

Budget Director Declares Plan Of Biennium Finance Assures State Efficiency in Operating

State Budget Director George Aiken told members of the joint ways and means committee Tuesday he was "confident" the state budget for the next biennium, if approved, would provide sufficient funds for high operating efficiency.

Sen. Dean Walker, Independence, is chairman of the senate ways and means committee. Rep. F. H. Dammasch, Portland, is chairman of the house committee.

In explaining marked increases in many budget items, Aiken referred particularly to salary and wage advances for state workers, addition of a large number of employees, reduction of working hours at state institutions, uncertain costs of commodities, expansion of the higher educational institutions and increasing demands upon the state public welfare commission.

There are now nearly 11,000 persons employed by the state.

Pay Comparatively Low

Decreasing working hours at the state institutions from 54 and 60 hours a week to 48 hours also will tend to increase materially the overall costs of the state, Aiken averred. Although now considerably above the previous wage schedule, Aiken said Oregon state workers are receiving far lower compensation than corresponding employees in many other western states.

Aiken declared that an increase in the budget of the state board of higher education was necessary because of the rapidly increasing enrollment at the colleges and university. He said the enrollment at these institutions would aggregate 19,000 during the next biennium.

Liquor Revenue Estimated

C. C. Chapman, publisher of the Oregon Voter, explained many financial items in the budget and particularly referred to the estimated liquor receipts and other revenues used by the public welfare commission. He said that liquor profits, plus some other items, provided the budget estimates were correct, would provide \$26,500,000 during the 1947-49 biennial period.

Sen. Walker urged sub-committees to start work at once so they may file their reports as soon as possible.

Retention Sought for War-time Log Rules

Recommendation that temporary wartime legislation governing use of the state's highways for log-hauling be added to the permanent code is contained in the report of a special committee appointed to study the effects of log-hauling on highways, which Gov. Earl Snell said Monday had been submitted.

CUSPIDORS STAY

Splashed several times when fellow senators kicked over his cuspidor, Sen. Lew Wallace of Portland moved in the senate today to have all cuspidors removed. No action was taken.

Senate Action

ADOPTED

- SR 1—Authorizing committees.
- SR 2—Providing for election of officers.
- SR 3—Providing for senate supplies.
- SR 4—Authorizing clerical help.
- SR 5—Providing for secretary to chief clerk.
- SR 6—Authorizing hiring of bill clerk.
- SR 7—Providing for additional senate employees.
- SR 8—Providing for additional bills.
- SR 9—Authorizing survey of bills as to form.
- SR 10—Giving law books to roads committee.
- SR 11—Giving law books to engrossing committee.
- SR 12—Giving law books to judiciary and revision of laws committee.
- SR 13—Providing typewriters for engrossing committee.
- SR 14—Providing for senatorial lounge room.
- SR 15—Approving assembly to hear governor.
- HJR 1—Providing for standard forms for bills.
- HJM 1—Asking president to place Joseph Carson on maritime commission.

PASSED

HB 2—Giving leave to Judge James T. Brand.

INTRODUCED

SR 1—To lower voting age to 18.

READ SECOND TIME

HB 1—Providing for legislative expenses.

HJR 1—Providing for purchase of typewriters.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

SB 1—Eliminating local inspection fees for places under jurisdiction of state board of health.

SB 2—Placing county employees, in counting of over 200,000 population, on five-day week.

INTRODUCED

SB 3—Providing for a community property law for income tax purposes similar to the Oklahoma community property law where husband and wife may hold in common all property, including earnings, except those held before marriage.

SB 4—Amending state school election law for school districts with more than 20,000 school children, by providing election board instead of county clerk shall require voters to state under oath, before voting, whether they are taxpayers within meaning of pertinent law.

RESUMING WEDNESDAY: 10 A. M.

House Action

PASSED

HB 1—Authorizing pay and expenses for session.

HB 2—Giving leave to Judge James T. Brand.

ADOPTED

HR 1—Authorizing supplies for session.

HR 2—Authorizing supplies for committee.

HJM 1—Authorizing purchase of typewriters.

HJM 2—Asking president to place Joseph Carson on maritime commission.

SCR 1—Providing for inauguration of governor.

HM 1—Expressing regret at the recent traffic death of Warren Erwin, Jr., son of former Portland representative.

HR 3—Providing lounge room for representatives.

HR 4—Authorizing law books for house work.

SCR 2—Providing for standard forms for bills.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

HCR 1—Providing for session to start at 9:30 daily.

HJM 2—Memorializing congress not to boost Bonneville power rates.

RESUMING WEDNESDAY: 11 A. M.

State Liquor Board Profit Shows Boost

Net profits of all divisions of the state liquor control commission for the current fiscal year were \$10,393,775, an increase of \$1,861,510 or 21.6 per cent over profits of \$8,542,265 for the previous fiscal year, according to the biennial report of the commission filed with the legislature Tuesday.

"Although the profit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1946, exceeded considerably the budget estimate for public welfare commitment, it would be imprudent to forecast the probability of profit and the shift in the range of sales in which a profit may be made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947," the report read.

The report showed that the courts levied a total of \$17,280,000 in fines in cases brought by law enforcement operatives of the commission the last biennium.

Malt beverage supplies have been far below the demand during the current biennium but more supplies are now being made available.

Thirty-eight stores and 109 liquor agencies are now operated by the commission, with three new stores opened since the last report.

Interim Appointments Given Confirmation

The senate Tuesday confirmed interim appointments of three members of the state board of higher education and one member of the state board of geology and mineral industries. The education board members include Edgar W. Smith and Mrs. E. B. MacNaughton, both of Portland, and Herman Oliver of John Day.

E. B. MacNaughton, Portland, was confirmed as a member of the geology and mineral industries board.

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Bill to Oust Women Bartenders Planned

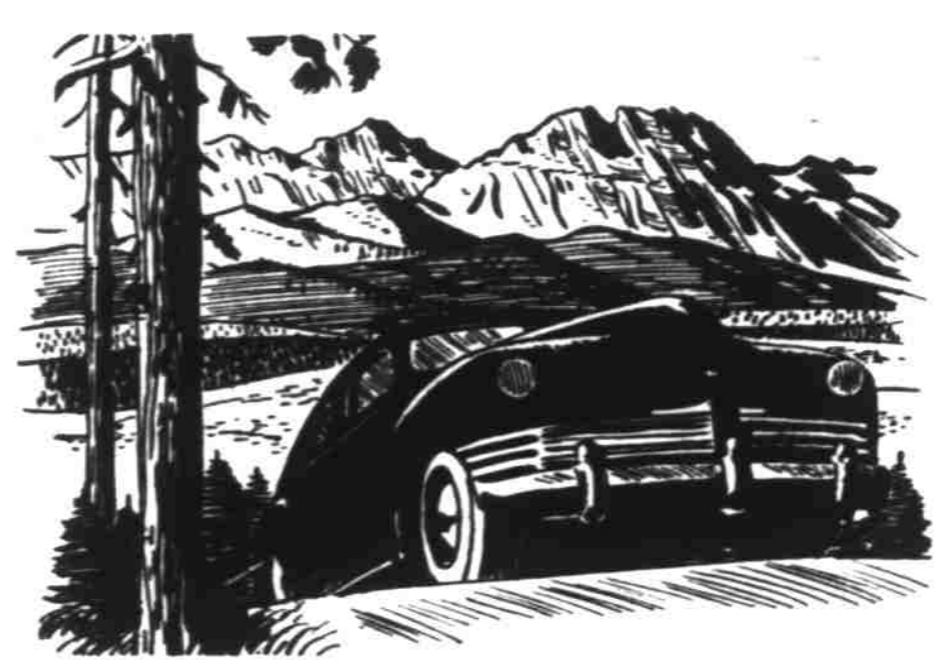
A bill which would prohibit the employment of women bartenders or "bar maids" in beer dispensaries is expected to be introduced in the legislature probably later this week. The measure was drafted in Portland. Names of the sponsors were not divulged.

STAG PARTY THURSDAY

An interlude for senators and representatives will be provided by the Marion county legislative delegation at the Marion hotel tomorrow night. The delegation has scheduled a stag party, for legislators only.

GOOD NEWS

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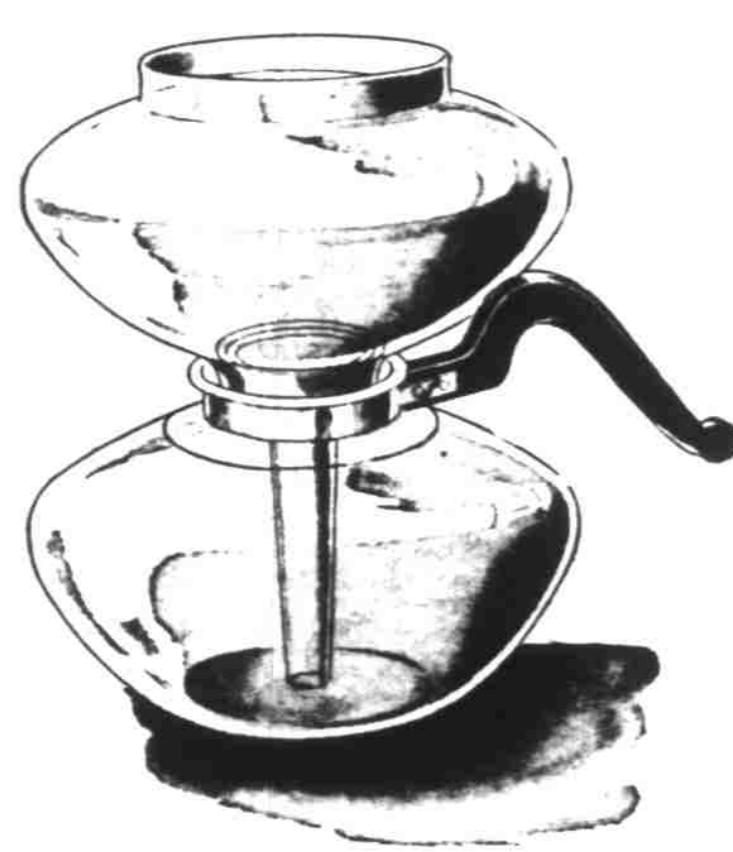
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