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Pool System For Liquor in Clubs Asked

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Authority to pool purchases of liquor for use of members and to serve it to members in exchange for scrip would be granted to private, non-profit clubs under a bill introduced Friday in the senate by Sen. Earl T. Newby, Ashland, and Reps. Robert C. Gile, Roseburg, and Frank Van Dyke, Ashland.

Patterned after a law now in effect in Washington and a measure passed by the 1939 Oregon legislature but vetoed by Gov. Charles A. Sprague, the bill provides that a club operating under the system with the approval of the liquor control commission could designate purchasing agent or agents from among employees or membership and with money put up by members holding liquor purchasers' permits could invest in a stock of alcoholic beverages.

Each member contributing to the investment would receive in exchange a book of non-transferable scrip, representing \$2.50, \$5 or \$10 put into the pool.

Liquor could not be directly sold, nor could bottles of it be openly displayed, but holders of scrip books could exchange coupons for drinks. Members would not be permitted to remove bottles from the premises, Newby pointed out, declaring the measure a better regulation than any in effect today in Oregon.

A number of Elks clubs and other club and lodge organizations are backing the measure, according to Newby, who is elected ruler of his Elks lodge. Gile is exalted ruler of the BPOE at Roseburg, and Van Dyke is a past exalted ruler of the Ashland organization.

Clubs without the special license permitting operation of such pools would remain under the locker system now in effect, members buying and storing their own liquor. Night clubs and other clubs operating for profit or open to the general public would not be eligible for the pool system licenses.

School Board Members Ask State Support

George Huggins, Coos Bay insurance man, headed a temporary state-wide group of school board members today after an organizational meeting of representatives from 27 first-class school districts who conferred with Gov. Earl Snel in Salem Friday.

The representatives told the governor there was a crisis in public school education in Oregon; said local school districts needed immediate financial aid to meet rising costs and increased enrollments, and provide additional housing; cited that living costs had risen beyond teachers' salaries, and asked for a thorough study of the state's tax structure in regard to financing public education.

A permanent organization of school boards is contemplated.

House Extends Congratulations To MacArthur

"Best wishes and congratulations" were issued to Gen. Douglas MacArthur by the Oregon state house of representatives on the occasion of his birthday Friday.

After voice passage of house resolution 14—pointing out that the general's campaigns were of such "valor and ferocity unexcelled in the history of the United States," in which many Oregon men had a part—Reps. H. H. Childgren and Warren Erwin led the house in singing "Happy Birthday to You."

The resolution was introduced by Rep. Harvey Wells "and 59 others."

Move for Weekend Session of Senate Fails by 16-14 Vote

Urged to lengthen its work week in order to shorten the 43rd legislative session, the senate Friday continued to operate through afternoon hours, but voted 16 to 14 not to convene again today.

The Saturday morning meeting was suggested by Senate President Howard C. Canby, who declared that 134 bills were in 20 committees of the senate and that at least the non-controversial measures should be brought to the floor as rapidly as possible.

In the Senate

Introduced Friday in the senate: SB 110—Would authorize appeal from sentence in criminal case on plea of guilty, where the fine imposed is excessive, or the punishment cruel or unusual.

SB 111—Provides that properties owned by federal government or its agencies may be taxed if expressly authorized or permitted, exempt legislation of state, except those under contract of sale and those used for business or commercial purposes.

SB 112—Provides for the "pool" system of purchasing and serving liquor in clubs under special club licenses.

SB 113—Would appropriate up to \$25,000 for liquor purchase investigation by the county joint resolution.

SB 114—Requiring the giving of receipts for valuables surrendered by prisoners.

SB 115—Correction in law providing dues rights to widows.

SB 116—Making 1943 salary increases for Hood River county employees permanent.

Re-referred to committee: SBs 93 and 94.

State Police Retirement Fund Sought

Insurance and retirement for members and officers of the Oregon state police would be provided in a measure (HB 171) introduced into the house Friday by Rep. John Hall.

The plan would provide for the organizing of a non-profit corporation to administer the program, and the use of life insurance companies to insure it.

Members of the police organization would be entitled, to a pension of \$75 a month after the age of 65, with proportionately less if they retire between the ages of 60 and 65. The state would make an appropriation for the pension fund, and members themselves would pay 3 per cent of their salaries into a supplementary benefit fund. The latter would be refunded, to the extent paid, to those leaving the organization.

The program also would provide for a group insurance plan, with the cost pro rated among members, giving \$3750 insurance up to five years of service and \$7500 thereafter.

Women's Pay Legislation Is Opposed

Sexual equality in the matter of wages should be settled by collective bargaining and not be made a matter for legislation and later litigation, employer representatives maintained in a hearing before the senate labor and industries committee Friday.

W. E. Kimsey, state labor commissioner, said he approved the principle of equal pay for women, would like to see it a part of the law and that five states now have such laws. Stanley Earl, state CIO secretary, said the bill (SB 52), backed by S. Eugene Allen, Oregon Labor Press editor, had the support of the CIO.

State Industrial Accident Commissioner T. Morris Dunne explained that the establishment of a second injury fund in workmen's compensation (SB 53) would eliminate the possibility of penalizing employers who might hire handicapped persons. Kimsey spoke in favor of a bill (SB 54) which would provide a salary of \$4000 for a state director of apprenticeship, as did labor representatives.

Fine provided for selling liquor when election polls open. The house passed a bill (HB 21) Friday providing for a fine of \$500 for the selling of alcoholic liquors during the hours election polls were open.

House Beats Down Attempt To Kill Bill Making Vacancies Open to Both Major Parties

House bill 145, empowering county courts to fill legislative vacancies without regard to the political affiliation of the previous office-holder, will be up for final passage Monday as a result of house action Friday in voting down Rep. Warren Erwin's minority report of "do not pass" 47-12.

The majority committee "do pass" report by Rep. Robert Dunnin, was adopted.

Erwin, Multnomah democrat, assailed what he termed "continuous attempts to inject party politics" into the legislature, and said the bill, at least in part, was designed to make possible a republican successor to Rep. E. C. Allen (d), now ill in Portland.

Rep. Stanhope Pier, Multnomah republican, said, "There is no intention to try to unseat Mr. Allen at all—I wouldn't stand for it."

Rep. John Steelhammer (r), Marion county, supported the majority "do pass" report, pointing out that the current provision (requiring appointees to be of the same party as their predecessors) was passed when the house was predominantly democratic in 1937 and said it could make impossible the appointment of anyone who was next highest in the number of votes cast in the previous election.

Rep. M. James Gleason, Portland democrat, cited that the proposed change would not make such an appointment mandatory, however, and Rep. Manley Wilson (d) said the proposed plan would make an appointment a "political football."

Rep. Phil Brady (d) of Portland arose to "refute the charge that the democrats intended the (1937) bill to perpetuate ourselves."

The vote which defeated the "do not pass" report was divided on party lines to a considerable extent.

Another Freeway Bill Hearing on Tuesday

Another public hearing on the so-called freeway bill, limiting access to certain major highways, will be held in the statehouse next Tuesday afternoon after the day's legislative adjournment.

In the House

Bills passed by house Friday: HB 21—(by Harvey) providing for a fine of \$500 for persons convicted of selling liquor during hours polls are open.

HB 56—Increasing salaries of certain officials of Malheur county.

HB 82—(committee) preventing corporation from claiming discount allowed under the Water plan before taking into account an offset for personal property tax.

HB 111—(committee) compels mortgagee of automobiles to file notice of mortgage with secretary of state.

HB 170—(Francis and Marsh) adding gray and red foxes to animals on which bounty is paid.

HB 171—(Hall) provides retirement fund for Oregon state police.

HB 172—(committee) licensing dental hygienists; no effect on regularly practicing dentists.

HB 173—relating to salaries of officers of Clatsop county.

HB 174—relating to salary of Clatsop county auditor.

HB 175—(J. O. Johnson and Van Dyke) further regulates transfer of funds in reserve accounts of savings and loan associations and specifies that associations can make home loans up to \$7500.

HB 176—(Niskanen) increases from \$3500 to \$5000 county funds for consultations, surveys and advertising regarding resources and permits.

HB 177—(Judiciary committee) limits certain conditional sales contracts to three years.

HB 180—(committee on revision of laws, by request) defining and providing for distribution of abandoned property.

HB 181—(Hendricks) provides for filing of information of escheats by attorney general rather than district attorneys.

HB 182—(committee on education) allows school which voluntarily provides for monthly payroll records for state institutions.

HB 183—(J. O. Johnson and Benington) provides for fees to be paid to corporations, committees in connection with merger and consolidation of corporations.

HB 184—(joint ways and means) appropriates money (\$30,000) for expenses of joint resolution 9 of 41st legislative assembly.

HB 185—(French, Marsh and others) changes title of chief deputy secretary of state to assistant secretary of state and provides that his salary shall be set by secretary of state, instead of board of control, not to exceed \$3000, instead of \$2400.

HB 187—(Snyder and Sen. Cornell) relates to mileage of officers of Lake county.

HB 188—(Childgren and Friable) in effect repeals section of Walker act which provides for refund of state income tax, and would use it for post-official developments industry.

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HB 190—(committee on assessment and taxation) sets up method of distribution of money derived from tax-excessed property on basis of last year instead of previous collection years.

HB 191—(committee on assessment and taxation) sets up system of licensing pleasure boats more than 16 feet long and registration with county; is \$5 a year for 16 to 20 foot craft and \$5 plus \$1 for each extra foot for larger.

HB 192—(committee on assessment and taxation) relates to exemption from taxation of certain state properties used for commercial purposes.

House bills passed second reading and referred to committee: 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169.

House bills re-referred to committee: 18, 42.

Senate bills passed to second reading: 81, 82.

Senate bills passed second reading and referred to committee: 24, 48.

"Do pass" committee reports adopted: 103, 105, 106, 107, 11, 35, 53, 76, 119, 120, 140, 144; SB 64, 65.

LICENSE BILL ENTERED. Bills to license dental hygienists and dental technicians were introduced in the house Friday by the medicine, dentistry and pharmacy committee.

Expenditures Approved by Joint Group

Action on a bill providing for a flat appropriation of \$4480 a year for the benefit of supreme court and circuit judges under the judges' retirement law, was postponed indefinitely by vote of the joint ways and means committee Friday.

Under the current law an amount equal to 2 per cent of the combined salaries of the judges is drawn from the general fund of the state.

Approved was a measure appropriating funds for the payment of per diem and mileage of members of the 1943 legislative interim committee to study bus and truck taxation and other expenses of the group.

The committee was told that state institution betterment fund revenues for the period July 1, 1942, to June 30, 1944, aggregated \$207,677, with a previous balance of \$55,253. Disbursements totaled \$178,313, with \$84,617 on hand on June 30, 1944.

An appropriation of \$419,041 for the Eastern Oregon state tuberculosis hospital, including capital outlays of \$45,041, was approved.

Other expenditures for the next biennium approved by the committee: Financial responsibility division, secretary of state's office, \$104,820; motor vehicle registration, secretary of state's office, \$1,205,778; fuels tax division, secretary of state, \$3,795,349; capitol building and grounds, telephone division, \$39,778; revolving fund, secretary of state, \$60,000; restoration fund, \$100,000; transportation of convicts, \$14,500; arrest and return of fugitives from justice, \$20,000, including deficiency of \$5000; and state board of control, \$126,845.

Bills Would Oust Income Tax Refund

Two bills designed to throw millions of dollars annually into Oregon's postwar projects were introduced Friday—in effect, repealing the Walker act under which surpluses are refunded to state income and corporation excise taxpayers.

The bills (HB 188 and 189) were offered by Reps. H. H. Childgren and R. C. Friable. One of the measures relates to income tax, the other to corporation excise tax. Surplus from both, instead of being used for refund, would be allowed to accumulate for postwar developments pertaining to construction of state institutions, institutions of higher education and other projects.

Representative Childgren estimated postwar building might benefit to the extent of \$20,000,000 annually under the two bills.

\$25,000 Sought for Payment of Expense Of Liquor Probe

An appropriations bill under which \$25,000 would be available for expenses of conducting the recently authorized distilleries purchase investigation was introduced in the senate Friday. It went to the ways and means committee after rules had been suspended to permit a second reading. The bill (SB 113) was introduced by Sen. C. H. Zurcher, Union and Wallawa counties.

Liquor Probe Probably Will Start Next Week

Sen. Paul Patterson, Hillsboro, chairman of the five-man legislative liquor investigating committee, said Friday he hopes the committee could begin work next week. He said he has had difficulty finding an auditor.

Students Extended Courtesies of House

Mary Gibson, teacher of Montrose school, and more than a score of pupils were extended courtesies of the house Friday and witnessed proceedings from the gallery.

APPEAL MEANS SOUGHT

Criminals who have entered a plea of guilty and received a sentence which seems excessive, cruel or unusual would be able to appeal to the court directly above that in which the sentence was handed down, under a bill introduced Friday by Sen. Thomas Mahoney, Multnomah county democrat.

"Strictly Private" By Quinn Hall



Quotations at Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 26 (AP)—Butter—AA prints 46-46½; cartons 46½-47½; A grade prints 45½-46; cartons 45½-46½; B grade prints 45-45½; cartons 45-45½.

Portland Produce. 13.50-15.00; medium grades down to 11.00. Salable hogs 500, total 1000; market active, steady; good-choice 170-170 1/2 lbs. 15.75; heavier weights 14.50-15.00; few under 170 lbs. 14.50; good sows 13.50 to mostly 13.75; good-choice light sows 14.00-25; good-choice feeder pigs, active, steady 16.00-25.

Portland Livestock. PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 26 (AP)—(WFA)—Salable cattle, total 325; calves 12; medium-good beefs 10.00; good-choice 11.00; medium-medium beefs 9.50-10.00; cutters down to 8.00; yearling lambs 7.00 to 7.25; Ewes 1.00 to 1.25.

Stocks and Bonds. STOCK AVERAGES. 15 18 60. Previous day 79.3 33.9 20.8 58.7. Week ago 79.9 34.0 20.7 58.8. Month ago 78.7 34.3 20.2 58.2. Year ago 70.6 34.9 25.5 50.5.

Drunk Examination Gets First Tryout. PORTLAND, Jan. 26 (AP)—Mayor Riley's plan to halt city jail deaths by hospital examination of men arrested for drunkenness got its first test today.

Judge Fee Files Suit To Avoid Paying Tax. PORTLAND, Jan. 26 (AP)—Federal Judge James A. Fee today filed suit in circuit court to prevent the Oregon state tax commission from collecting state tax on his 1939 and 1940 incomes.

Grains Display Late Strength. CHICAGO, Jan. 26 (AP)—Grain markets, steady to firm most of the session, turned sharply higher in the final hour of trading today with wheat, corn and rye showing gains of nearly two cents or more. All closing prices were new highs for the day.

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Bright Furniture. 453 Court Ph. 7511. WILSON'S Furniture Store.

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