

Protection for State Police Kin Discussed

Providing a more adequate pension system for the protection of widows and children of state police officers killed while in the line of duty was discussed at a meeting of a subgroup of the joint ways and means committee with H. G. Mason, superintendent of state police, and members of his staff Wednesday.

Plan Proposed To Let Ag Board Name Director

The house agricultural committee introduced a bill Wednesday to allow the state board of agriculture to appoint the agricultural director. The governor now appoints both the director and the board.

FEE BOOST PROPOSED

The judiciary committee of the house presented a bill Wednesday increasing the annual fees of the Oregon state bar from six to twelve dollars.

In the House

PASSED
HB 47—(Dickson)—Changes makeup of board of examining engineers, alters method of paying members and raises license fees.
HB 58—(Com. on Finan. Inst.)—Gives banks another 24 hours to balance accounts.
HB 78—(Johnson, Lissuallen, Hendershott)—Raises from \$1500 to \$2000 the income tax exemption of veterans with 40% or more disability.
HB 119—(Geddes)—Gives members of state board of chiropractor examiners the same mileage as other state employees (instead of 3 cents a mile).
HB 120—(Geddes)—Would raise price of Oregon Blue Book from 25c to 50c.
HB 121—(Gile, Greenwood)—Provides for \$225,566 to continue through June 30 the 50¢ cost-of-living raise for state employees.
DO-PASS REPORTS ADOPTED
HB 3, 4, 11, 14, 32, 33, 34, 35, 48, 49, 50.
RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEES
HB 84.
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HB 125-141 inc.
HB 14, 15, 19.
INTRODUCED
HB 142—(Brady)—Repeals law which provides that unemployment benefits for workers in an irregular or seasonal business shall apply only to the longest period of year which business normally operates.
HB 143—(Educ. Com.)—Provides for appointment of assistant school superintendent in first class school districts.
HB 144—(Educ. Com.)—Provides for taking of school census annually (large districts currently required to take census only every five years).
HB 145—(Educ. Com.)—Provides for establishing school census by district school census ratio.
HB 146—(Educ. Com.)—Fixes from \$3000 to \$50,000 the bond required for a school clerk (depending on population).
HB 147—(Educ. Com.)—Provides for holding both annual and special school district elections.
HB 148—(Educ. Com.)—Sets school election time from 2 to 8 p. m., instead of 2 to 4 p. m.
HB 149—(Educ. Com.)—Provides that a tax levied by consolidated school board, to retire indebtedness of a district incurred prior to consolidation, shall be outside the 6% limitation.
HB 150—(Educ. Com.)—Includes Union High districts in election laws covering first class districts.
HB 151—(Educ. Com.)—Provides that elections in consolidated school districts shall be conclusive unless appeals are taken within 60 days of election.
HB 152—(Agri. Com.)—Requires enrichment of flour.
HB 153—(Dickson)—Increases salary of state forester from \$6000 to \$6400.
HB 154—(Robinson)—Prohibits construction of dikes, including dikes for land reclamation, without permit; provides penalties.
HB 155—(Chindren, Chadwick)—Provides for full-time board of parole, three members, salary \$6000. (Present members on \$10 per diem basis).
HB 156—(Hendershott et al.)—Provides that school districts may contract indebtedness for school buses.
HB 157—(Judiciary Com.)—Increases membership fees of state bar association from \$6 to \$12 per year.
HB 158—(Agri. Com.)—Provides that officers and employees of state agriculture board shall hold office at pleasure of board rather than governor, thus letting board instead of governor choose the director.
UP FOR FINAL ACTION TODAY
HB 36, 44, 83; HJR 1, 4; SB 10, 46, 47, 50.
HOUSE RESUMES 10 A.M. TODAY.

Reapportionment Plan Would Give Multnomah County Third Of Entire Legislative Strength

By Lester Cour
Staff Writer, The Statesman.
Marion county legislative representation would remain unchanged under a legislative reapportionment proposal introduced in the senate Wednesday by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger of Portland, but Linn would gain half a senator. Lane also would gain.
Neuberger's bill would require the legislature to reapportion legislators each decade after the federal census is completed. If the legislature failed to act, the secretary of state would have to do the job.
In introducing the measure, Neuberger pointed out that Oregon has had no reapportionment since 1910 even though it is required by the constitution.
The law requires that all legislative districts shall be of equal size. Neuberger pointed out that under the present division one senator represents 7,268 people while another has 82,702. One representative has only 5,687 constituents while another has 35,340.
The reapportionment system proposed by his bill is a complex mathematical formula evolved by a Harvard university professor. It is used in reapportioning congressional representation.
The proposed change would increase Multnomah county's legislative strength more than 50 per cent. The county now has 8 senators and 13 representatives, would have 10 senators and 20 representatives under the proposal—one-third of the total legislature. Neuberger said this is just because the upstate county has 1/3 of Oregon population.
The formula provides that each house member represent 25,223 people and each senator 50,566.
Since Marion county's population is estimated to be over 100,000, its representation of four house members and two senators would remain the same.
Lane county, however, would receive another representative and 1/2 a senator, bringing its strength to four representatives and two senators—the same as Marion. Lane county now shares one senator with Linn county. Linn county would have two full senators' representation, an increase of one-half.
Other counties to gain representation by the proposal are Klamath, Jackson, Washington and Clackamas.
Morrow, Sherman, Wheeler, Baker, Crook, Josephine, Tillamook and Umatilla would lose because their populations have remained practically unchanged.
If the reapportionment carries, Neuberger said he would introduce another bill calling for division of Multnomah county into smaller districts. He believes this would prevent the county from swinging a top-heavy vote in the legislature.

Committee Approves Deficiency Funds

Deficiencies of approximately \$1,187,100, involving state institutions for the current biennium, were approved by a group of the joint ways and means committee here Wednesday.
Included were the Oregon state hospital, Fairview home, Eastern Oregon state hospital, penitentiary, Oregon state tuberculosis hospital, state training school for boys, Eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital, state school for the deaf and Oregon state school for the blind.

Increased Power for State Police Sought

A bill providing that state police shall handle all criminal business and that the duties of sheriff shall be reduced to caring for the county jails and process serving is being considered by Sen. Austin Flegal of Multnomah county, he said Wednesday.
AVERAGE PAY TOTALED
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—(AP)—The labor department said Tuesday the average basic pay for union workmen in the building construction industry is \$2.16 an hour.

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Tighter Laws For Minors at Bars Sought

Minors convicted of making false statements about their ages to buy liquor would be fined and jailed under a bill introduced in the senate Wednesday by Sen. Frank Lynch of Portland.
Lynch said the measure would practically eliminate sales of liquor to minors.
The proposal would allow parents being questioned about their ages to obtain age certificates from the state liquor commission for 50 cents each. The certificates would show each applicant's address and picture.
If a questionable person sought to buy liquor he would be required to sign a statement of age in front of at least two witnesses. The card would be filed at the business establishment for reference.
Any person convicted of falsifying his age to buy liquor would be liable to fines from \$50 to \$250, a jail sentence up to 90 days or both.

New Demands Put Crimp in Budget Hopes

Hope that the joint ways and means committee biennial appropriations can be held to those recommended by the state budget division faded Wednesday with the introduction of several bills carrying proposed expenditures ranging from a few hundred dollars to \$1,300,000. Other similar measures were in the making.
The proposed \$1,300,000 appropriation—outside the state budget—involves continuance of the Oregon Vocational school at Klamath Falls. Sponsors of the bill to reinstate this appropriation indicated they were ready to carry their fight to the joint ways and means committee and if necessary to the floor of the senate and house.
Another appropriation outside the state budget is an item of \$150,000 to purchase additional state land in the capitol area for the proposed new highway commission building.

16 of 21 Democrats Praise Truman For CVA Stand

Messages of congratulations were sent to President Truman for his sponsorship of a Columbia Valley authority Wednesday by seven members of the senate and nine members of the house, all democrats.
Only democratic legislators not signatories were Sens. Austin Dunn, Austin Flegal and Orval Thompson, and Reps. Henry Semon and C. K. McCulloch.

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The Truth, All The Truth and Nothing But--

A revolutionary innovation, at least in some people's estimation, threatened Oregon politics Wednesday.
Sen. Frank H. Hilton of Portland introduced a bill to make candidates tell nothing but the truth in future campaigns.
Hilton declined to say whether the measure was directed at Multnomah County Sheriff Mike Elliott, a democrat who defeated republican incumbent Sheriff Martin L. Pratt last November. Elliott last month admitted making false statements concerning his age and service record during his campaign.
Hilton's proposal would disqualify from office any candidate convicted of making false claims about himself or any other candidate during a campaign.
It would also bar from the general election campaign and ballot any candidate convicted of making false statements in a primary election campaign.

Full-Time State Parole Board Up To Legislature

A full-time state parole board of three members would be installed under a bill introduced in the house Wednesday.
The measure calls for annual salaries of \$5000 for the members, who would be appointed by the governor for staggered terms.
The bill was introduced by Reps. Herman Chindren, Canby, and W. W. Chadwick of Salem. The current parole board is appointed by the governor but serves on a \$10 per diem basis.

Pay Measure Rips Through Both Houses

Both the house and senate rushed through final passage Wednesday the bill (HB 22) appropriating \$282,566 to continue the state employees' cost-of-living \$20 monthly pay increase through June 30.
Rep. Robert C. Giles in speeding the bill through the house, said that of 11,122 state employees 6419 resigned last year, and that such a turnover impaired efficiency. He said the turnover was due to low pay.
Giles also said the set salaries of 1619 employees were \$150 a month or less; 4407 were between \$150 and \$200.
Another bill to continue or increase the extra \$20 stipend for the next biennium already is on its way through legislative mills.

New Plan for Split in Car Revenue Eyed

The Oregon legislature will consider a new system of distributing state motor vehicle revenues to counties.
State Reps. Giles L. French, Moro, and Henry Peterson, Ione, said Wednesday they would introduce a bill to provide for a plan whereby thinly-settled counties would get more money, and the big counties would get less.
French said the bigger counties are now getting more money than they need.
The counties get 19.5 per cent of state gasoline tax receipts, license fees, and other classes of motor vehicle revenues. It is apportioned on the basis of the number of cars in each county.
The proposed formula is similar to the federal government's distribution of money to the states. It would be based one-third on area, one-third on registration of cars, and one-third on mileage of primary and secondary highways.
An attempt was made to pass a similar bill in 1941.

Wrist Injured In Fall on Ice

VICTOR POINT—Mrs. W. F. Krenz dislocated bones of her right wrist when she fell on the ice near her home.
Henry Jaquet has been confined to his bed by an attack of influenza. Other cases of the "flu" reported were David Doerfler, W. F. Krenz and Donald Jaquet, all recovering satisfactorily.
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