

Snell Urges Forestry Plan, Added Worker Benefits

Governor Presents Plan for Balanced Budget In Biennial Message to 44th Legislature at Initial Joint Session; Vet Aid Emphasized

Proposals to balance the state's budget, liberalize industrial accident and workmen's compensation benefits, and to start a 10-year forest improvement program highlighted the biennial address of Gov. Earl Snell at the 44th legislative assembly Monday afternoon.

He proposed no new taxes or specific labor legislation. The governor, inaugurated for his second term, declared Oregon's financial position "excellent" and its economic future "exceedingly bright." To balance the \$41,000,000 budget, he asked for an amendment to provide that corporate excise taxes go into the general fund, and said sufficient funds were available for the plan.

Governor Snell made no direct recommendation for additional taxes, but told the assembly he was not in agreement with all the proposals and comments of the interim tax committee, albeit he paid high tribute to its effort. He asked, however, that the legislators consider the need of revenue for "obvious future requirements," and that any major tax proposal which evolved be referred to the people at a special election called solely for that purpose.

Would Buy Rest of Burn
The suggested forest program would start, under the governor's plan, with the acquisition of the remaining 135,000 of the 300,000-acre Tillamook burn. The state already owns 165,000. The governor said estimated cost was \$8,000,000, for purchase and rehabilitation, and he asked a 20-cent-per-thousand stumpage tax fee on all timber cut in the state to finance the program. The tax was estimated to raise \$1,200,000 a year, and funds would be expended on other forest improvement as well as the Tillamook burn.

Among other recommendations, the governor proposed:
A "substantial increase" in the loan limit (now \$3000) to veterans for homes and farms.

Continuation of the experience rating under the industrial accident commission.

Increased pensions for widows. Legislation for city or city-

county boys' camps, with the state aiding in operating costs.
Construction of an intermediate corrective institution.

Increase tourist accommodations, with emphasis on Oregon as a "winter wonderland."

Legislation permitting Judge James A. Brand to sit on Nazi war crimes trials.

That legislators "overlook no opportunity" of alleviating the housing shortage.

To go on record supporting UNO and opposing too hasty withdrawal of troops and scrapping of defenses.

Give public expression to support of a free press.

Seeks Basis for Police
The governor made no definite recommendation on disposition of the \$15,000,000 school support fund, but declared "a combination of per capita membership and teacher allocation together with equalization features has much in its favor." He recommended that the handicapped children's law and financing also be brought under provisions of the basic school support law.

The address indirectly called for increased salaries for state police—"bear in mind that members of the state police did not participate in the general salary increase for state employees. Their salary schedule is set by law."

The governor began his talk with praise for Oregon's war heroes, particularly the 41st division, and in recounting the work of the department of veterans' affairs he said the department had granted 362 out of 513 loan applications, for a total of \$793,695, and had approved 1123 out of 1134 applications for educational assistance.

All state departments were declared in a "sound and healthy provision," due in large part to the "knowledge, experience and ability" of Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., and State Treasurer Leslie Scott.

Regarding the state's financial position, the governor said the bonded debt had been cut from

\$87,000,000 to \$16,000,000, high-way bonds from \$51,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Veterans' state aid bonds were declared to total less than \$10,000,000, with "good offsetting assets."

The governor said a proposed tax on aviation gasoline would not bring in revenue sufficient to justify it, but urged that airport development be encouraged.

Regarding labor, the governor referred to "jurisdictional disputes and certain secondary boycotts" as "utterly inexcusable," but injected a word of caution with the comment to the assembly that "most states undoubtedly will hesitate to take hasty (legislative) action, and particularly so in view of the nation-wide uniform features of congressional acts."

Would Reduce Session
With reference to balancing the budget, the governor said the available revenue for the next biennium was \$35,000,000 and that "subtracting the \$35,000,000 from the \$41,000,000 approved in the budget . . . leaves a balance to be raised . . . of \$6,000,000. The budget deficit can be met by an amendment to the corporate excise tax law which would place those monies in the general fund. There are funds sufficient at the present time to balance the budget as submitted and leave a slight surplus."

The governor mildly chided those who have predicted a legislative assembly of unprecedented length by declaring he saw "no valid reason" why it should set "some sort of an unpleasant record."

Justice Courts Need Unanimous Verdict
Justice court verdicts in criminal cases must be unanimous, but in civil cases three-fourths of a jury may render a verdict. Attorney General George Neuner ruled for District Attorney Leonard S. Duncan of Harney county,

Officers of Both Senate, House Win Re-election

Claribel Buff, Salem, and Mrs. Zylpha Zell Burns, Portland, were re-elected as chief clerks of the house and senate, respectively, at the opening sessions Monday.

Other officials chosen are:
Senate—Caroline Porter, Salem, assistant chief clerk; Pearl Schaffer, Portland, calendar clerk; Gordon Barnard, Salem, reading clerk; Banks Mortimer, Portland, sergeant-at-arms; Rex Adolph, Salem, doorkeeper; and William King, Prineville, mailing clerk.

House—Mrs. Patricia Sherman, Portland, calendar clerk; Gordon Barnard, Salem, reading clerk; Banks Mortimer, Portland, sergeant-at-arms; Rex Adolph, Salem, doorkeeper; and William King, Prineville, mailing clerk. Eugene, assistant chief clerk; Edith Bynon Lowe, Gold Beach, calendar clerk; Richard Wilson, Salem, reading clerk; Joseph Voegelsang, Portland, sergeant-at-arms; Gus Haffenbrack, Portland, doorkeeper; and Josephine Morris, Salem, mailing clerk.

House Passes Two Bills on Opening Day

The house completed its organization in quick order Monday with Rep. John Hall unanimously chosen speaker on nomination of Rep. Frank J. Van Dyke, and later passed its first two bills of the 44th assembly.

The speaker was sworn in by Judge George Rossman, chief justice of the Oregon Supreme court, who also swore in the other 59 members after their names had been cleared through a credentials committee including Rep. Burt Snyder, Donald Heisler and Robert Bennett.

The house was called to order by Rep. H. H. Chindgren, temporary speaker. Prayer was given by the Rev. William S. Van Meter of Woodburn, and the organization was started immediately on motion by Rep. Harvey Wells with second by Rep. Douglas Yeater. The permanent organization committee named by Rep. Chindgren, included Reps. Earl H. Hill, E. Riddell Lage and C. L. Lieutellen.

The new speaker was termed an "outstanding organizer" with "outstanding qualification" on the basis of service since 1933, in

Two Portland Bills Hit Senate; Cornett Takes Top Rung with Assistance of One-Time Rivals

First bill to hit the senate floor at Monday's opening session was one to eliminate local inspection fees, involving hospitals, poor farms and other homes for the aged and dependents, when such establishments are under the jurisdiction of the state board of health. It was introduced by Sen. Frank Hilton of Portland.

The senate's only other initial-day bill also originated in Portland, Sen. Thomas Mahoney introducing one providing that county offices in counties with more than 200,000 population shall be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. five days a week and closed Saturdays and Sundays.

Newbury Makes Motion
The bills dropped late in the first-day session after Sen. Marshall E. Cornett of Klamath Falls was formally elected senate president. His nomination and second were made by Sens. Earl T. Newbury of Ashland and William E. Walsh of Coos Bay, respectively, both of whom had been candidates for the presidency.

Chief Justice George Rossman of the state supreme court swore in the senate's new members and the new senate president.

29 Vote for Cornett
All senators except Cornett himself cast their ballots for Cornett as senate president. Cornett answered roll with "Jones."

Organization was completed by appointment of clerks in confirmation of caucus action and by adoption of routine resolutions providing for standard clerical organization and supplies. Only resolution to draw comment from the floor was that providing an increase of clerks' pay by \$1 per day.

The pay increase resolution passed without comment, and when Sen. Thomas Mahoney of Portland later asked that the resolution be considered the senate voted against further consideration. Mahoney said he was not opposed to the resolution but thought an airing of the measure

Senators to Have Lounging Room
The senate Monday approved a resolution directing the secretary of state to set aside and equip room 200, at the rear of the senate chamber, as a lounging room for senators. Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., indicated the lounging room would be ready late this current week.

Only two bills were dropped in the house hopper—one providing for legislative expenses and one to permit Judge James T. Brand to sit in the war crimes trials in Germany. Rules were suspended and both were passed.

The house resumes at 10 a. m.

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was in order.
Walker Takes Chair
The senate opened its session a few minutes after 10 o'clock with Sen. Dean Walker of Independence, dean of the senate, as temporary chairman. Walker's temporary chairmanship was confirmed by unanimous ballot of the senate, following senate tradition that the member with longest service occupy the chair pending formal election of the senate president.

In the first roll call of this session, every senator responded with a "here" except Sen. Thomas

R. Mahoney of Portland, who arrived a few minutes later.
Two Committees Named
Temporary Chairman Walker appointed two committees: Credentials—Sens. Rex Ellis of Pendleton (chairman), Jack Lynch of Portland and Angus Gibson of Junction City.

Permanent organization—Sens. Irving Rand of Portland (chairman), Eugene E. Marsh of McMinnville and W. W. Balderes of Grants Pass.

The Rev. Lloyd Anderson of First Baptist church, Salem, delivered the opening prayer.

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