

Savings Cited In Community Property Law

An Oregon community property law similar to the one now in operation in Oklahoma would save federal income taxpayers of this state approximately \$15,000,000 annually, Carl Davidson, Portland attorney, told the senate assessment and taxation committee Thursday.

Davidson said no objection to the Oklahoma law had been raised by the federal internal revenue department. A community property law enacted in Oregon in 1943 was declared inoperative because it was optional instead of compulsory. The new bill before the committee contains the compulsory feature.

"Some objection has been raised to the community property tax in Oregon," Davidson declared, "because it would result in a loss of \$950,000 a year to the state tax commission. He said this deficiency could be offset by a one per cent increase in the highest bracket of the state income tax. He also denied that the proposed law would jeopardize present titles or result in confusion in the courts, and said it would attract business to Oregon.

Davidson said he had little hope that congress would enact legislation equalizing federal income tax payments among the states.

Senate Action

DEFEATED:
SB 17 — (Sen. Carson) — Provides "courtrooms" for justices of peace, fixes constable and justice of peace salaries on population basis and makes offices elective.

PASSED:
SB 28 — (Sen. Wallace) — Clarifies law regulating practice of cosmetic therapy and prescribes training requirements for cosmeticians, manicurists and electrologists.

SB 95 — (Med. pharm. and dentistry com.) — Provides city health officer may be registrar of vital statistics when authorized by state board of health, requires local health officers (instead of county clerks) to furnish certified copies of certificates and authorizes return of items of evidence in delayed registrations to persons furnishing same.

SB 180 — (Rev. of laws com.) — Provides funeral expenses may be charged to account of estate of deceased.

SB 181 — (Rev. of laws com.) — Permits written application for change of circuit judge believed prejudiced to any case and authorizes supreme court to change judges, if only one judge available in the county, and requires immediate action.

SB 182 — (Rev. of laws com.) — States application for change of judge must be filed prior to final determination of proceeding within 10 days after answer or objection filed.

SB 183 — (Rev. of laws com.) — Authorizes appearance of attorney of another state or any jurisdiction where English common law used, in Oregon courts.

SB 189 — (Med. pharm. and dentistry com.) — Raises from \$5 to \$10 the annual registration fee for physicians and surgeons.

SB 246 — (Rep. Hill and Sen. Parkinson) — Directs \$2600 unused by Northwest Turkey show during war years, be re-appropriated for use by the show.

SB 254 — (Com. on education, by request) — Increased amount of depreciation allowable on high school buildings by one per cent and allow interest on debts to be charged against tuition of high schools.

SB 284 — (Com. on elections and priv.) — Substitutes for senate bill 147 — Registrar of elections authorized to employ deputies, who are permitted to administer oaths.

SB 289 — (Joint ways and means com.) — Transfers \$100,000 fund from state school support to the general fund.

SB 290 — (Com. on education) — Includes funds belonging to third class school districts under public funds to be secured by pledge of assets on the part of a bank or trust company.

SB 296 — (Rev. of laws com.) — Allows sale of real property from an estate at any time upon discretion of the court. At present, personal property must be sold first.

SB 341 — (Rep. Heister) — Gives cooperative association of owners of right-of-way for drainage and irrigation purposes.

ADOPTED:
SJM 2 — (Assess. and tax. com.) — Asks congress to repeal laws so as to restrict acquisition of national forest lands solely to such lands as may be acquired by appropriation from the federal treasury.

"DO PASS" COMMITTEE REPORTS ADOPTED:
SB 32, 64, 65, 195, 215, 216, 259, 274, 284, 318, HB 37, 62, 159, 281.

SENT TO COMMITTEE:
SB 332-348 inclusive, HJM 10, 11, HB 136, 212, 238, 239, 240, 289, 290.

RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:
SB 79, 345.

INTRODUCED:
SB 349 — (Sen. Thompson) — In bill relating to retirement of state employees, changes term "continuous service" to mean service not interrupted for more than 10 years (instead of 3).

SB 350 — (Sen. Fattand, Reps. Peterson and French) — Provides for high school board instead of county court to form and administer high school districts in Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

SB 351 — (Sen. Newbre) — Licenses and regulates frozen food lockers, provides for safety devices.

SB 352 — (Rev. of laws com.) — Grants unlimited time for executor of estate to apply to sell personal property to pay funeral expenses (instead of at next term of the court).

SJM 3 — (Com. on resolutions) — Asks congress extend maritime commission permit for U. S. vessels to engage in intercoastal shipping beyond March 1 deadline, because foreign railroads and handicaps placed on domestic ship operators.

UP FOR FINAL ACTION TODAY:
SB 52, 64, 65, 195, 215, 216, 259, 274, 317, 318, HB 51, 132, 156, 157, 159, 284, SJM 3, HJM 2, 8, 9, HCR 4.

SENATE TO RECONVENE AT 10:30 A.M. TODAY.

Eola Mass Meeting To Talk Merger

EOLA, Feb. 18.—Proposed consolidation with Salem school district 24 will be considered at a mass meeting Monday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the school-house.

The meeting has been called by members of the school board and Josiah Wills, Polk county school superintendent. Frank Bennett, superintendent of the Salem school district, will be present to answer questions regarding the consolidation to be voted upon Tuesday, March 11.

Increase Car License Fee Sought in Bill

Increases of car license fees, from \$5 to \$12.50, and drivers' licenses, from \$1.25 to \$1.75, will be proposed in new house bills designed to double the cities' share in highway commission revenues and give the cities and counties all proceeds of these two sources of revenue.

It was estimated the bills would raise an additional \$1,150,000.

Rep. Burt Snyder, chairman of the house roads and highways committee, said the program would give counties the approximate annual amount they now receive (\$3,500,000); double the cities' share (to about \$2,250,000), and make it unnecessary for cities and counties to ask repeatedly for a greater share of highway revenue for maintenance of streets and roads.

The highway commission would retain all proceeds from gasoline taxes and per-ton mileage truck fees called for in bills now pending.

Under the present law, cities get 5 per cent of highway commission revenues (a bill now before the house would make it 10 per cent) and counties get 15.7 per cent.

Under the proposed plan, cities would get 39 per cent and counties 61 per cent of all motor vehicle and drivers' license fees. Net revenue of the highway commission would remain about the same as at present.

House Action

PASSED:
HB 365 — (Rep. Bates) — Provides that real property of U. S. held privately under contract of sale or lease, is subject to state ad valorem tax.

HB 351 — (Com. on assess. tax) — Would subject to taxation that part of publicly-owned property out on lease.

HB 374 — (Com. on med. pharm. den.) — Provides that governor shall nominate dental examiners from