

Vote Refused On Move to Exclude Japs

A determined battle to bring action on the house memorial 9, asking exclusion of Japanese from the west coast, failed in the house of representatives Wednesday.

The house voted 34 to 14 against a motion by Rep. Warren Erwin of Portland to take the memorial from the resolutions committee which had tabled it.

The memorial was introduced by Reps. Edwin, Poole and Bull. It sought to prohibit from the coast all Japanese aliens, those with dual citizenship and those regardless of citizenship whose loyalty might be open to question.

Erwin said "had it not been for the town marshal a Japanese would have been murdered by a soldier boy" at Gresham, and that by allowing return of Japanese to the coast would "run the risk of guerrilla warfare."

Rep. H. H. Chindgren, chairman of the resolutions committee, said his group had "tried to do a job that will not bring embarrassment on the state of Oregon" and that the memorial "should remain in committee."

Erwin, in asking that the bill be taken from the committee if which he is a member, said he was not given a chance to turn out a minority "do pass" report (because no majority report was issued) and that he had "the right to demand that you recognize my responsibility to over 80,000 people who elected me."

Voting "yes" on the motion (but some of whom said they would vote "no" on the memorial itself), were Reps. Eatin, Bennett, Brady, Bull, Callaway, Dickson, Erwin, Frisbie, Gile, Gleason, Harvey, Hendricks, Carl Hill, J. O. Johnson, W. T. Carlson, Jones, Kimberling, Lage, Lieualten, Lindberg, Meyers, Peterson, Poole, Semon (24).

Voting "no" were Reps. Adams, Baldersee, Barry, Bengtson, Chadwick, Chase, Chindgren, Condit, Dunaway, Ellis, Francis, French, Greenwood, Hall, Heisler, Hellberg, Hesse, Earl Hill, Himeilwright, Landon, Lonergan, Moore, Morse, Niskanen, Pier, Snellstrom, Snyder, Staples, Steehammer, Thomas, Van Dyke, Wells, Manley Wilson, Speaker Marsh (34).

Jobless Aid Bill Approved In House Vote

The house completed action on major unemployment compensation measures by sending to the governor Wednesday a bill to increase jobless benefits from \$15 for 16 weeks, or a maximum of one-sixth of base annual earnings, to \$18 for 20 weeks, or a maximum of one-fourth of base earnings.

The most that any unemployed workman might draw would be \$360 in a base year. Employers wanted the old schedule retained. Labor asked for \$25 for 26 weeks.

The house also passed bills allowing workers two years instead of one to make claims for aggravation of injuries under the industrial accident compensation act and increasing the amount payable for degrees, measure used by the accident commission in determining extent of compensable injury, from \$25 to \$30.

Another industrial accident commission bill, to create a major injury reserve within the commission's general fund, was referred to the labor and industries committee after Rep. Harvey Wells of Portland doubted the legality of permitting the commission to transfer money from one fund to another.

Speaker Eugene Marsh said the measure would give employers who have large claims a lower premium rate at the expense of farmers and small businesses who come under the act.

Study of Oregon's Primary Election Plan Is Proposed

A so-called bi-partisan resolution, calling for an interim committee to study methods for preserving the direct primary law in Oregon, was introduced in the senate Wednesday.

Sponsors indicated that the committee, if created, probably would investigate the feasibility of holding the primary election in September instead of May in order to shorten the general election campaign and save the candidates considerable money.

Transportation Study Continuance Voted

The house Wednesday voted on (HJR 14) for continuance of a study of motor transportation taxes by an interim committee.

Sponsors of a bill (HB 345) growing out of such a study over the past six years indicated it will die in the senate roads and highways committee. The bill -- it attempts to equalize motor transport taxation by placing all carriers on a weight and distance basis of taxation.

A bill introduced in the senate Wednesday by the roads and highways committee provides that in cases where logging trucks are carrying loads not in excess of 2000 pounds above the statutory limitations, officers may permit the drivers to proceed to destination without unloading. Another bill to set the overload at 6000 pounds has been tabled.

In the House

Passed Wednesday: HB 219--requiring industrial accident commission to make annual report to governor on workers' classification and benefits paid.

HB 437--appropriating \$400,000 for Oregon state board of forestry; \$48,370 forest products research laboratory; \$25,000 for research of labor relations; wage and hour commission; \$140,250 department of geology and mineral industry; \$100,000 Rogue river coordination board; \$300 state geographic board.

HB 438--appropriating \$282,502 state highway fund; \$208,250 state games fund account; \$39,089 fish commission expenses; \$23,247 fire marshall fund account; \$28,129 motor carrier account; \$1,586,706 state police.

HB 440--appropriating \$34,484 for children in Doernbecher and U. of O. hospital; \$38,700 for expenses in counties for U. O. child guidance clinic; \$12,471 for crippled children.

HB 441--appropriating \$222,502 for extension and field work in agriculture.

HB 442--appropriating \$12,000 for agricultural stations.

HB 443--appropriating \$6000 for eradication of rodents, etc.

HB 444--appropriating \$346,000 for investigation and experimenting of state board of higher education.

HB 445--appropriating \$118,456 for state superintendent of public instruction; \$12,535 for vocational education; \$20,000 for vocational rehabilitation service; \$200,000 for education of handicapped children; \$700 Oregon textbook commission; \$100 for Oregon State library.

HB 446--appropriating \$78,000 for state executive department; \$37,480 budget division; \$6500 state defense development; \$10,000 Willamette river basin commission; \$128,945 board of control and finance for inmates in state institutions; \$500 for Sodalville mineral springs in Linn county; \$800 upkeep GAR cemetery in Multnomah county; \$6000 upkeep veterans' burial plot Multnomah county.

HB 447--appropriating \$12,000,000 for public assistance.

HB 448--appropriating \$20,541 for teacher in connection with children's farm home in Benton county; \$33,914 for expenses Winne Watts for investigation and collection for inmates in state institutions; \$240,000 for expenses state board of higher education; \$750,000 maintenance; \$750,000 wage and cost adjustments due to war; \$1,000,000 capital outlay; \$220,000 repair and acquisition of equipment; \$20,000 for investigation and publishing child nutrition deficiencies.

SB 78--increasing weekly benefit amounts under unemployment compensation from \$15 for 16 weeks to \$18 for 20 weeks.

SB 79--extends from 1 to 2 years time in which benefits can be claimed for aggravation of old injury.

SB 77--increases from \$25 to \$35 workmen's compensation benefits for each degree of injury.

SB 197--increases from three to seven members the board which visits state training schools, etc., for report to governor.

SB 220--allows counties to spend up to \$25,000 for war memorials.

Pension Plan Bill Approved By Committee

A retirement system for public employees--compulsory upon the state and school districts and optional for counties, cities and other sub-divisions--appeared certain of passage today.

Already approved by the house, the measure by Rep. Frank J. Van Dyke and others was given "do pass" recommendation by the joint ways and means committee and placed on today's senate calendar.

An appropriation of \$50,000, to defray the cost of setting up the required machinery, is included. No other appropriation of state funds is provided until July 1, 1947, when the state's contributions would start. Pending that date employees' salary deductions would be in force.

State budget department officials estimated that when the proposed law is in full operation state employees would contribute approximately \$400,000 a biennium and the state a similar amount. The retirement age is fixed at 65 years after 30 years service. Employees eligible for retirement would receive half pay, based on the average pay of the preceding five years, but not in excess of \$100 a month.

The ways and means committee also sent out with a favorable report a house-approved measure to establish a system of merit rating and civil service for state employees.

Senator Dean Walker, ways and means chairman, indicated that no action will be taken on the house-approved firemen's pension bill, and other retirement bills including one for district judges, because the general state retirement plan would cover the same ground.

Department of Public Health Bill Approved

A bill providing for creation of a state department of public health in lieu of the existing state board of health, was approved by the joint ways and means committee Wednesday.

The department directors would include four physicians, one dentist, one pharmacist and one citizen at large. The measure previously was reported out favorably by the separate committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry.

Appropriations approved by the ways and means committee included \$33,180 for the state board of aeronautics and \$5000 for the council of state governments.

There was no opposition to a bill by Representative Harvey Wells and others, providing educational benefits and other concessions to veterans of the current world war. This measure was introduced to provide machinery for a bill passed at the 1943 legislature and approved by the voters at the last general election.

Preference Bill For Domestic Wines Favored

The senate passed and sent to the house Wednesday a bill by Sen. Earl T. Newby, Ashland, designed to encourage the Oregon wine and grape industry by declaring the policy of the Oregon liquor control commission to give preference where possible to sale of Oregon wines.

By a vote of 18 to 12, however, the senate killed another bill by Newby which would have set up a state wine commission and levied a tax of five cents a gallon on the industry to support a program of encouragement for the Oregon wine industry.

Bill for New Office Building Fund Signed

Gov. Earl Snell Wednesday signed a house bill by the joint ways and means committee authorizing the state board of control to borrow 1,500,000 from the state land board for construction of a state office building in Salem.

A bill of a previous legislature fixed the maximum to be borrowed at \$1,000,000. Other bills signed were SB 149 and 233, HB 349, 353.

In the Senate

Passed Wednesday: SB 326--permitting deduction from trusts gross income, for tax purposes, money used within state for religious, educational, charitable, humane purposes.

SB 329--providing for state director of apprentices and specify 1251 duties.

SB 281--compelling liquor commission to give preference to Oregon wine.

HB 415--providing 8-mill property tax for two years to raise \$10,000,000 for state institutional and educational building programs.

HB 416--increasing from \$5,000,000 to \$5,000,000 the state school support fund.

HB 417--imposing a 2-cents-a-package cigarette tax to raise \$5,000,000 annually for school purposes.

HB 418--provides for special election June 28.

HB 419--empowers union high school boards to sell property not used for school purposes.

HB 394--giving counties authority over dedicated roads.

HB 406--provides that actions on labor and material bonds shall be started within two years after such labor or material has been supplied.

HB 297--changes date for renewal of real estate licenses.

HB 335--appropriates \$60,000 for expenses of state unemployment service.

HB 375--appropriates \$25,000 for benefit of homeless, neglected, and abused children, foundlings and individuals and wayward girls.

HB 407--authorizes districts of infestation for control of insect pests.

HB 376--provides laws relative to state gasoline tax.

HB 387--provides for health education in public schools.

HB 308--fixes salaries of Josephine county officials.

Major Issues Disposed of at Legislature

By Paul W. Harvey, Jr. (Associated Press Staff Writer) The Oregon legislature, which has broken all records for length, disposed of its major problem Wednesday when the senate passed house-approved measures to let the people vote June 22 on a cigarette tax to two-cents a package and a 8-mill, 2-year property tax.

The cigarette tax, which would provide \$2,000,000 a year in additional revenue for schools, was passed 19 to 11, while the property tax, which would provide \$4,000,000 for new college and university buildings and \$6,000,000 for new state institution buildings, won unanimous approval.

Added Appropriation In addition to these amounts, the legislature will appropriate outright \$1,000,000 for the higher institution buildings and \$3,000,000 for state institution buildings.

In reality, the property tax would not be a new levy, since surplus income tax revenues would cancel it.

The senate also gave unanimous approval to a house bill to give public school districts \$8,000,000 a year in income tax surpluses for the next two years to reduce property taxes, compared with the \$5,000,000 a year they have received for the past two years.

Today 67th Day Today was the 67th day of the session, and the longest session on previous record was in 1939, when it lasted 66 days.

House bills passed by the senate Wednesday would let the state forester create districts for control of insect pests, and appropriate \$26,000 for health and physical education programs in public schools.

Senate President Prospects Eyed Possibilities for the senate presidency in 1947 were being discussed at the statehouse Wednesday, including: Sen. Marshall Cornett of Klamath Falls, who said he had received several pledges of support; Sen. Coe McKenna of Portland, who withdrew as a candidate for this session; Sen. Angus Gibson of Lane county, chairman of the senate forestry committee; Sen. Earl T. Newby of Jackson county, chairman of the committee on assessment and taxation, and Sen. William Walsh of Coos Bay, chairman of revision of laws.

Senate Favors Study Of Reapportionment The senate approved and sent to the house Wednesday a resolution for appointment of an interim committee to submit to the 1947 legislature a plan to reapportion the state's legislators. The resolution was introduced by Sens. Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls republican, and Lew Wallace, Portland democrat.

Sen. Wheeler Honored For Long Services

The senate Wednesday adopted a resolution expressing appreciation for the legislative service of Sen. H. C. Wheeler, Lane county, who has signified his intention of retiring. Senator Wheeler has served three terms in the house

MEMORIAL BILL PASSED

The house passed Wednesday a senate bill which would permit counties to spend up to \$25,000 for erection of war monuments or memorial buildings.

Apprenticeship Bill Approved in Senate

A bill to establish the office of state director of apprenticeship and calling for administration of the apprenticeship laws was passed by the senate Wednesday and sent to the house.

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