

### House Defeats Move to Boost Vet Loan Base

By a vote of 48 to 12, the house of representatives voted Monday against a proposal to allow the state to loan up to 5 per cent of its valuation, instead of 3 per cent, to veterans for farms and homes. The 3 per cent appropriation is \$30,000,000.

The resolution by Reps. Phil Dreyer and Howard Morgan of Portland, also would have required a two-year residence in the state rather than a pre-war residence.

The final vote was along neither party nor veteran lines.

Proponents said passage was necessary now so that the act could be referred to the people in time for the next general election, and that if such action were not taken there would not be sufficient money to loan before the next legislature could take similar action.

Opponents said sufficient money would remain available, and that payments would replenish the fund without further obligating the state.

Rep. Carl Francis of Dayton, read from bonus statutes of other states which require pre-war residence and said veterans' legislation should be "consistent."

The 12 "yes" votes were those of Reps. Adams, Brady, Day, Dreyer, Gill, Springfield, Logan, J. Moore, Morgan, Peck, Robnson, Thomas.

### Mountain Goats To Be Imported In State Ranges

Mountain goats probably will be imported into Oregon for "planting" in the Wallows, Cascade and Coast ranges and "may be 40 years from now there'll be open seasons," Rep. A. P. Meyers of Redmond told the house of representatives Monday.

Meyers' statement came during his arguments in favor of a bill classifying goats and bears as game animals, placing them under supervision of the state game commission.

The bill was passed and sent to the senate.

### In the Senate

**PASSED**  
SB 99 (Belton & others) — Returning to flax cooperatives at Canby, Angeli and Springfield and deeded to the state by them in 1939.

SB 112 (Rand) — Eliminates indenture (semi-slavery) clause from Oregon adoption laws. Prohibits institutions from placing children in homes under conditions of indenture.

SB 114 (Ellis & Others) — To permit counties to replace lost, stolen or destroyed papers and warrants.

SB 201 (Education) — Permits directors of school districts of the first class to employ persons living outside district boundaries at clerks.

SB 132 (Gardner) — Provides that persons must be residents of Oregon to hunt on their own property with license.

**ADOPTED**  
SCR 8 (Parkinson) — Commemorating the 90th birthday of Oregon.

SJR 1 (Carson & Lampert) — Permitting the American Legion to hold its convention in the statehouse on August 4, 5 and 6 of 1949.

**INTRODUCED**  
SB 237 (Neuberger) — To prohibit placement of advertising signs within 500 feet of any state highway or county road.

SB 238 (Med., Pharm. & Dentistry) — Boost the pay of pharmacy board members from \$5 to \$10 per diem and; pharmacists' licenses from \$2 to \$3 and application fees from \$3 to \$5.

SB 239 (Med., Pharm. & Dentistry) — An act to channel unclaimed bodies to the University of Oregon Medical School or the University of Oregon Dental School for scientific research purposes; provide for their burials and regulates the entire traffic in unclaimed bodies within Oregon.

SB 240 (Gardner) — To permit cities designated as ports to maintain and operate municipal boats.

SB 241 (Bain) — Provides that any petition, report, claim, tax return or application mailed to the state shall be considered filed by the time shown on the postoffice cancellation mark.

SB 242 (Bain) — Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund to meet any wage deficiency in 1949. Provides for boosts authorized by the state board of control.

SB 243 (Gardner) — To legalize angling for salmon, shad, striped bass, sturgeon and other food fish in certain portions of the Salmon river in Lincoln county.

SB 244 (Thompson) — To require motor vehicle operators to turn on their headlights after sundown, barring the use of parking lights or any other lamps in lieu of headlights.

SB 245 (Dunne & Others) — An act to place people's utilities districts and cooperatives as well as private power companies under the regulation of the public utilities commissioner's office in new construction of electric lines, all public and private companies to file a certificate of convenience and necessity when planning construction of new utility facilities. Applications would be subject to the approval or disapproval of the public utilities commission.

SB 246 (Belton & Rand) — An act to validate formation of rural fire protection districts, consolidated within the past two years, when some legal defect in their formation has been noticed.

SB 247 (Hitchcock) — A law to outlaw bookmaking in connection with racing or any other form of sports or gambling.

SB 248 (Holmes) — To place the raising of foxes, fish, mink, chinchilla, rabbit or caracul under state laws governing domestic fur-bearing animals.

SB 249 (Neuberger) — A substitute for SB 81, providing for re-registration for voting by mail.

HB 96, 249, 250, 251, 317, 340.

SCR 6 (Parkinson) — To commemorate the 90th birthday of Oregon.

SJM 8 (Neuberger & Morgan) — Petitioning congress to admit 400,000 displaced persons from Europe into the United States.

SJM 9 (Bain) — Asking congress and the president to legislate to provide a minimum of 1,500,000 low-cost housing units for the United States.

**REFERRED**  
SB 214 to 236.

HB 70, 144, 145, 147, 150, 177, 203, 228, 289, 323, 347, HJR 3.

UP FOR FINAL ACTION TODAY  
SB 74, 138, HB 138, 137, 128, 347.

SENATE RESUMES AT 10 A. M. TODAY.

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### Lawmakers Shown Where the Money Goes



CORVALLIS, Feb. 14—These members of a sub-committee of the joint ways and means committee of the legislature saw for themselves some of the progress being made in forest products research when they visited the big Oregon forest products research laboratory on the Oregon State college campus. Here they are being shown some of the end products of research by Dr. Philmer B. Proctor, technical director. Lawmakers are (left to right) Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton, and Truman Chase, Eugene; Reps. William B. Morse, Prineville, and Sen. Carl Engdahl, Pendleton. Jars contain various fractions of fir bark from which valuable wax has been extracted by a process developed here. On the shelf behind are different kinds of plastic board made from planer shavings, and samples of "waste" lumber from overripe trees with which the laboratory is experimenting.

### Request for Pay Increased for Solons Called 'Futile Gesture' But It Passes Anyway 33-27

The house voted Monday 33 to 27, after one of the liveliest debates of the session, to ask a constitutional amendment providing \$1200 a biennium as pay for senators and representatives.

Legislators now get \$400 a biennium (\$8 a day for 50 days each two years). Until 1942 it was \$150 a biennium (\$3 a day for 50 days).

The joint resolution requesting Lloyd R. Crosby of Milwaukie, forest engineer, who said even the \$1200 "would be purely compensatory and not profitable." He said the money was "penny-ante," that many good men could not afford to run for the legislature, but that "as far as I am concerned, I can afford it and it doesn't make a bit of difference to me personally."

**Opposes Private Support**  
Crosby also read a Washington dispatch from The Oregon Statesman in which it was declared the AFL was considering paying state legislators, and said that while he was "a friend of labor" he did not approve of anyone except the state sharing in legislators' support.

Rep. Paul Geddes of Roseburg, opposing the bill, said legislators were underpaid but that "this is not the opportune time to ask for an increase—"wait until we fulfill our obligations, and come back next time and do it."

**Termed "Futile Gesture"**  
Geddes was joined by Rep. John Steelhammer of Salem, who said putting the resolution on a general ballot "would be a futile gesture" at this time; Rep. E. W. Kimber-

ling of Prairie City called the bill "bad legislation," and Rep. Giles French of Moro who said his provision for "the presiding officer of the senate" might bring constitutional confusion if a lieutenant governorship was created—in which case the lieutenant governor instead of the senate president would be the presiding senate officer.

French's motion to re-refer the bill to committee was defeated.

Rep. Rudie Wilhelm of Portland, favoring the bill, commented that "everyone is sitting around hoping the bill will pass and yet probably will vote against it." Rep. Carl Francis of Dayton said many states have adopted similar systems.

**Bill Now Goes to Senate**  
The bill now goes to the senate where a similar measure to pay legislators \$2400 a biennium has had rough sailing thus far.

The 33 "yes" votes were those of Reps. Adams, Allen, Anderson, Baum, Brady, Coulter, Crosby, Day, Dickson, Dreyer, Dyer, Francis, Gill, Greenwood, Hounsell, Llauallean, Logan, McCulloch, Meyers, J. Moore, R. Moore, Morgan, Morse, Peck, Peterson, Robnson, Short, Swett, Thomas, Wade, Wells, Wilhelm, Van Dyke.

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Although Youngstown, Ohio, did not have a steel plant until 1892, it was an iron-working center from its founding in 1797.

The bill would give the state highway commission and county courts full power over the sign boards, permitting them to remove any sign now standing. It would not affect signs on businesses along the roads.

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HB 288 (Peck, Brady, Anderson) — Lets blind persons choose own aid instead of pool clerk, in marking ballot.

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### Return of Flax Plants Given Senate Assent

A bill authorizing the state board of control to return from lands to flax cooperatives in Mt. Angel, Canby and Springfield was passed in the senate Monday and sent to the house.

The lands were deeded to the state by the cooperatives in 1939 to enable the flax farmers to secure WPA funds to build flax plants in the three states.

Sen. Howard Belton, Canby, sponsor of the measure, said it was no longer necessary for the state to retain title to the lands because the cooperatives have fulfilled their obligation to the federal government.

He said return of the lands would eliminate the necessity of the state to include the plants in the restoration fund. It will also allow the cooperatives to obtain loans on the lands and plants.

### Bill Proposes State Control For PUDs

A bill to place people's utility districts and cooperatives under state control was introduced in the senate Monday.

The utility bill was turned in by Sen. Austin Dunne, Baker. He said it is intended to prevent private and public power, water and telephone companies from duplicating construction of utility facilities in the same territory.

Under terms of the act, any PUD, cooperative or private power company desiring to erect poles, lines or other equipment would have to file a certificate of convenience of necessity with the public utilities commission. Only private companies must now abide by the regulation.

All requests for new construction would be heard by the public utilities commission which would have authority to approve or reject them.

Dunne said he sponsored the measure because he was informed of duplications of facilities throughout the state which have resulted in wasted effort and excessive costs to citizens in the communities.

Another "bookie" bill in the house would allow the state tax commission to levy an income of bookmakers.

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### Reapportionment Bill Defeated In Committee

The senate elections and privileges committee voted 3 to 2 Monday to recommend defeat of a bill by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland, to reapportion Oregon's legislative districts on a population basis.

Opposing the bill were Sens. Angus Gibson, Junction City; Frank Hilton, Portland, and Dean Walker, Independence. Neuberger and Sen. Jack Lynch, Portland, voted against the adverse report.

The committee also voted 4 to 1 against a proposed constitutional amendment to lower the voting age from 21 to 18. Neuberger cast the only affirmative vote.

The senate will consider the adverse reports on both bills within the next two days.

If Neuberger's reapportionment bill is approved, Multnomah county would have its legislative strength increased by more than 50 per cent.

The county would have 20 representatives and 10 senators—1/4 the total votes in each house—as compared with the present 13 representatives and six senators. Multnomah county's representation would remain unchanged.

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**Ban Requested on Betting on Races Outside Oregon**  
Bookmaking on dog or horse racing would be outlawed by a bill introduced in the senate Monday by Sen. Phil Hitchcock of Klamath Falls.  
The measure directs all law enforcement officers to enforce the proposed regulation which outlaws taking bets on races in other states.

**Pay Fund for Board Sought**  
A bill introduced in the senate Monday would appropriate \$500,000 for the state board of control to pay state salary deficiencies during the next biennium.  
The measure would make it unnecessary to call a meeting of the emergency board if and when a cost-of-living salary boost is found necessary.

**Postmark Sought as Legal Filing Time For State Matters**  
A bill to ease the deadline for filing petitions, tax returns and documents with state departments by mail was introduced in the senate Monday by Sen. Jack Bain, Portland.  
It would fix the postmark time on letters as the official filing time, permitting persons to mail material to state departments on the same day as the legal deadline.

**Limitation Sought On Road Signs**  
A measure to prohibit construction of advertising signs within 300 feet of any state highway or county road was introduced in the senate Monday by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland.  
The bill would give the state highway commission and county courts full power over the sign boards, permitting them to remove any sign now standing. It would not affect signs on businesses along the roads.

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