

Appropriation Up for Income Tax Division

The legislative joint ways and means committee Thursday declined to introduce a bill under which the income tax division would expend its revenues for administrative purposes without appropriation restrictions, but adopted a report increasing the division's salary appropriation by \$90,000 for the next biennium.

The refusal to recommend the proposed bill came after W. H. Strayer, Baker county declared: "This is the same old bill, streamlined and revamped, that would open the way for expenditures of state funds without any restriction."

Rep. Burt Snyder, Lake county, explained that the subsequent \$90,000 increase was necessary because of low salaries paid by the tax commission and that key employees to resign to accept higher paid positions in private industry.

The total appropriation for the income tax division of the tax commission was approved by the committee in the amount of \$598,000 as compared to requests aggregating \$482,700.

A letter from the Oregon state council of state, county and municipal employees asking for an appropriation of \$3,599,520, to provide subsistence pay for state workers was placed on file.

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Technical Measure Regarding Surveys Wins House Approval

The use of geodetic survey markers and topographical surveys in civil surveys and descriptions would be allowed if the senate approves house-passed HB 36, introduced by Reps. Robert Dunaway and John Dickson as the request of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The house approved the measure with little argument, albeit some members said their own knowledge of the technically-worded four-page bill was null and void.

700,000 Liquor Permits Were Issued Last Year

The number of liquor permit holders in Oregon more than doubled when rationing of whisky was instituted, but probably no more than a third of the permit holders drink, Ray Conway, state liquor administrator, told the senate alcoholic traffic committee Thursday.

Conway said more than 700,000 permits were issued in 1944.

In the Senate

SB 101—provides for rectification of errors in computing railroad tariffs; authorizes public utilities commission, upon petition of railroad or shipper, to allow refund or waiver of collection of overcharge if petition filed within two years of time charge was made.

SB 102—would add power lines to those already given free use of light rights-of-way (telegraph and telephone), requiring that such power lines be constructed not to interfere with radio reception in automobiles or buildings on or along highway.

SB 103—new salary scale for district attorneys of the state and their deputies; would provide for salary of \$2200 for Marion county's district attorney (who now receives \$3000), and \$2700 for one deputy; for the Benton county official; \$2500, Polk county; \$2700, Linn; \$2240, Lane, and \$2700, Yamhill.

SB 104—provides for an increase in the salary ceiling for deputy district attorney of Multnomah county from \$150 a month to \$200.

SB 105—provides that no more than 10 per cent of capital and surplus from guaranty funds of trust companies and banks may be loaned on real estate (instead of 20 per cent); new limitation would not be applicable to loans secured by federal agencies.

SB 106—provides that mutual savings bank loans limitations shall not apply to that portion of any loan covered by federal agency guarantee.

SB 107—provides that state superintendent of banks in settling insolvent bank's accounts may pay up to \$1000 from deposits of deceased person to properly authorized person under specified circumstances (instead of \$500).

SB 108—would increase from \$200 to \$250 per month the amount of the fees collected in his court which may be retained by a justice of the peace.

SB 109—would add to list of those partnerships, for which certificates of dissolution are filed, partnerships dissolved voluntarily or by operation of law.

HBs 15, 36, 41, 43, 45, 46, 86, 87, 90, 110 and HJM 2 read for first time in senate. HJM 2 sent to committee on military affairs. Read for second time and sent to committee: SBs 97-100 inclusive; HBs 29, 54, 63, 65, 66, 70, 71, 73, 78, 101, 102, 108, 109 and 124.

Brought in from committee with "do pass" recommendation: SBs 81, 92, 93, 94, and HB 16.

Passed by senate and sent to house:

SB 48—extending for another two years the emergency arrangement for recognition of acknowledgments by members of the armed services.

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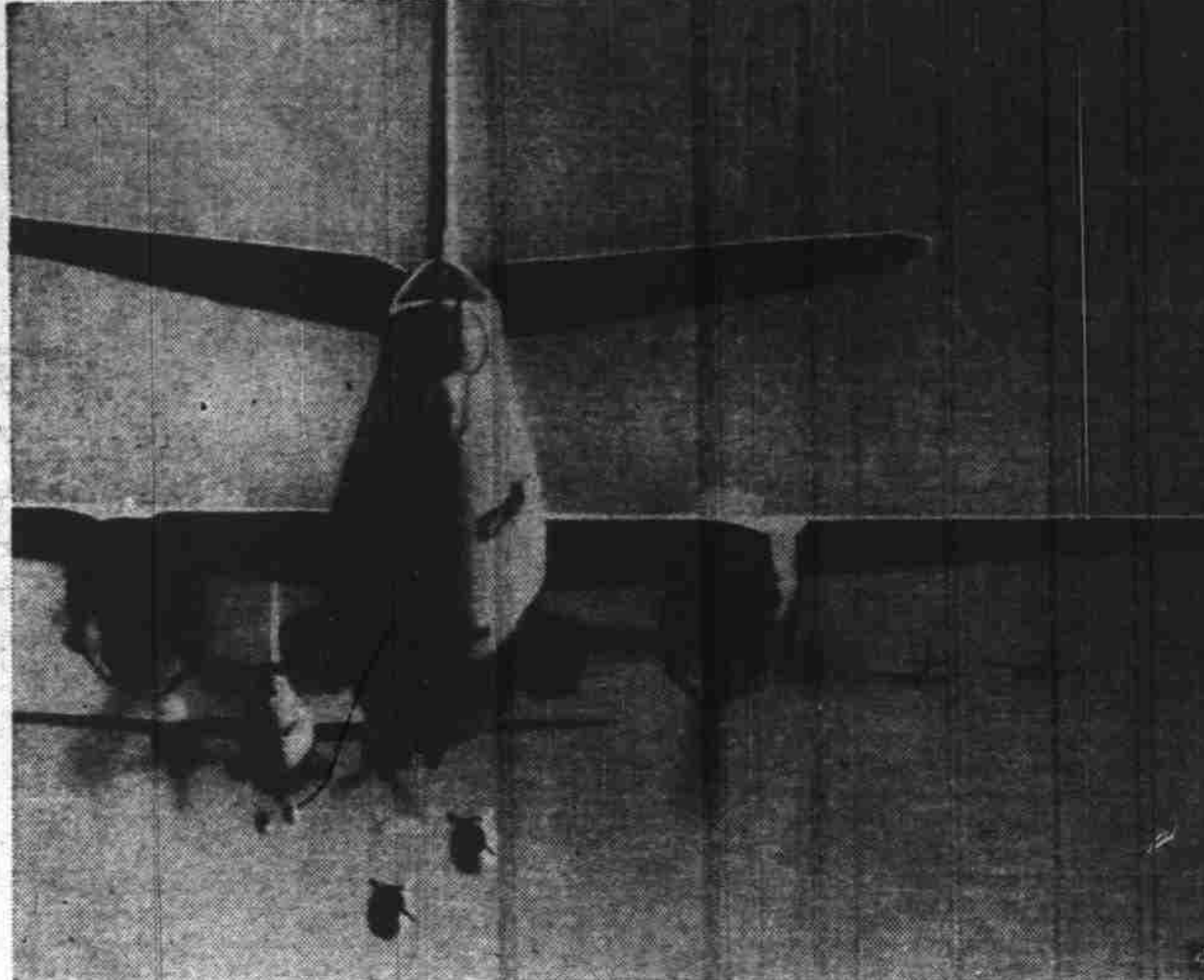
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BOMBS AWAY—This unusual picture of 1,000-pound bombs being dropped from B-26 Marauders over Germany was made from the bombardier's "greenhouse" of another plane.

Proposed Freeway Bill for Highways Brings Out Many Arguments at Public Hearing

Proposed passage of the so-called freeway bill limiting access to major highways brought out many arguments pro and con at a public hearing Thursday afternoon before the joint roads and highways committees of the senate and house.

Under the measure, sponsored by the Portland chamber of commerce in purchasing rights-of-way for new roads would have authority to buy the right of access and thus prevent gasoline stations, lunch counters and other commercial developments from being built along the highway.

Benefits Are Cited

J. M. Devers, attorney for the highway commission, said benefits under the bill included elimination of hazards, economy of time for the road user, movement of more traffic, reduction of property damage, reduction in number of highway deaths, placing of Oregon in step with other states, and conforming to the request of the public roads administration.

Devers said the property rights and values would be recognized and compensation paid engineering phases of the bill were discussed by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer who said the measure would not affect access roads already constructed.

Bill Called Vicious

K. R. Roedel, representing the Oregon motor courts association, said "the measure is vicious, costly and would destroy many small businesses along the highways."

A. B. Sanders, secretary of the Oregon coast highway association, told the committee. Sanders said the measure sets up unlimited powers to condemn and purchase property and that property owners along the coast highway were "much exercised." He said they would support a zoning law.

Farmers Skeptical

Elmer McClure, Oregon state grange, said farmers believed they should be allowed to cross the highways at convenient points rather than travel long distances.

J. W. Davies, Oak Lodge civic club, Davies said he feared the free-way bill would destroy the incentive for highway beautification.

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Bills passed by house Thursday:

HB 15—by Lieualen: providing for taking of census in towns of less than 2000 population to assure proper allocation of funds to war-swollen towns.

HB 36—by Dunaway and Dickson (from American Society of Civil Engineers): legalizing use of coast and geodetic survey information in regard to land descriptions in surveys.

HB 41—empowering secretary of state to issue in-transit permits to dealers.

HB 43—providing for motor vehicle titles recognized in other states.

HB 45—eliminating requirements for affidavits in applications for duplications of motor vehicle titles.

HB 46—repeals section relating to licensing of private trucks used on relief projects.

HB 66—enlarging definition of capitol building and grounds, bonds of state employees in certain cases.

HB 90—authorizing the renting of space in state-owned buildings.

HB 110—defines powers of courts more closely in regard to suspending of sentences or granting of probation.

HJM 2—removing from constitution to include national guard in postwar policies.

HBs referred to house committees: HBs 146 to 163 inclusive; SBs 33, 64, 65, 66.

First reading of senate bills: SBs 24, 48.

Committee "do pass" reports adopted: HBs 18, 19, 21, 56, 88, 94.

HBs re-referred to committee: HB 88.

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Tax Exemption Modifications Are Proposed

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Tax commissioner Charles Galloy said the general exemption laws are behind the times, and that many exemptions are determined only by court decisions.

The bill would allow taxation of federal property in cases where congress authorizes it, as in the case of corporations owned by the government.

It also would allow taxation of state, county and city properties used for commercial purposes, but still would exempt municipal power systems.

Homes provided by tax-exempt institutions, such as a home for a president of a privately-endowed college, would be taxed, as would parsonages.

The bill would limit to 80 acres the amount of land exempted for charitable purposes, and would tax that part of church property used for commercial purposes.

Exemptions would not apply to land of commercial cemetery associations which has not yet been used, and also would not apply to commercial activities of libraries.

The exemption on furniture would not apply to furniture provided by a landlord in a furnished house or apartment.

The bill also provides that any institution or organization must file written application by February 1 of each year to get exemptions.

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'Total Conscription' Proposal Beaten in House After Lengthy Arguments Quoting Poems

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It wasn't that the house was observing the anniversary.

It was because Rep. Warren Erwin inserted phrases from Burns in his argument supporting the memorial (HJM 1) asking congress to enact a limited national service act, and because Rep. John Dickson who opposed the memorial also "knew" Burns and called him in on his side, too.

Memorial Defeated

Erwin's memorial, ultimately amended to call for "total conscription" instead of "limited national service," lost by a vote of 42 to 16 (see story on page 1).

Erwin supported his memorial with the statement that "it is presented as a measure to uphold the commanders who are winning this war."

He quoted military leaders as having pleaded for a limited national service "to provide materials which would save the lives of thousands of American boys," asked why labor should "turn thumbs down now" on President Roosevelt "because he doesn't go along with labor, and demanded that "we back up our leaders."

Rep. H. H. Chindgren (r) of Molalla, chairman of the resolutions committee which reported out the memorial without recommendation, said "I think we should have brought in a "do not pass" report."

He termed limited national service "another step toward totalitarianism" and said "it ill behooves Oregon to petition congress to pass a service act... because Oregon needs the list when it comes to war production."

Re-referral Beaten

Representative Chindgren's motion to re-refer the memorial to his committee, because an amendment from the floor was added

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