

# Limited CVA Plan Studied By Senators

A new memorial asking congress to establish a Columbia Valley authority will be proposed by Sen. Austin Flegel of Portland, it was disclosed Friday.

A memorial for a CVA was introduced several weeks ago by democratic senators and currently is tabled in the senate utilities committee by a-3 to 2 vote.

It was understood Flegel's proposal would include suggested restrictions to provide that a majority of the commissioners should be residents of the northwest; assure protection for the fishing industry; require that advisory groups be formed from all levels—city, state, counties, and private groups; specify that no road rights will be surrendered; require that existing irrigation and water rights be protected, and provide reimbursement of counties for lands inundated and thus removed from tax rolls.

# Senate Beats Moratorium On Fish Ban

The senate voted 23 to 7 Friday to reject house-approved bills granting a two-year moratorium on the November initiative to ban fishing with fixed gear on the Columbia river.

The action came after a 2 1/2-hour debate in which seven ballots were taken on various motions and the bills. The senate upheld the initiative passed by the voters last November to bar fishing with traps, set-nets and drag seines from the banks of the Columbia.

The bills were "postponed indefinitely" when the senate adopted minority "do not pass" reports of two members of the fishing industries committee. The measures were approved in the house earlier in the session.

Sen. Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart, led the opposition to the proposals, reminding that "the people voted to ban this type of fishing which is more damaging to sports fishing than any other form. We would be presumptuous to overrule their mandate."

He said Oregon was the only state now permitting fishing with fixed gear and pointed out that the methods destroyed great numbers of steelhead salmon.

Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton, carried the fight to permit the set-gear operators to continue operation for another two years. He stressed that the fishermen needed the extension to amortize their investments.

"This is just a case of the CIO Gillnetters putting the little people out of business," Ellis stated. "If you fail to pass these bills, you are merely depriving these people of a livelihood."

Voting to continue the set-gear fishing were Senators Dunn, Ellis, Engdahl, Gardner, Muss, Mahoney and Rand.

Voting to sustain the initiative vote of the people were Senators Bain, Belton, Bull, Carson, Chase, Flegel, Gibson, Hardie, Hilton, Hitchcock, Holmes, Lamport, Lynch, Math, McAllister, Neuberger, Parkington, Peterson, Smith, Thompson, Walker, Wilcox, and Walsh.

# Highway Tax Program Set For Monday

Six bills comprising the legislative highway program are scheduled to be considered by the house at 10:15 a.m. Monday.

They are:

HB 188: Returns truck-tax provision to the weight basis, instead of the ton-mile basis adopted in 1947, to increase the state's revenue from trucks.

HB 222: Boosts state gasoline tax from 5 to 6 cents.

HB 19: Amends another statute to boost the gasoline tax from 5 to 6 cents.

HB 223: Doubles car registration (from \$5 to \$10) fees.

HB 429: Exempts from gasoline tax the fuel used in vehicles operating on private and military roads.

HB 430: Amends another statute to do the same thing as HB 429.

HB 451: Letting the state loan highway funds to the counties.

Sponsors have estimated the entire program would bring the state another \$8,000,000 a biennium.

**UNION HILL GROUP MEETS**  
UNION HILL — Mrs. Marion Miller was hostess to members of the Home Economics Club Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Ernest Speed presented a program on ways of conquering garden pests.

# With Watson at the Legislature Legislative Triple Play Blocks \$91,795 Addition to Farm Fees

The state department of agriculture and Director Peterson seemingly have lost \$91,795 in increased inspection fees and charges through a legislative triple play—Peterson to Ways and Means—to House rules and resolutions.—and out.

Director Peterson sent a batch of bills over to the ways and means committee which contained a schedule of increased license and inspection fees amounting in the aggregate to \$91,795. In his letter of transmittal he stated that the head men of his various departments affected by the increases had drafted the necessary bills and would be glad to appear before the proper subcommittee of the ways and means committee to explain their need, provided the ways and means committee desired to see them.

The ways and means subcommittee to which the letter and bills were sent bundled them all up and shipped them upstairs to the rules and resolutions committee of the house, that hardboiled group which has the job of turning thumbs up or down on bills coming in after the deadline fixed by the house rules, which has long since been passed.

**Provide Increases**  
The bills provided for the following increases in fees and licenses paid to the department of agriculture and used, in large part at least, to support the department's flock of inspectors:

An increase in the licenses charged insecticide manufacturers, \$10,000; Bakery license increases \$2,000; Bakery distributors \$375; milk and cheese and butter grading \$1,850; milk products at the plant, \$8,400; Pasteurizers Operators, \$1,400; Butter makers, \$250; cheese makers, \$280; egg dealers permits and egg breaking permits, \$10,000; fertilizer brand registration, \$20,000; lime brand licenses \$2,000; brand registration for agricultural minerals, \$240; class A Meat Dealers licenses \$7,000; class B meat dealers licenses \$10,000; garbage feeding licenses \$1,800; stallion licenses \$400 and livestock branding licenses \$8,000.

**Passed Along Bills**  
The house rules committee since the beginning of the session has passed along a long list of bills coming from the department of agriculture, most of them by way of the agricultural committee of the house. One of these legislated the present seven member state board of agriculture into continued office during their present terms, shifted them into a policy making and directing instead of a mere advisory group, and not only legislated Director Peterson into his present position but removed him from under the appointing power of the governor. In other ways, and in other bills, the department has been extending its power and jurisdiction materially.

The rules committee seemingly came to the end of its rope when confronted with the last batch of fee increase bills, refused to certify them for introduction in the house and returned them to the ways and means committee for its further consideration.

That would seem to put an end to them since, under the house rules, all bills now must pass muster with the rules committee, and even if sent in by the ways and means committee direct they would run up against a two thirds vote on suspension of the rules, which is a high hurdle at this time of the session.

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**In the House**

**PASSED**  
SB 137 (Municipal Aff. com.)—(Sub. for SB 26)—Clarifies law affecting rural fire, water and sanitary districts in relation to cities.  
SB 162 (Multnomah dele.)—Provides that surveys do not have to show corners of cemetery lots.  
SB 164 (Multnomah dele.)—Ups from \$600 to \$1000 the profits which can be done by Multnomah county without calling for bids.  
SB 196 (Carson)—Requires sounding on horn only when such sounding would affect sections of car ahead.  
SB 213 (Medicine etc com.)—Sets requirements for osteopathic physicians.  
SB 291 (Rev. of Laws com.)—Provides the copies of supplementary articles of incorporation must be filed in counties where corporations have their principal offices.  
SB 314 (Labor, Indus. com.)—Empowers Morrow county to operate hospital.  
SB 330 (Multnomah dele.)—Allows levy of school tax serially for 3 years in Multnomah county, outside of limitation.  
SB 339 (Sell, Sen. Muss)—Ups salaries of Wasco county officers.  
SB 348 (Chindgren et al)—Makes minor amendments to laws affecting soil conservation districts.  
SB 437 (Rev. of Laws com.)—Validates sales of property of estates in event decedent is found alive.  
SB 27 (Municipal Aff. com.)—In re-

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candidates for president and vice presidential to file primary expenditures in Oregon.  
SB 113 (Multnomah dele.)—Authorizing Multnomah county to acquire Powell Grove cemetery.  
SB 116 (Banking com.)—Clarifies law regarding disposition of abandoned property.  
SB 136 (Medicine com.)—Requiring members of healing arts professions to print their true medical degrees after their names in advertising.  
SB 268 (Hardie et al)—Ups pay of Gilliam county officers.  
SB 290 (Revision of laws com.)—Gives Salem jurisdiction over streets in Kingwood Heights of Polk county, recently annexed to Salem.  
SB 173 (Lamport et al)—Makes precinct committeemen elective at primary instead of general election.

**ADOPTED**  
HCR 5 (Francis, Henderholt)—Provides for appointment of interim committee to study feasibility of county-employs merit system.  
HJR 6 (Military Aff. com.)—Asks congress not to put national guard in military status designed to assure states with internal security force under their control.  
SJM 13 (Tax com.)—Asks congress

to repeal transportation excise tax imposed during war.  
**DO-PASS REPORTS ADOPTED**  
HB 18, 27, 222, 223, 227, 231, 251, 252, 254, 429, 430, 431, 434, 451, 454.  
SB 171, 218, 226, 249, 255, 296.  
HJR 1, 12.  
**RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**  
HB 175, 182.  
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HB 454-463 inc.  
SB 62, 135, 154, 219, 229, 269, 274, 303, 316.  
**INTRODUCED**  
HB 464 (State, Fed. aff.)—(Sub. for HB 419)—Limits sale of fireworks from June 20 to July 6, inc.; restricts size of firecrackers to 2 inches and 13 grains; exempts small cap pistols.  
HB 465 (Game com.)—Increases from \$15,000 to \$25,000 the appropriation for control of weeds.  
HCR 7 (Day)—Provides for interim committee, with \$50,000 appropriation, to study state-supporting institutions and departments with view to economy.  
**UP FOR FINAL ACTION TODAY**  
HB 285, 291, 320, 351, 406.  
SB 84, 224, 244, 265, 295, 309.  
SJR 1.  
**HOUSE RESUMES 9 A.M. TODAY.**

# Several Bomber Groups Equipped To Drop A-Bombs

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP) The United States air force has several long range bomber groups specially trained and equipped for dropping atom bombs, it was learned last night.

For some time after the war-time atomic attacks on Japan there was only a single unit, the 509th group, specializing in A-bomb technique.

However, officials said tonight, the modernization of the entire air force to fit new concepts of warfare naturally has included expansion of special atomic warfare skill to other units.

# The Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Saturday, March 12, 1948-3

**SISTER SUCCUMBS**  
MILL CITY — George Cree received word Thursday of the death of his sister, Mrs. Jesse O'Brien Bell of Portland. Funeral services were held in Salem Monday afternoon. Attending the services from Mill City were Mr. and Mrs. George Cree, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Cree and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cree.

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