

Fish Industry Held in Need State Action

John C. Veatch, Portland, chairman of the state fish commission, told members of the joint house and senate commercial fisheries committee Monday that a guaranteed financial program was essential to assure the prosperity and expansion of Oregon's commercial fishing industry.

The discussion centered on an interim report of the 1943 legislature which urged that the fish commission, now on a self-sustaining basis, receive a biennial appropriation. Under this proposal all licenses, poundage fees and other revenues of the commission would go into the general fund of the state and be appropriated out in an amount determined by the various legislatures.

Veatch stressed the recent destruction of salmon spawning grounds and the strain placed upon the industry by sport fishermen. Figures were presented by Veatch to show that during a certain period the sportsmen's catch from the Willamette river, between Oregon City and Portland, exceeded the commercial catch.

"We cannot increase our poundage fees because of the competition that would result on the Washington side of the river," Veatch continued. "A biennial appropriation is the only sound means of solving the commercial fishing situation."

Veatch said he was not in sympathy with a proposal to combine the fish and game commissions.

State Support Of Bargaining Rights Asked

S. Eugene Allen, speaking in behalf of a bill which would make it unlawful for employers to interfere with employ organization and compel collective bargaining, told the senate labor and industries committee Monday that state laws should protect rights of workers in purely local industries not covered by the Wagner act.

The editor of the Oregon Labor Press, pointing out that enforcement of the law would rest with the courts rather than with an administrative board of great power and wide discretion, said he believed the state could meet its problems "through established legal channels."

WOULD RAISE SALARIES

The house Monday passed a bill which would raise the salaries of Linn county officers as follows: judge \$2600, commissioner \$2400, treasurer \$2200, clerk \$2600, recorder \$2200, sheriff \$3600, assessor \$2500, superintendent of schools \$2400.

Compensation, Retirement Funds for Volunteer, Paid Firemen Proposed in Bill

A measure to create compensation and retirement funds for volunteer and paid firemen was before the house of representatives today. The bill (HB 207) by Rep. Earl H. Hill of Cushman was introduced Monday.

Somewhat similar to proposals of other sessions, the plan, for volunteer firemen, would provide that municipal or fire districts pay \$2 annually for each volunteer member; that members themselves would pay an additional \$1, and that 10 per cent of the state's proceeds from taxes on premiums of fire insurance companies go into the fund.

Disability would bring \$100 monthly for six months and \$75 thereafter so long as disability lasts. On death, widows would get \$50 a month and \$10 a month for each child under 18. A \$100 additional also would be paid for funerals.

Members would be limited to 25 firemen for a community of 1000 and two additional members for each added 100 population. A year's service would be a requirement for participation. The measure also would establish a board of trustees of the fund in each municipality or fire district.

A retirement provision would give \$25 monthly to each member who retired after the age of 55 if he had served 25 years.

Regarding the paid firemen's compensation and retirement proposal, each member would pay into that particular fund 4 per cent of his salary and the districts would equal that participation. An emergency fund of \$25,000 would be created, and maintained by 50 per cent of all money paid the state as taxes on premiums of fire insurance companies operating in Oregon. Specific benefits would depend on funds available.

The bill was passed to second reading.

Confiscation Rights Asked In Liquor Bill

Under bills (SB 118 and 117, respectively) introduced Monday in the senate by its committee on alcoholic traffic, the state liquor control commission could declare the entire premises, where a sales violation has been proved, a common nuisance and could confiscate everything from the dishes on the shelves to the juke box.

Ray Conway, state liquor commission administrator, told the committee at a recent hearing that enforcement of regulations over certain night spots have been difficult because of lack of authority to act quickly and to do more than close such establishments.

A third bill (SB 116) would legalize the practice of limiting kinds and brands of alcoholic liquor made available to purchasers by state liquor stores.

House Votes To Lift Party Limitations

Passed 50 to 7 by the house and up to the senate today was a measure (HB 145 by Steelhammer) eliminating the requirement that in filling legislative vacancies a county court shall appoint a person of the same political faith as his predecessor.

But little argument preceded the voting—as contrasted with a previous move in the house when action on the bill was delayed—although Rep. Warren Erwin reiterated his protest that the bill was politically-inspired by the republicans.

(In the previous argument he intimated a belief it was prompted by the possibility that Rep. E. C. Allen, Portland, democrat who has been ill, might resign. Republicans denied it.)

The original bill was first passed in the democratic-controlled house of 1937. It was approved by a senate predominantly republican, and signed by Gov. Charles Martin (d) who Erwin said Monday was "crucified by his own party . . . who charged he was playing ball with republicans."

The new measure was approved with but seven "no" votes, all democrats—Allen, Bain, Brady, Bull, Erwin, Gleason, Semon.

Lobby Activity On Floor of Senate Flayed

There will be more strict enforcement of senate rule 60, denying admission on the senate floor to the general public for a period beginning 30 minutes before convening and ending 30 minutes after adjournment.

Officials of the upper house made this clear Monday and a few persons reportedly were asked to leave the senate floor.

The rule does not refer to specified state officials, former members of the legislature, employees of the senate or persons to whom the senate extends courtesies of the floor. It was designed to keep lobbyists from conferring with legislators during time the senate is actually in session or when senators wish to talk together.

In the House

Bills introduced in the house Monday:

HB 188—(Bennett)—provides for inclusion of releases of mortgages in instruments to be filed in regard to the veterans' state aid act, and says such instruments shall be attested by clerk of land board instead of secretary of world war veterans' aid commission which land board succeeded.

HB 194—(committee on land use)—relating to re-establishing corners of government surveys in cases wherein physical evidence has been destroyed.

HB 194—(Gleason)—by request: allowing presiding judges of circuit courts to assign district judges to sit as circuit judges temporarily in cases of circuit judge's illness or absence (only Multnomah county has a district court).

HB 196—(Manley Wilson)—relating to workmen's compensation claims for benefit.

HB 197—(Bennett)—provides for release of property from mortgages in cases wherein mortgages were executed to the state through the veterans' state aid commission, and have been satisfied.

HB 198—(Benson, J. O. Johnson)—provides for determination of proper heirs to estates by court order.

HB 198—(Harvey and Sen. Hilton)—an act to provide that the salary of no state officer, elective or appointive, shall exceed that of the governor.

HB 203—(Meyers)—to provide for regulating the listing of real estate for sale, and providing that owners granting listings are not required to sell in certain instances.

HB 202—(Harvey and Sen. Hilton)—suspending salaries and expenses of officers and employees of the Oregon Racing commission for a temporary period (while tracks are closed under wartime order).

HB 203—(Bull and Sen. Zurcher and Ellis)—relating to temporary salaries of officers of Union county.

HB 204—(Bull and Sen. Zurcher and Ellis)—amending salaries of Union county officers.

HB 205—(Condit)—removes requirements that areas voting to form consolidated school district shall include a first class school district.

HB 205—(Condit)—providing that school districts may count as attendance days the days that teachers are absent on institutes, etc., up to five days a year.

HB 207—(E. Hill)—creating volunteer firemen's compensation and retirement fund.

Bills passed by house Monday:

HB 18—increases the salaries of Linn county officials.

HB 16—validates powers of attorney until such time as notification of grantor's death is received.

HB 108—increases jurisdiction of appellate courts in regard to their consideration of circuit court rulings.

HB 109—provides for notice in writing in regard to testimony under foreign laws.

HB 106—amends judicial code relative to judgments.

HB 107—provides that governors of state bar shall be active members, therefore precludes judges from governorships.

HB 118—allows clerks to estimate school census on basis of average daily attendance the previous year.

HB 144—repeals law prohibiting non-selective public officials from being political convention delegates.

HB 138-140—Clarifies law relative to the service of processes by mail.

HB 145—eliminating the requirement that county courts must fill a legislative vacancies by appointing a person of the same political party as his predecessor.

Committee "do pass" reports adopted: HB 61.

Bills referred to committees: HB 53; HB 170 to 192 inclusive; SB 81, 92.

Bills re-referred to committees: SB 65.

First reading in house: SB 18, 21, 85.

Old-age Aid Bills Studied By Committee

The question of ceiling or no ceiling for old-age assistance payments in Oregon has not been forgotten, and it will come to the floor of the senate, the upper house was assured Monday by Sen. Dean Walker, Polk county, chairman of the ways and means committee.

Walker explained to the senate, after receipt of a letter from the sponsor of one of the measures asking what had happened and what was likely to happen to the bill, that the ways and means committee is divided into sub-committees.

One of the "special" sub-committees of five men, headed by Sen. Angus Gibson, Lane and Linn counties, has the old age assistance bills, Walker said.

Referring to the bills as "important and serious matters" of legislation, Walker said they would return to the senate floor after the committee had opportunity to study the matter thoroughly.

The series of bills dealing with community property tax law, its proposed repeal and a substitute measure will be retained by the senate's committee on judiciary until all may be reported out at the same time, the committee decided Monday. Four such measures have been referred to the judiciary committee.

WOULD HALT RACE FUNDS

Officers and employees of the state racing commission would draw no further salary or expense money until the war is over or federal restrictions on racing are relaxed, under a bill introduced in the house Monday by Sen. Joseph Harvey.

In the Senate

Introduced Monday in the senate:

SB 118—Would authorize Oregon liquor control commission to limit kinds and brands of alcoholic liquor available in Oregon to sell to purchasers.

SB 117—Provides for continuation of liquor, equipment, etc. night clubs, etc., by liquor control commission upon arrest for violation of law.

SB 118—Authorizes declaration of entire place where liquor sale law is violated a common nuisance.

SB 119—Authorizes destruction of papers, letters, documents and records of counties deemed of no value.

SB 121—Would establish protective areas along highways, ocean beaches and through state parks.

SB 122—Regulations relating to annexation of new territory to be included within municipal boundaries, requiring that connecting strip be a specified size in relation to area of territory to be annexed and that annexation procedures must be preceded by petition for annexation signed by at least 25 per cent of resident owners of property in such territory.

SB 123—Clarifying two-year limitation regulation for filing of actions, suits or proceedings to determine validity of sale of properties sold for taxes.

SB 123—Provides that in addition to published notices of foreclosure proceedings by the county a copy of the published foreclosure list shall be mailed to the last record owner of property involved.

SB 124—Repeals all of state's aeronautic code with exception of that portion regulating state's licensing of aviators.

HBs 21, 29, 76, 103, 105, 106, 107, 119, 144—given first reading in senate.

Read for second time and sent to committee:

SB 110 to SB 115 inclusive: HBs 56, 82, 94 and 111.

Brought out of committee with "do pass" recommendation:

SB 19 (amended), SB 46, SB 47 (amended) and SB 23; HBs 15 and 54.

Passed Monday by senate:

SB 18—Corrects punctuation and style of law referring to publication of session laws.

SB 21—Repeals the one-mill floor provision relative to the annual county levy for general road fund purposes.

SB 23—Provides for filing of war veterans' discharge papers with either county clerk or recorder at no charge.

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Bill Entered To Limit Use Of Highways

A new type "limited access" bill made its appearance in the senate Monday (SB 120), which would establish protective areas, strips stretching 1000 feet from the center of state highways along ocean beaches and through state parks.

No commercial enterprise could be established in such areas, except portions set aside by highway commission for commercial use.

The only signs permitted would be small, limited size, announcements of premises for sale, or small commercial signs which

might be painted on farm buildings.

Persons owning or leasing land along such highways could, under the bill, operate roadside stands to sell produce, by fulfilling certain requirements as to amount of parking space provided.

The highway commission would be authorized to establish points for access roads and to set aside definite portions of such areas for commercial use.

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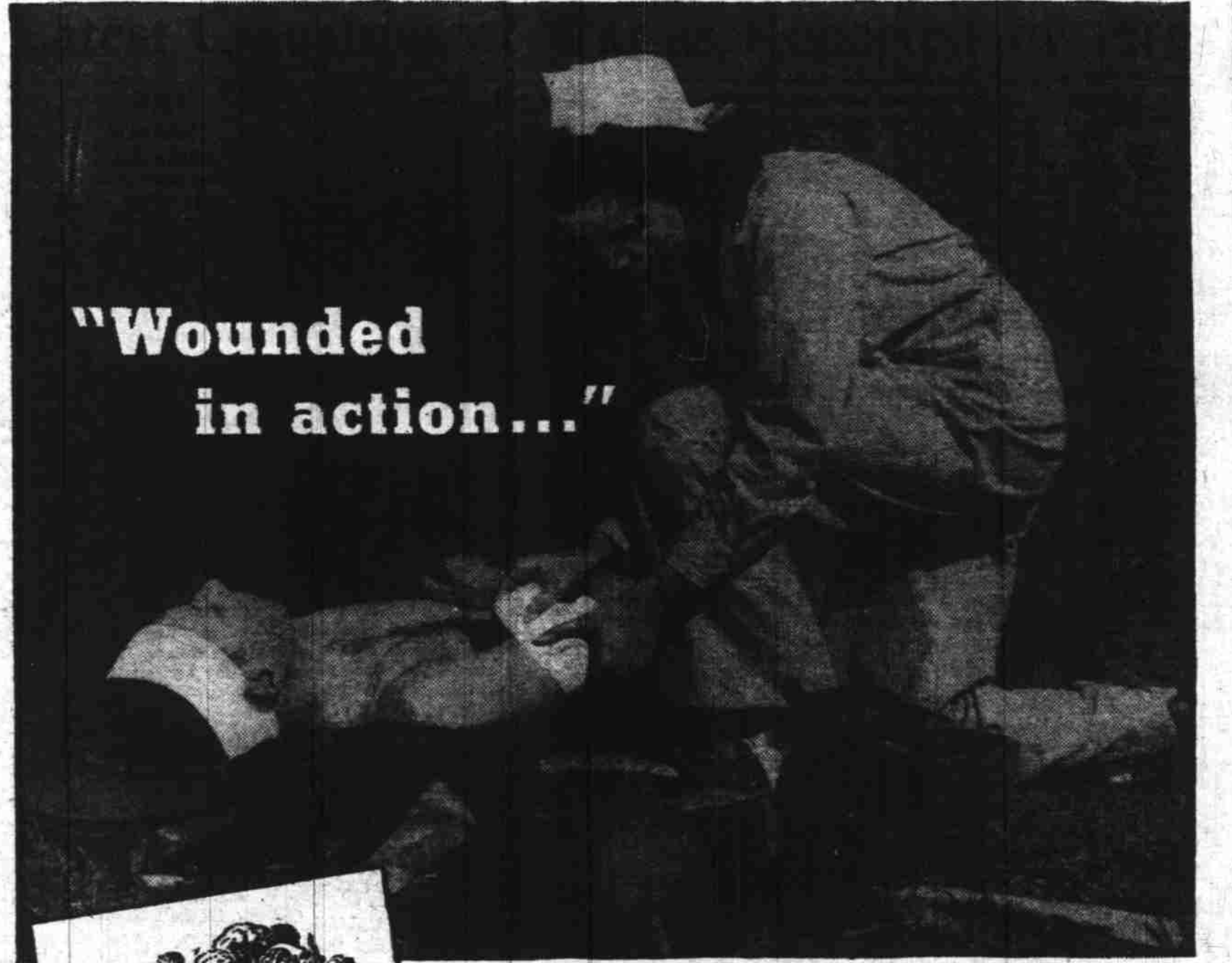
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