000) county surveyors shall get \$15 a day (not \$10) and travel expenses of 5 cents a mile (not 10 cents).  
HB 139—provides for serving of notice or other papers by mail.  
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HB 141—broadens term "building," in regard to board of education, to include any structure deemed necessary for operation of institution, including physical education or athletic facilities.

HB 142—would empower state board of education, rather than regents of separate institutions of higher learning to enter into contracts, leases or expenditures in regard to dormitories or for housing and boarding.

HB 143—would transfer into general fund balances from irrigation and drainage district funds.  
HB 144—repeals law barring a public appointee from acting as delegate to convention from district which elects his superior, and prevents him from being member of a political committee.

HB 145—(Steelhammer) deletes portion of vacancy law which provides that vacancies in the house must be filled by elector of the same political party as the one deceased or resigned.

**Referred to committees:** HR 11—providing for assembling and framing all pictures of speakers of house of representatives; HB 113 to 133 inclusive; SCR 5.

"Do pass" committee reports accepted in house HB 15, 29, 36, 54, 63, 65, 66, 70, 71, 73, 78, 101, 102, 108, 109, 124; SB 13.

"Do not pass" reports accepted; HB 40, 84.

Measures passed in house Tuesday: HB 32—providing for six year terms (instead of two years) for justices of the peace.

Measures re-referred to committee: SB 15, regarding standard containers—to committee on food and dairy products (on objection of Rep. John Steelhammer).

### 'Hotel Bill' Hearing Set For Jan. 30

A public hearing on the "civil rights" bill, sometimes termed the "hotel" measure, now in judiciary committee of the senate, will be held Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 7:30 p.m. The bill would make it a misdemeanor to deny to any person "because of race, creed or color the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges of any public place or public resort, accommodation, assemblage or amusement."

A similar measure, fought by a number of hotel and restaurant operators and certain hospitals, was defeated in 1941.

The "civil rights" hearing will be the third of the senate's hearings on highly controversial subjects.

This afternoon, following senate adjournment, the "big truck" bill will be aired. Thursday afternoon, the measure which would provide for construction and maintenance of limited access roads (no service stations or drive-in stands) will be subject for a hearing following senate adjournment.

very explanation that the loss is simply put back in the levy is an argument against the system which forces it, because counties are "bumping against the six per cent limitation ceiling" and need every bit of the levy they can get.

### Oregon Liquor Investigators Will Carry Out Own Probe; Paul Patterson Is Chairman

There will be no joint action by the special committees of the Oregon and Washington legislatures to investigate purchases by the Oregon liquor control commission and the Washington liquor control board of the Waterfall & Frazier and Shawhan distilleries in Kentucky.

The committee, which named Sen. Paul Patterson of Hillsboro as its chairman and Rep. Ralph T. Moore of Bandon as its secretary, determined at its organization session Tuesday to hire "the best possible" firm of auditors to assist with the inquiry.

"Courteous" was the word used to describe the relationship the Oregon committee expects to have with that named this week in the Washington legislature. However, the basic policies and procedure will not be determined until a meeting has been held with Ray Conway, Oregon's liquor administrator, who is to be asked to appear with all records, contracts and correspondence pertaining to the purchase.

That meeting is to take place shortly after the auditing firm and secretary have been engaged. The unanimous agreement that the two states' investigations should be conducted separately was reached after members of

the joint committee of senate and house of representatives had expressed the opinion that they were primarily interested in the Oregon-commission's share in the distilleries' purchase by which the two states acquired approximately 2,000,000 gallons of Kentucky Bourbon whiskey.

Meetings of the committee will be open to the press and a complete record of proceedings will be kept by a court reporter, it was announced.

### Department of Health Suggested in Measure Introduced in Senate

Based on recommendations by the interim committee which studied Oregon's board of health organization and operations, a bill creating a department of health was introduced Tuesday in the senate.

Among other provisions of the long measure is one that would make the state director of agriculture a member of the department's board of directors ex officio. Inspection of foods would be left with the department of agriculture.

**GRANGE INVITES GUESTS**  
Members of the senate and house have been invited by Salem grange 17 to visit a grange meeting at 7:30 tonight in the Salem Woman's clubhouse on North Church st.

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### Lampport Asks Kinds of Doors Deemed Safer

Revolving doors in public buildings would not be illegal, but could not be considered as the exits required by Oregon's fire code, under a bill introduced Tuesday by Sen. Frederick S. Lampport of Marion county.

Lack of other types of exit was blamed for the great loss of life in the Cocoanut Grove fire in Boston, Lampport has pointed out. The state capitol has sufficient swinging doors to meet the exit requirements in the fire code, but most other public buildings in this area where revolving doors are in use are not so equipped, Lampport said Tuesday.

### Measure Would Specify Term for Justices of Peace

The house passed and sent to the senate Tuesday a bill to correct a conflict between the laws and the state constitution which has existed since the supreme court ruled in 1912 that justices of the peace are judges.

The constitution says that judges shall serve six year terms and justices of the peace have been elected for that period since 1912, but an 1884 statute fixing their terms at two years has continued on the books. The bill changes the law to conform with the constitution.

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### War Veterans Arriving, 500 Every Month

The Oregon postwar development and readjustment commission, of which John Kelly is executive secretary, estimated Tuesday that war veterans have been returning to Oregon recently at the rate of approximately 500 a month.

About 60 per cent of these veterans have been discharged "for the convenience of the government," and 30 per cent with certificates of disability.

Thus far, the report continued, 13 per cent of the returned veterans have expressed a desire to locate somewhere outside of Oregon. This is balanced by non-residents who have been inducted here and who have been discharged and propose to remain in this state.

The report to the legislature also said Oregon's postwar projects now listed total \$488,041,197, of which \$64,554,232 represents cash and reserves.

Projects already authorized total \$134,360,896 with tentative expenditures totalling \$217,125,969. Largest of the strictly state cash and reserves is \$3,564,000 of the state highway commission. The Fort of Portland listed \$3,000,000. Board of control projects aggregate \$2,939,300 and the state board of higher education \$2,518,000.

The report stressed Oregon's possibilities as a chemical industry area and the necessity of ridding its streams of pollution. It already has been proposed to expend \$15,000,000 in sewage disposal operations and sewage treatment plants as a part of the postwar program.

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### Liquor Control Commission Enters Bills

Approximately 16 bills, largely of the corrective variety, have been received from the Oregon liquor control commission by the alcoholic traffic committee of the senate, that committee's chairman, Sen. P. J. Stadelman announced Tuesday. Those not merely corrective will be held back, he said, until he has had an opportunity to confer with commission members and employes.

The announcement was made at the close of a brief speech before the senate in which Stadelman pointed out that financial reports requested Monday by Sen. Lew Wallace had been placed on desks of the solons.

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### House Kills Plan to Have 10 p.m. Polls

A bill to permit keeping polls open to 10 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. was a dead issue in the house today after a "do not pass" report of the elections committee was upheld and action on the proposal was postponed indefinitely.

The measure (HB 40) was sponsored by Rep. Jack Bain of Portland, who said it would permit more workers to vote and reduce long lines whom he said waited to cast their ballots last November in the Portland area.

A motion by Rep. James Gleason to re-refer it to committee with recommendation that it be applicable to cities of more than 100,000 was beaten after Rep. John Steelhammer complained that "we're not getting anywhere in constant re-reference of bills."

A "do not pass" recommendation also was adopted in regard to HB 84 which would have compelled the mailing of sample ballots to all registered voters.

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