

Tax Suggested On Pinballs, Slot Machines

Legislation to tax illegal slot machines 30 per cent was introduced in the house Monday by Reps. Henry Semon, Klamath Falls, and Giles French, Moro. The bill would also levy a 10 per cent tax on pinball machines or on devices calling for a element of skill.

Some members of the house tax committee immediately expressed opposition to the measure. One member said "It wouldn't look right to the people to tax them now when law enforcement officers are cracking down on them."

The sponsors said they were opposed to the machines, but pointed out they are allowed to operate illegally. They maintain the state should collect tax from the operations.

The same bill was defeated in the house by a narrow margin in the 1947 session.

In the House

PASSED
 HB 19 — (Hendershoot, McNutt, Hill) — Allows counties to regulate fortune-telling in cities.
 HB 63 (Short) — Exempts from municipal budget requirements the inclusion of special districts, etc.
 HB 143 (Educ. com.) — Provides for appointment of assistant school superintendents in each county.
 SB 84 (Mahoney) — Authorizing governor to act in power emergency.
REFERRED TO COMMITTEES
 HB 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116.
INTRODUCED
 HJR 7 (Erwin et others) — Permits emergency clause on tax legislation if enacted by two-thirds vote in both senate and house.
 HJR 8 (Hill et others) — Requires that initiative petitions must be signed by 8 per cent of voters in each county (instead of 8 per cent of the voters in the state).
 HJR 9 (French, Sen. March) — Exempts real and personal property from any state levy.
 HB 201 (Semon, French) — Provides for 30 per cent tax on gross income of amusement devices which have no element of skill; 10 per cent on devices with element of skill.
 HB 202 (Marion county delegation) — Provides for voting procedure in towns lying in more than one county.
 HB 203 (Marion county delegation) — Allows cities to merge if they are separated by no more than 1500 feet measured over, across or along a river, slough or waterway.
 HB 204 (Marion county delegation) — Provides that appeals from municipal courts of cities lying in more than one county shall be made to circuit courts of counties in which such city maintains its government.
 HB 205 (Marion county delegation) — Provides for notification of county clerks in regard to elections held in cities lying in more than one county.
 HB 206 (Marion county delegation) — An act declaring that all county roads and public highways within the corporate limits of Salem shall be deemed city streets and under exclusive jurisdiction of city; declares emergency.
 HB 207 (Day, Van Dyke, Sen. McAllister) — Would require that a county roadmaster be a registered professional engineer.
 HB 208 (Chindgren et others) — Decreases corporation excise tax from 8 to 7.5 per cent, eliminates personal property tax offset.
 HB 209 (Chindgren et others) — Eliminates from the exemption list regarding excise taxes the corporations which have 80 per cent of their earnings from rentals.
 HB 210 (Hill et others) — Requires that 25 per cent of registered voters shall have voted on a school bond issue or approval in 1948.
 HB 211 (Meyers) — Fixes salaries of Deschutes county officers: sheriff, \$4000; clerk, \$3500; assessor, \$3000; treasurer, \$2500; commissioners \$1800; justice of peace district 1, \$800.
 HB 212 (Barry, by req.) — Lets teachers elect whether to come under public retirement system and to increase pensions by boosting their own contributions.
 HB 213 (Wilhelm, Logan) — Provides for junior college in Portland with \$1,200,000 appropriations. (Similar to senate bill, but does not require that such school be established before further work on other campuses).
 HB 214 (High. com., by req.) — Requires motor trucks and buses to keep 300 feet (instead of 300 feet) behind other traffic.
 HB 215 (Hounsell, Sen. Musa) — Authorizes levy up to 1 mill to let counties care for poor folk in any hospital of county.
 HB 216 (Peterson et others) — Requires that all state statutes, rules, orders and regulations use standard time.
 HB 217 (Game com.) — Would set up new seven-member game commission and repeal present game commission act.
 HB 218 (Clackamas delegation) — Raises salaries of Clackamas county officers: judge, clerk, sheriff \$3300 to \$3600; treasurer, assessor \$2000 to \$2300; school supt. \$2100 to \$2600; commissioners \$9 per diem to \$3000 year.
 HB 219 (Geddes) — Allows cities to name streets within platted areas up to six miles from city limits (other than county and state highways).
 HB 220 (Geddes) — Lets counties rename streets, other than state highways and those in HB 219.
 HB 221 (Liesallen) — Includes quarterhorse racing in pari-mutuel laws and lets state take on pari-mutuel 1/2 to 4 per cent; bars Sunday racing.
SCR 4
 DO-PASS REPORTS ADOPTED
 HB 87.
UP FOR FINAL ACTION TODAY
HOUSE RESUMES 10 A.M. TODAY.

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In the Senate

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 SB 21 — (Rosen and Highways) — Makes minor amendments in chauffeur license laws.
 SB 67 — (Hilton) — Raises homestead exemptions from tax levies from \$3,000 to \$5,000.
 SB 71 — (Game) — Places trapping under game violation laws.
 SB 76 — (Rev. of Laws) — To allow overruled demurrers to be heard in appeals to supreme court.
 SB 77 — (Rev. of Laws) — To direct that citations must be mailed to parents or parents in adoption proceedings.
 HB 8 — (Hendershoot, Steelhammer and Chindgren) — To direct district court judge in Lane county to take over duties of circuit judge when circuit judge is absent. County judge now has duties.
 HB 22 — (Taxation) — Fixes Jan. 1 as date of classification of reforestation lands.
 HB 23 — (Taxation) — Fixes date when changes in boundary line of taxing districts are to take effect.
 HB 26 — (Taxation) — Changes from Aug. 1 to July 15 date for certification of rural school district taxes to assessor.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED
 SCR 4 — (Resolutions) — Providing for joint memorial session of house and senate Tuesday, March 1, at 2 p. m. in memory of the late Gov. Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., Senate President Marshall Cornett, Sen. Lee Patterson, and Merle R. Chessman, and Reps. Earle John R. Snellstrom, all of whom died since the 1947 session.

INTRODUCED
 SB 116 — (Banking) — Clarifies law providing for disposition of abandoned property.
 SB 117 — (Lynch and others) — To appropriate \$2,000 from general fund for the Old Oregon Trail, Inc.
 SB 118 — (Rev. of Laws) — Providing that assignors may be brought into court as additional parties in actions for collections.
 SB 119 — (Rev. of Laws) — Providing that in sales of personal property by counties copies of judgments must be mailed to debtors. In case of sales of real property, sales must be published for four weeks preceding sale and copies of judgments must be mailed to debtors.
 To relieve the Multnomah county district court clerk from duty of supplying printed forms to persons and corporations prosecuting litigation in the court.
 SB 121 — (March) — Dissolving Salmon River - Grand Ronde highway improvement district in Lincoln, Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill counties and providing that taxes due and money accumulated in district shall go into general funds of the counties.
 SB 122 — (Marsh) — Raises pay of county surveyors in counties of less than 45,000 population from \$15 to \$20 a day with a minimum of \$300 monthly; would also raise mileage fees for surveyors from five to 10 cents a mile.
 HB 19, 83, 143.
UP FOR FINAL ACTION TODAY
 SB 81 — (Liesallen and others) — To legalize race meets for quarter and saddle horses.
RE-REFERRED
 SB 72.
REFERRED
 SB 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116.
 HB 33, 81, 86, 99, 108, 110.
SENATE RESUMES AT 10 A.M.

WILL INSPECT SCHOOL
 A number of legislators, headed by Sen. Angus Gibson and Rep.

Pay Raise for Legislature Stirs Action

By Lester Cour
 Staff Writer, The Statesman

A warmish debate appears possible in the Oregon senate today over Sen. Richard L. Neuberger's resolution to raise legislators' pay from \$200 to \$1,200 a year.

The senate elections and privileges committee, by a 4 to 1 vote Monday, reported the measure out "do not pass." Neuberger, a member of the committee, voted for his resolution and has filed a minority "do pass" report. He will seek to have the senate adopt his report.

Voting adversely on the measure after a lengthy discussion were Sens. Dean Walker, Angus Gibson, Frank Hilton and Jack Lynch.

Another legislative salary bill introduced in the house by Rep. Lloyd Crosby, Milwaukie, seeks \$600 a year for legislators. The committee indicated it would also oppose this proposal.

Neuberger told the committee the current pay was "ridiculous." He said the low scale (\$8 a day for 50 days every two years) was keeping many worthy persons from the legislature and described the legislature as a "rich man's club."

Senator Walker said he did not believe the pay scale determined the type of persons in the legislature. He pointed out that just as many good men served in the legislature for \$3 a day as for the present \$8.

Senator Hilton said the voters of Oregon would be in no mood to vote for a constitutional amendment to raise the legislature's pay. A favorable popular vote would be necessary even if the resolution was passed in the house and senate.

The committee, however, indicated it would stamp "do pass" on another bill by Neuberger calling for voter registration by mail. The bill was turned over to State Elections Chief David O'Hara for inspection.

The committee set Monday as the date for a hearing on Senator Neuberger's measure seeking a reapportionment of Oregon's legislature.

Henry Semon, are leaving for Klamath Falls tonight to inspect Oregon Vocational school for which a requested appropriation of \$1,800,000 for the next biennium was omitted from the state budget.

Penal System Change Asked Of Legislature

Wide-sweeping changes in Oregon's penal system were called for Monday in a five-point program presented to the Oregon legislature by H. W. Randall, state parole and probation board director.

Randall in a report proposed construction of an intermediate penal institution for confinement of offenders too old for the training school and too young for the penitentiary.

He also asked for an academic and vocational training program at the penitentiary, increased staff personnel for the probation and parole board, wage increases for the board and establishment of a full-time parole and probation board.

He said the board now meets four or six times a month but is unable to keep up with demands. The board estimated its average case load during the 1941-51 biennium will be 1,500.

A full-time parole board would save the state a sizeable sum of money annually, Randall contended.

Too Much Talk, Too Little Action, Walsh Declares

Moves to speed the legislative session were apparent both in the senate and the house Monday.

Senate President William Walsh, Coos Bay, intimated there had been too much talk and too little action. Walsh told members of the upper house he would be forced to personal privilege rules, declaring valuable time was being consumed with speeches and remarks not pertaining to privileged matters.

Rep. W. W. Chadwick, chairman of the house rules committee, warned house members that Thursday was the final day on which bills, other than appropriation measures, may be introduced without approval of the rules committee—"and we are going to be tough."

The committee set Monday as the date for a hearing on Senator Neuberger's measure seeking a reapportionment of Oregon's legislature.

Motor trucks and buses would be required to keep 500 feet from other highway traffic, instead of 300 feet, under a bill introduced in the house Monday.

Memorial for State Officials Set March 1

The senate Monday adopted a resolution to hold a joint legislative memorial service March 1, at 2 p. m., for seven state officials and legislators who have died since the 1947 session. Quick approval is expected from the house.

Families and relatives of the deceased officials will be invited to the ceremony to be held in the house chambers.

The service will be held in memory of the late Gov. Earl Snell; Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr.; Senate President Marshall Cornett, Klamath Falls; Sen. Lee Patterson, Portland; Sen. Merle R. Chessman, Astoria; Rep. Earle Johnson, Corvallis, and Rep. John R. Snellstrom, Eugene.

Snell, Farrell and Cornett were killed in a plane crash in October, 1947, in Lake county. Johnson and Snellstrom were killed in another plane crash at Lake O' The Woods near Medford last summer. Patterson and Chessman died shortly after the end of the 1947 session.

Measure Aims at Statewide Bar To Daylight Time

A measure to bar any state, county or city division from using any time but standard time in its laws, orders or regulations was introduced in the house Monday.

The measure is sponsored by nearly every representative coming from agricultural areas. The measure would virtually block adoption of daylight saving time throughout the state.

Power Sought for Game Commission

A bill to give the state game commission full powers to determine policy, establish bag limits and fix hunting seasons was introduced in the house Monday.

The measure would also expand the commission from five to seven members. The commission would have authority over all funds spent to increase and preserve wildlife.

Another Measure Asks for Portland Junior College

Another bill to establish a junior college in Portland was introduced in the house Monday. It would call for a \$1,200,000 appropriation.

A bill introduced previously sought a \$2,000,000 appropriation and would bar construction on any other campus in the state until the junior college was operating.

The bill entered Monday was by Reps. Rudie Wilhelm, jr., and John D. Logan, both of Portland. It sought completion by the fall of 1950.

Boost Sought in Clackamas Pay

The Clackamas county delegation introduced a bill Monday to increase salaries of Clackamas county officials.

The increases would be: County judge, clerk and sheriff, \$3,300 to \$3,600; commissioners, \$9 a day to \$3,000 a year; treasurer, assessor, \$3,000 to \$3,300; school superintendent, \$3,100 to \$3,600; chief field deputy sheriff, \$225 to \$250 a month.

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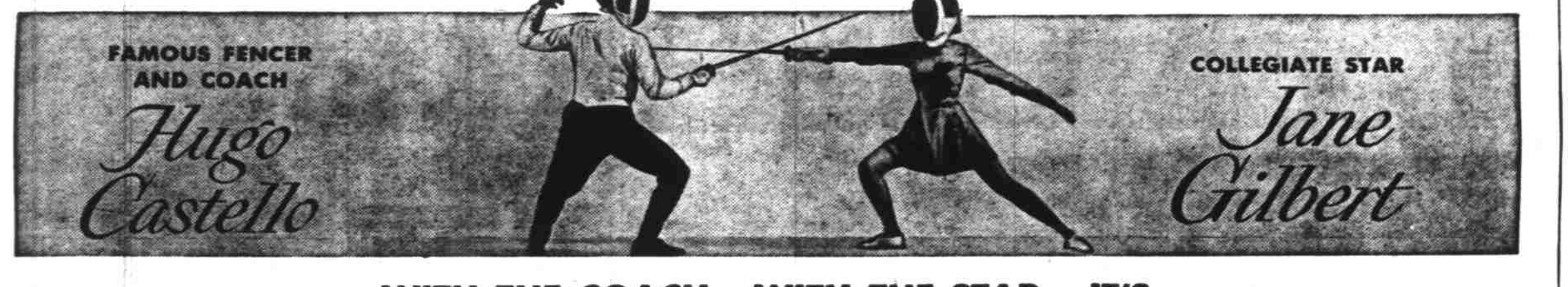
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