

\$1,500,000 Saving in 5 Years Claimed for Proposal Plans For Licensing of Automobiles

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The state of Oregon was well launched toward a prospective program of permanent car license plates and a staggered renewal system today.

Sponsors estimated the potential saving to the state would exceed \$1,500,000 in the next five years.

The house Monday passed with little argument three bills relating to the license procedure, the two major ones allowing the secretary of state to issue permanent licenses to owners, rather than to cars, and to permit renewals on a staggered basis of one-twelfth each month. Only passenger cars would be involved.

Big Saving Claimed

The third bill passed by the house and sent to the senate put motorbikes in the same license category as motorcycles, provided a \$5 fee for for-rent trailers, and placed house-trailers built on truck on a \$5 fee basis instead of compelling owners to pay truck fees.

One of the three bills also would repeal the law requiring the state to provide containers for license cards.

Rep. Paul Geddes of Roseburg cited figures showing that over a five-year period the state would save in excess of \$500,000 by the permanent-license plan.

Geddes said that 1948 license plates alone cost the state \$131,000, and that the total cost in five years therefore would be around \$655,000.

Figured over the five years, permanent license plates (slightly heavier than those currently in use) would cost \$149,000, and the renewing metal tabs which would carry the dates for the last four years of the period would cost \$30,000 a year or \$120,000 total—for an over-all cost of \$269,000.

The saving thus was figured at \$386,000.

But it also cost the state \$38,000 in 1948 for special numbers requested by state officials and others. By eliminating this cost the final four years of the five-year period another \$152,000 would be saved, making a total saving to the state of \$538,000.

There was only one dissenting vote to the permanent-license plan—that of Rep. Giles French of Moro.

Used in Other States

Regarding the staggered-renewal plan, which estimates said would save \$200,000 annually, it was explained that no actual license number would be over five digits, and that before each such number would appear a digit indicating what month the license expired. Such digit, plus the metal tab showing the year, has providing ample means of assuring proper police check, it was declared. Twenty-one states have adopted a similar system.

It was declared the \$200,000 annual saving would be effected because of business being spread throughout the year instead of necessitating so much extra help at the present license period.

The program still faces action in the senate.

In the Senate

PASSED
SB 18 (Rev. of Laws)—Changes supreme court reporter's pay from \$4,000 to an amount per volume of work at rate fixed by supreme court.

SB 46 (Med. Phas. & Dent.)—To permit licensing of practical nurses.

SB 48 (Hilton)—Increasing home-stead exemptions from liens and disabilities from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and giving widow or widower right to home-stead property.

SB 49 (Hilton)—To allow courts full jurisdiction in property settlements involving divorce from insane persons.

SB 50 (Rev. of Laws)—To allow persons convicted of felonies credit for time spent in prisons while appeals are pending. Would eliminate necessity of returning convicted persons to counties while appeals are pending.

INTRODUCED
SB 62 (Rev. of Laws)—To provide that operator of motor vehicle causing death of another because of negligence or drunken driving shall be charged with negligent homicide. Would provide prison sentence up to three years, county jail sentence up to one year or \$2,500 fine or both on conviction of negligent homicide.

SB 63 (Rev. of Laws)—Defines as manslaughter any charge growing out of wrongful death not classed as murder or negligent homicide.

SB 64 (Belton & others)—Providing that two members of a union high school board may be elected from any school district or part district comprising more than 50 per cent of union district's total population.

SB 65 (Neuberger & Holmes)—Providing that land board may sell state-owned lands only to highest bidder after sales have been advertised for bids.

REFERRED
SB 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61.
"DO PASS" REPORTS
SB 14, 15, 16, 17.

RE-REFERRED
SB 30.
UP FOR FINAL ACTION TODAY
SB 14, 15, 19, 23; SB 1.
SENATE RESUMES 10 A.M. TODAY.

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Salary Gains For Officials Are Studied

Proposed salary increases for both elective and appointive state officials, designated as unclassified, developed Tuesday during an investigation of a state civil service commission report dealing with the state's salary problem.

Sen. Angus Gibson is chairman of the committee conducting the probe.

The governor's salary, under the civil service commission suggestion, would be increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000. Secretaries of the secretary of state, state treasurer and attorney general would be boosted from \$8,000 to \$9,000.

Expense Account Provided
The governor, in addition to his annual salary, now receives an expense account of \$100 a month.

The salary of state supreme court justices, under the suggested program, would go from \$8,500 to \$9,800 and the superintendent of public instruction from \$6,000 to \$7,800. The state highway engineer's salary would be increased from \$8,400 to a range from \$8,400 to \$9,800. The state health officer also was included in this category.

Among other suggested salary increases:

Public utilities commissioner and liquor control administrators from \$7,500 and \$6,000 to a range of \$7,500 to \$9,000. Suggested salary increases from \$6,800 to the range of \$7,200 to \$8,400 include the superintendent of the Oregon state hospital and Eastern Oregon state hospital, state forester, director of agriculture, state budget director and public welfare administrator.

Salary Range Set
Proposed salary increases from \$6,000 to the top range \$7,800 include the superintendents of Fairview Home, Eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital, state tax commissioners, industrial accident commissioners, state engineers, adjutant general and superintendent of state police.

Rep. Henry Semon said he would prefer increasing the governor's expense account to raising his salary—"such a plan would relieve the governor of paying a substantial part of the increase to the federal government."

Money to Be Returned
It also was discovered by the committee that a number of state departments and institutions apparently received excessive appropriations to cover salaries and wages by the 1947 legislature. The total of these over-appropriations was fixed by Gibson at \$293,179.34.

DEPARTMENT MOVES
The assessment and taxation division of the state tax commission Monday was moving from the third floor of the state capitol into a state forestry department warehouse east of the state penitentiary. It will remain there until the close of legislative or until completion of the new state office building in September.

INTRODUCED
SB 122 (Gile, Greenwald, Steelhammer)—Appropriates \$222,500 as supplemental salary financing for various state departments.

SB 123 (Short)—Increases salaries of Lake county officers: judge \$2800 to \$3000, commissioner \$10 day to \$900 year, treasurer \$2400 to \$3000, clerk \$3100 to \$4000, sheriff \$3200 to \$4100, assessor \$3100 to \$4000, school supt.

SB 124 (Housnell)—Relieves employees of necessity to report data on state income tax regarding anyone earning less than \$100 a year.

SB 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200.

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We Hope No One Is Killed In the Rush!

The dispute over who may park in the rear driveway of the state capitol building took on major proportions Monday after a prominent official got a \$5 parking ticket.

In fact, the legislature may have to decide the issue.

Last Friday Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg parked in the driveway and was ticketed by state police. He was among about 30 motorists who have received tickets since the legislature convened.

Flagg appealed to Gov. Douglas McKay, the state police and Attorney General George Neuner. Neuner ruled that Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury has no authority to control statehouse parking.

Newbury said Monday he would ask the legislature to pass a law to give him authority to restrict statehouse parking. He said trucks must have the driveway to make deliveries.

Arguments on Land Sales Sparks Bill

Memories of last year's land board squabble over sale of 280 acres of pine timber land in central Oregon were revived Monday when Sen. Richard Neuberger of Portland introduced a bill to require the board to advertise bids on all state land sales.

The measure would require the land board to sell all state-owned lands to the highest bidder. A sale would be advertised in two newspapers, one of which would have to be in the county where the lands are located.

Neuberger said his bill stemmed from last August's sale of 280 acres of public school pine timber land near Bend. It was sold to Leonard Lundgren of Sisters for \$18 per 1,000 board feet. Gov. John Hall and Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury voted for the sale.

Treasurer Leslie Scott protested vigorously.

Because of present state law, it was not necessary to advertise for bids. The statutes provided that it is not necessary to ask for bids if the acreage involved is less than 320 acres and if the land is included with the timber.

Scott contended the board could have obtained about \$26 per 1,000 board feet for the timber and still retain the land.

Another measure submitted in the senate would require that gross negligence or drunkenness be proved before a charge of negligent homicide may be filed against a motorist in case of a fatal accident. Present law requires only proof of ordinary negligence. Another bill defines manslaughter as an act other than murder or negligent homicide.

SPEAKER PRO TEM
Speaker Frank VanDyke surrendered his rostrum for the first time Monday. Rep. John Steelhammer was speaker pro tem part of the morning.

Officials Differ on Way to Alter Present Truck-Taxing System

An argument over proposed changes in Oregon's system of taxing motor trucks developed Monday in a joint meeting of house and senate highway committees.

In disagreement over the issue are Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock and Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg.

The officials have agreed that the state is losing between \$600,000 and \$1,500,000 annually under a truck law passed in the 1947 session. Chiseling by some truck operators was among a number of reasons cited for the loss.

Monday the legislative highway committee told Newbury, Baldock and Flagg to submit a joint recommendation next Wednesday. However, they were unable to agree and will turn in individual recommendations.

Newbury has advocated a fixed fee system, computed on weight, plus a gas tax ranging as high as 15 cents a gallon. Baldock believes this proposal is unworkable and the present tonnage-mileage system without a gas refund. Flagg agrees with Baldock.

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Negative votes were plentiful Monday when the senate passed its first five measures of the 1949 session, including a bill to permit licensing of practical nurses.

The nursing measure, approved by virtually every medical society in the state, narrowly squeaked through the upper house by a 17 to 13 margin.

Other senate bills passed and sent to the house would increase home-head exemptions on liens and liabilities from \$3,000 to \$5,000; allow courts full jurisdiction in divorces involving property of insane persons; change the supreme court reporter's pay scale from \$4,000 annually to a volume basis, and allow persons convicted of crimes credit for prison time while appeals are pending.

The nurses measure would permit persons wishing a license to apply before July 1, 1950, with the state board of nursing examiners. It would not exclude unlicensed nurses from continuing practice.

Applicants between 18 and 20 would be required to complete a nine-month course in an accredited school of practical nursing.

Persons over the age of 20 could obtain certificates without examinations provided they had a grade school education or the equivalent and had completed 2,000 hours in practical nursing care.

The proposal would also set up an advisory board consisting of six persons to consult with the state board of examination and registration of graduate nurses to administer the act.

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