

Proposal to Repeal Walker Act Highlights Work Ahead In 43rd Legislative Session

Liquor Probe Quiet; Tax Setup Alterations Are Proposed

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Oregon's liquor probe, quiet for a week while the wheels were being oiled, is expected to climb back to the headlines soon—but there is little doubt it will take a back seat for some time in view of new developments now facing the 43rd legislature which reconvenes tomorrow.

The state's tax setup appears to be the biggest issue at hand.

The most controversial of newly-introduced bills dropped in the house at its final session of the week when Reps. H. H. Chridgren and R. C. Frisbie proposed (HB 188-189) the state retention of surplus income and corporation excise taxes to provide an estimated \$20,000,000 annually for postwar construction.

The suggested program was the second major effort to alter the state's tax plan. The first constituted house measures (HB 121-122-123) asking for a \$5,000,000 school equalization fund and an increase from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000 in the school support fund (HB 81).

Would Oust Walker Act

The Chindgren-Frisbie proposal, which in effect would repeal the Walker act of 1943, would prevent each income and corporation excise tax reductions as the 75 per cent cut of 1944 and 30 per cent for 1945. It would not disturb the present \$5,000,000 school support plan.

Most noise in the house last week arose over the proposal (HJM 1) of Rep. Warren Erwin to petition congress for immediate enactment of a limited national service act. The suggestion, after being amended to read "total conscription" instead of "limited national service," went down in a burst of oratory by a vote of 42 to 16. A memorial (HJM 2) asking that that national guard be included in postwar policies was passed.

Almost as lively a time arose from a measure (HB 145) to Rep.

John Steelhammer to eliminate the requirement that county courts in filling legislative vacancies, should choose an appointee of the same political faith as his predecessor. A "do pass" committee report ultimately was adopted and final action is set for today. A plan to keep polls open until 10 p. m. (HB 40) was defeated.

Pay Bill Brings Row

The senate's most violent argument since that precipitated by the liquor probe bill was over a proposal to increase the salary of election aids from \$3 a day (HB 24). The figure of \$4 a day finally was approved.

From all reports, at least the forerunners of major contemplated introduction already had been entered in either the senate or house, with the exception of a program for a state department of veterans' welfare—a recommendation of Gov. Earl Snell.

Measures passed last week by the house included those barring sale of liquor when election polls are open, with penalties (HB 21); permitting 30-day detention of parolees on suspicion (HB 101); asking congress to include the nation guard in postwar policies (HJM 2).

Measures Pending

Measures still pending in the house include those putting liquor revenue in the general fund instead of directly into old-age assistance (HB 47); taxing aviation gasoline 5 cents a gallon to finance an airport program (HB 49); putting a health program in schools (HB 53); raising old-age benefits (HB 52 and 57); providing for milk pasteurization (HB 83); restoring voting privileges to felons (HB 131); making military training compulsory in high schools (HB 167); and providing pensions for state police (HB 171).

Now pending in the senate are measures providing for the use of large trucks on Oregon highways (SB 5 and 42); extending time between fillings of candidates and elections from 45 to 90 days; boosting old-age assistance (SB 20); new state hospital buildings (SB 31); civil rights "hotel bill" (SB 34); extending workmen's compensation (SB 60 and others); raising judges' salaries (SB 86);

reorganizing state board of health (SB 89); supporting the game commission by direct appropriation (SB 90); allowing private clubs to serve liquor under a pool system (SB 112); calling for a study of the state's tax structure (SJR 2); providing for a lieutenant governor (SJR 7); and memorializing congress for a compulsory military training law (SJM 2).

The week also brought formal approval of the five-man investigative committee in regard to Oregon liquor purchases. Heading the group as chairman is Sen. Paul Patterson (r). Members are Sen. Angus Gibson (r), Rep. Henry Semon (d), Rep. Ralph T. Moore (r) and Rep. Harvey Wells (r).

To date, 192 bills have been introduced in the house, 115 in the senate. The latter will reconvene at 10 a. m. tomorrow, the house at 11 a. m.

Bills Up for Final Action Tomorrow In Senate, House

Senate:

SB 18—Correcting a clerical error.
SB 21—Would repeal law that county court can not levy less than one mill tax for general road purposes.

SB 85—Provides that county officials must keep a record of war veterans' final discharge if the veterans wish.
House:
HB 19—Relates to salaries of Linn county officers.
HB 76—Validates powers of attorney in certain added cases.
HB 103—Increases jurisdiction of appellate courts.
HB 105—Pertains to rules af-

fecting foreign laws in U. S. courts.

HB 106—Amends judicial code relative to judgments.
HB 107—Compels governors of state bar to be active members.

HB 119—Amendatory bill regarding school census.
HB 139-140—Clarify law relative to service of processes.

HB 144—Repeals law prohibiting non-elective public officials from being political convention delegates.

HB 145—Would permit county courts to fill legislative vacancies without regard to political affiliation of person to be succeeded.

Hearings will be held Tuesday afternoon on the so called "freeway" bill limiting access to major highways and on the measure providing for residents' approval before their area is taken into a public utility district. A hearing on the civil rights, or hotel, bill—

Mrs. Bergsvik Speaks Monday at Silverton

SILVERTON—Mrs. Ruby Bergsvik, executive secretary of Marion county public health association will speak Monday night at the chamber of commerce rooms. Representatives of all civic organizations have been especially invited to attend as others interested in public health work.

The new state-owned mobile tuberculosis chest X-ray survey unit will arrive in Marion county February 5 and at Silverton later in the month. Mrs. Ernest Starr is local chairman for the health association. She has been assisted by Mrs. Glenn Briedwell, Mrs. J. R. Black and Mrs. C. W. Keene in making arrangements for Mrs. Bergsvik's talk Monday night.

Labish Aid Group Meets Wednesday

LABISH CENTER—Mrs. O. G. McLaughry will entertain the Ladies' Aid society at her home next Wednesday afternoon. Reports about bazaar will be presented.

Ronnie and Louise Mott are out of school with the mumps.

The Brooks Boy Scouts will hold a meeting February 20 to reorganize and re-register. They will be sponsored by the Brooks fire department instead of by the school board, after that date.

Cpl. Middlemiss who is being treated there. He was seriously wounded in the jaw while fighting in Belgium and was treated in eight different hospitals, including European ones, before brought to Mento Park.

Stayton Dentist Has New Office Built

STAYTON — With the near-completion of his office structure of 28x30 feet in size to house reception room, office and laboratory, Dr. A. M. Dozier this week resumed his dental practice interrupted in November, 1942 when he entered the army. During the interval he was stationed at March field, Riverside, Calif.

Dr. Dozier was honorably discharged last fall, returned to Stayton where he plans to remain. The office building adjoins his residence on First street.

Silverton Serviceman In California Hospital

SILVERTON — Mrs. John Middlemiss has gone to Menlo Park, Calif., to be with her husband.

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