

Blind Trades School Called Big Problem

An important problem confronting the legislature, probably at the next session, is that of the state blind trades school in Portland, Sen. Dean Walker, Polk county, told the joint ways and means committee Friday.

The statement followed presentation of a sub-committee report approving expenditures of \$118,927 for the next biennium. This institution is supported by a tax. Senator Walker declared that the school apparently had become a custodial institution rather than a vocational training unit.

For the industrial account of the blind trades school the committee authorized an appropriation of \$109,420.

The recommended appropriation for the state banking department was increased from \$22,156.93 to \$22,856.93 to provide additional funds for salaries. Penalties were authorized in the amount of \$2760. These include \$600 a year each for Charles Stephens, Clifford R. Fones, Ralph C. Wilson, Mrs. T. T. Geer and Bertha Bergerson.

Other appropriations approved by the ways and means committee Friday: Insurance department \$107,276, fire marshal \$60,629.80, commission for the blind and prevention of the blind \$6000, and Oregon board of pharmacy \$42,602.80.

In the Senate

Passed Friday by the senate:
SB 128—Authorizing the superintendent of public instruction to accept money or other property for the use or benefit of the public schools of the state.

SB 130—Repealing obsolete provision for teachers' examinations for county certificates.

SB 131—Providing for revocation of licenses of vocational schools which go out of business and for cancellation of bonds.

SB 100—Amending law relating to funeral directors and embalmers which now requires that such persons be trained by schools members of a specified organization.

HB 12—To provide for an additional war veterans burial ground adjacent to Lincoln Memorial park.

HB 72—To provide continued compensation for Lucy Agnes Veary, widow of a state penitentiary guard who was killed on duty more than 22 years ago.

HB 86—To provide for transfer to general fund of surplus moneys in revolving fund for Oregon penitentiaries.

HB 133—To modernize requirements as to state treasurer's bond, requiring fidelity, instead of personal bond in larger amount than now.

HB 146—Appropriating money for payment of bonuses.

Introduced Friday in the senate:
SB 146—Provides for licensing of contractors, creates a contractor's state license board of five members, appointed by governor; contractors licenses to be issued at a fee of \$10 and to be required of all contractors undertaking jobs of \$200 value or greater.

SB 147—Authorizes the state highway commission, alone, or in cooperation with the federal government, to acquire and maintain aviation fields within Oregon or within adjoining states.

SB 148—Appropriating out of the general fund \$2,250,000 for construction of buildings for state institutions of higher learning.

SB 149—Provides that in addition to scholarships otherwise authorized, the state board of higher education may award tuition fee-exempting scholarships in any institution of higher learning in this state to students from Latin American countries.

SB 150—Provides that an incorporated town may acquire, own, maintain, operate, construct, and reconstruct either inside or outside its corporate limits.

SJR 6—For a petition to congress to restore to citizens of Oregon the right to locate, explore and develop mineral lands in U. S. C. grants.

SCR 6—For appointment of a committee of five, two from senate and three from house, to arrange program commemorating birthday of Lincoln for joint session.

SB 151—Increasing annual registration fee for osteopathic physicians and surgeons from \$5 to \$10 for period from Jan. 1, 1946, to Dec. 31, 1946.

SB 152—Provides for licensing at \$5 fee of persons servicing radio sets and public address systems.

SJR 7—To pay expenses of members of the fishing industries committees of senate and house during conference with similar committees of Washington legislature Sunday and Monday in Olympia, Wash.

SR 23—To set as a special order of business Tuesday, February 7, at 2:30 p.m., the election of a standing committee on interim appointments.

HB 89, 85, 179, 186, 192, 197, 198 and 199.

Read for second time and sent to committee: SB 135-145 inclusive; HB 62, 103, 160, 164, 175 and 176.

Calendared for action today: SB 22 amended, SB 71 amended, SB 105 amended, SB 7 amended, SB 6, SB 1, SJM 3, HB 93, SB 142, HJM 2, SB 52.

Returned to committee from calendar: HB 146 to ways and means; HB 61 to agriculture.

Special orders of business: SJR 2—Tax study by nationally-recognized experts, 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, February 6; SB 34—Civil rights, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 7; election of standing committee on interim executive appointments, 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 7.

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In the House

Bills passed in house Friday:
HB 59—making it possible to pay clerks \$100 a year instead of \$50 in first class school districts.

HB 65—prohibiting contracts permitting return of unsold bakery products. (Vote 47 to 11.)

HB 138—providing for work surveyors \$15 per diem in counties of less than 45,000 population. (Vote 52 to 11.)

HB 178—protects purchasers of personal property by legalizing an assumption that conditional sales contract has been filled three years after final payment is supposed to have been made.

HB 181—provides that actions for recovery of evicted personal property shall be undertaken by attorney general, not by district attorneys.

HB 186—providing that chief deputy secretary of state shall be known as assistant secretary of state and salary shall be \$4800 instead of \$4200. (Vote 54 to 9.)

HB 192—would tax property of state, churches or societies if commercially used. (Vote 48 to 10.)

HB 193—removes bill authorizing governor or secretary of state land board to sign documents for properties leased or mortgaged to war veterans state aid commission.

HB 197—similar bill to HB 193.

HB 198—provides time during which heirs may appear and file claims.

HB 208—to compel racing commission to have published programs giving history, etc., of all animals entered in racing meetings. (Vote 48 to 8.)

HB 214—to provide that an assumed business name is not used for a year, it is considered abandoned (not certain improvement bonds by cities).

SCR 6—providing for joint observance of Lincoln's birthday.

Bills introduced in the house Friday:
HB 294—(Bennett, E. Hill, Sen. Joseph McKenna) establishes state civil service act, provides merit system for employees, appropriate \$10,000.

HB 295—(Van Dyke, C. Hill) relates to dates of reports and remittances of justice of peace fees.

HB 296—(J. O. Johnson, Hesse, Sen. Patterson) temporarily increases salaries of officers of Washington county.

HB 297—(Van Dyke, C. Hill) relates to dates of reports and remittances of justice of peace fees.

HB 301—(Van Dyke, C. Hill) provides penalties for failure to account for public moneys.

HB 302—(Josephicks) relates to claims under workmen's compensation law and sets forth degrees of compensation.

HB 303—(Van Dyke, C. Hill) makes failure of justice of peace to report certain crimes a crime.

HB 304—(Multnomah delegation) authorizes pension system for counties of over 100,000 population; \$25 monthly for aged after 15 years, \$2.50 extra monthly for every year after 16 to 70.

HB 305—(Multnomah delegation) provides for popular vote on establishment of a 100-bed psychiatric hospital in Multnomah county.

HB 306—(Barry, Bennett, et al) creates office of registrar of action in counties of more than 100,000, with \$4200 annual salary.

HB 307—(Gleason) provides for first aid for injured persons and penalties for responsible persons referring to hospital.

HB 308—(Baldersee) fixes salaries temporarily for officers of Josephine county.

HB 309—(Judiciary committee) provides for appeals from orders of liquor commission.

HB 310—(Bennett, Sen. Surcher) provides graduated increase fees, by weights and contract carriers.

HB 311—(joint ways and means) provides for transfer of cigarette tax account to general fund.

HB 312—(joint ways and means) alterations in 1941 law regarding new office building, provides for setting aside fund of \$1,000,000, instead of \$1,000,000, but larger figure would include plans, architects' fees, technical services.

HB 313—(Callaway, et al) provides for establishing University of Oregon dental school, by accepting offer of Dr. Herbert Miller, president of North Pacific Dental college, for college properties in Portland, subject to provision it shall remain where it is for five years; provides for naming dean.

HB 314—(W. T. Johnson) raises salary of justice of peace in district 8, Benton county, from \$1800 to \$2400.

HB 315—(Harvey) prohibits issuance of license to sell liquor in places where gambling is permitted.

HB 316—(Judiciary committee) relates to mandamus in requiring filing of initiative or referendum petitions, permitting any district attorney to file proceedings in circuit court of Marion county.

HB 317—(Baldersee, by request) provides that cities shall pay 9 per cent of gross proceeds of municipally-owned power systems to counties, after such power plants have been amortized.

HB 318—(education committee) exempts third class school districts from section 111-906 (regarding budgets) and permits simplified form.

HB 319—(Frisbie, Lage) would compel industrial accident commission to make annual report to governor.

HB 320—(Bengston, Van Dyke) permits group sale of real and personal property of decedents when such would be advantageous to estate.

HB 321—(elections committee) substitutes for HB 186 in regard to permitting persons to be county committeemen even if they are not.

HB 322—(education committee) lowers compulsory school attendance age from 8 to 7 years, and prescribes 12 years of public schools instead of 9.

HB 323—(Frisbie, Lage) adds brackets to provision that employers can obtain workmen compensation reduction in proportion to net payments.

HB 324—(Marsh, Francis) would increase salaries in Yamhill county officers.

HB 325—(Staples, Sen. Jones) provides for road assessment district in counties of 18,000 to 25,000 population (Mahlbur county).

HB 326—(joint ways and means) amends act relating to forest product in regard to determination of fees paid public utilities commissioner.

HB 327—(joint ways and means) provides public utilities commissioner shall use money from general fund, in regard to log booming companies, in paying expenses of determining damages.

HB 328—(Van Dyke, C. Hill) changes dates for collecting fines from 10th of month to 15th.

HB 329—(Frisbie, Lage) provides that maintenance, repair, alteration and painting of private residence does not constitute hazardous business.

Fisheries Committees Will Go to Olympia For Joint Conference

The fisheries committees of the house and senate will go to Olympia on Sunday and Monday for meetings with similar groups of that state, under senate concurrent resolution (SCR 7) which was passed by the house Friday. Under the interstate fishing compact the fisheries committees of the two legislatures meet each session to plan joint action.

Dogs Get New Lease on Life; Bill Delayed

Feathers flew and most dogs had their day in the senate Friday, but the biennial chickens-equal-livestock bill was sent back to committee by a vote of 14-13. House bill 61, which would classify chickens as livestock so that their owners might claim reimbursement when the fowls are molested by dogs, would do more than repay losses to persons who raise or attempt to raise chickens, both proponents and opponents of the bill maintained.

Proponents, led by Sen. Paul Patterson of Washington county and Sen. Angus Gibson of Lane and Linn counties, pointed out that the re-classification would make chickens subject to the herd law and that their owners would be liable if they wandered on to highways.

A dog's life would be dull and at the same time insecure under the measure, since the law which would be amended to include chickens permits the killing of any dog seen chasing livestock and makes the owner liable for a considerable fine if he keeps a dog he knows has killed livestock.

It would "increase a million times" the objections which might be raised to the law as it now stands, Sen. William Walsh, Coos county, declared.

The bill went back to the agriculture committee with the suggestion that some clause might be attached to make the punishment for killing chickens something less than the death penalty and that dogs be permitted to chase chickens, particularly those wandering around on other people's property or the public highways.

In regard to Representative Harvey's opposition to the raise, Rep. Phil Brady pointed to increases the secretary of state's office had granted lower-paid employees; said "the present secretary of state is one of the best liberals we have for the underdog," and termed the bill a "recognition of outstanding service."

The vote was 54 to 5.

Property Law Bills Favored By Committee

"Do pass" recommendations on a group of bills dealing with the Oregon community property law of the 1943 legislature were reported out by the senate judiciary committee Friday.

Bills approved by the judiciary committee: Provide for repeal of the entire Oregon community property law; allow husband and wife to divide their aggregate income in any portion they desire; provides that no gift tax shall be exacted from any persons who elected to come under the provisions of the Oregon community property law.

The committee also acted favorably on a memorial urging congress and non-community property states to enact legislation to place federal income taxpayers of common law states on a parity with those of community property law states.

HB 327—(joint ways and means) provides public utilities commissioner shall use money from general fund, in regard to log booming companies, in paying expenses of determining damages.

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HB 330—(committee on military affairs) provides for accumulation of teaching credit, in regard to successive years, to probationary teachers in the armed services.

HB 331—(Niskanen) allows deductions of alimony up to \$500 for state income tax purposes.

HB 332—(Niskanen, Snyder) raises from \$1200 to \$1500 salary of justice of peace in Deschutes county.

HB 333—(education committee) would raise from \$6000 to \$5500 salary of state superintendent of public instruction.

HB 334—(Erwin) provides that totalizing machines shall be visible to public at dog races.

HB 335—(Marsh) sets up new state budget law to standardize form for cities, counties, all school districts, and other taxing bodies.

SB 100, 129, 136, 171, 76.

"Do pass" committee reports adopted; HB 66, 131, 148, 196, 199.

"Do not pass" committee reports adopted (indefinitely postponing action); HB 137, in regard to repair and fumigation code for upholstered furniture.

Referred to committees: HJR 5 (asking congress to approve a so-called seaman's bill of rights); HJM 6; HB 241-294 inclusive; SB 30, 88, 91, 99, 101, 109, 116, 117, 118.

Re-referred to committees: HB 43, 172, 173, 190.

Placed on next Tuesday's calendar: HB 149, 151, 153.

Salary Boost, Title Change Win Approval

The house passed and sent to the senate Friday a bill (HB 186) changing the title of chief deputy secretary of state to assistant secretary of state and setting his annual salary at a maximum of \$4800 instead of \$4200, subject to approval of the secretary of state.

There was considerable debate on the measure in regard to the general principle of salary increases, but the principal opponent of the measure, Rep. Joseph Harvey, made it plain he was not reflecting upon the incumbent, Harry Schenk.

The original measure called for \$5000 but was reduced in committee to be on a parity with the chief deputy state treasurer, Rep. John Steelhammer, chairman of the committee on reorganization and administration, told the house. Steelhammer said Schenk "has done a good job."

In regard to Representative Harvey's opposition to the raise, Rep. Phil Brady pointed to increases the secretary of state's office had granted lower-paid employees; said "the present secretary of state is one of the best liberals we have for the underdog," and termed the bill a "recognition of outstanding service."

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Limitation on Federal Income Tax Sought

A joint resolution (HJR 5), by Rep. John Hall, was introduced in the house Friday, asking that the federal government determine by vote whether the nation favored repeal of the 16th amendment to the constitution, and favored a statute limiting federal income and other federal taxes at 25 per cent of any income or fund.

New Hospital Sought

A 100-bed psychiatric hospital would be built in Portland under a measure introduced in the house Friday by the Multnomah county delegation. If passed, the people would vote on it at the next general election.

New Budget Law for Local Tax-Levying Units Proposed In House Bill Entered Friday

An entirely new law for the budgets of all local tax-levying bodies in the state was proposed in a measure (HB 335) dropped in the house as the last order of business Friday. It carried the signature of Speaker Eugene Marsh.

The measure would supersede the present budget law; establish a budget officer, under appointment of the levying board, in every municipality or district, and compel publication of the itemized budget.

Major changes from the present setup include a standardized form of budgets, and the inclusion of third class school districts, municipal utilities, and other districts not included in the current plan. It also would provide for a 25 per cent cash reserve fund to permit constant operation on a cash basis.

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Tax Proposal Up in Senate On Tuesday

Because the fish industries committees of both house and senate are to be in Olympia, Wash., Monday for a conference with committees of the Washington legislature, the senate Friday changed its special-orders-of-business calendar for the early part of next week.

A senate joint resolution providing for the governor's proposed tax study by nationally-recognized experts (SJR 2) will come to the floor of the senate at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday.

The civil rights measure (SB 34), which would make it a misdemeanor for hotel, restaurant, resort or tax-exempt hospital to deny accommodations to anyone because of race, creed or color, is to be acted upon at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The house Friday passed a bill (HB 85) which would make it unlawful for bakeries to take back from retailers unsold bread and other bakery products or to make any refund on unsold products. The same bill passed the house in 1943 and was killed in the senate.

The house education committee Friday introduced a bill (HB 322) lowering from 8 to 7 years the compulsory school age for Oregon, and providing that youths shall have had 12 instead of eight years in schools before being released from requirements of part-time schooling while working under child