

Bain Defends Use of State Stationery

Sen. Jack Bain, Portland democrat, told fellow senators Thursday he would continue to use his state-printed stationery to correspond with his party's precinct committeemen throughout the state.

Speaking from the floor, Bain answered Rep. Raymond Coulter, Grants Pass republican who accused Bain in a speech in the house of wasting state money to write political letters.

"I have a right to advise precinct workers on what we are doing down here," Bain said. "It's my own state stationery, and I'll pay the \$24 postage for the letters myself."

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In the Senate

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SB 127—(Hitchcock)—Boosts the pay of Klamath county officials.

SB 168—(Joint Mult Del.)—Allows Multnomah county constable fees for summons, orders, etc. served for the district courts.

SB 258—(Marsh)—Requires the labor commissioner's office to pay attorneys fees for litigants who are successful in prosecuting a claim against the labor bureau of labor.

SB 325—(Municipal Affairs)—Authorizes cities to borrow money on warrants or short-term notes to meet current expenses or retire bonds.

SB 358—(Dunn)—Validates divorce decrees in which the district attorneys have not attended the final hearing.

SB 396—(Labor & Industries)—Prohibits sales of any boilers in Oregon that have not been inspected and approved by the state bureau of labor.

SB 407—(Rev. of Laws)—Allows the committee on executive appointments to vote on nominees by mail if members are unable to attend a regular meeting.

SB 123—(Game)—Boosts license fees for fur farmers from \$10 to \$25 a year and sets new regulations.

SB 259—(Sell & Musa)—Boosts the pay of Wasco county officials.

SB 318—(Baum)—Boosts the pay of Union county officials.

SB 358—(Wilson & Smith)—Boosts the pay of Malheur county officials.

SB 415—(Shepard & Others)—Boosts the pay of Columbia county officials.

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SB 292—(Logan)—Allows municipal water districts to levy a tax up to 6 mills per \$1 for fire protection.

SB 418—(Taxation)—Exempts from excise tax dividends paid to Oregon corporations by foreign corporations in which the Oregon firm holds 50 per cent or more of voting stock.

ADOPTED

HJR 4—(Dyer & Condit)—Sets up a five-man legislative interim committee to study possible use by Oregon of the \$2,500,000 Astoria naval hospital which the federal government is willing to give the state free.

RE-REFERRED

SB 22, 32, 36.

DEFERRED

SB 93—(Hilton)—Requires candidates submitting copy for the voters pamphlet to send any matter which attacks an opposing candidate or political party to the person or party being attacked 15 days before filing with the election division.

REFERRED

SB 407, 408.

DO PASS REPORTS ADOPTED

SB 225, 232, 237, 241.

UP FOR FINAL ACTION TODAY

SB 277, 278, 287, 293, 294, 356, 358, 359, 364, 378, 384.

SENATE RESUMES 10 A.M. TODAY.

House Approves Splitting Incomes For State Tax

A bill to permit married couples to split their incomes for state income tax purposes after the community property law expires was passed in the house Thursday and sent to the senate.

The legislature has already voted to repeal the 1947 community property law and it will expire 90 days after the lawmakers adjourn. The act is no longer necessary since enactment of a federal law which allows all states the income tax split on federal income taxes.

The lower tax rates under the split-income provision result because the divided income plan places couples in lower brackets.

In the House

PASSED

HB 284—(Taxation)—Permits cities to carry over 5 per cent of their total receipts yearly as working capital.

HB 387—(Judiciary)—Would allow married couples to split their income for state income tax purposes after the community property law is repealed.

HB 473—(Rev. of Laws)—Boosts salaries of district court judges from \$4,500 to \$5,000.

HB 487—(Joint Ways & Means)—Appropriates \$22,500 for purchase of ground at 13th and Ferry streets for a parking lot.

HB 496—(Joint Ways & Means)—Disolves the post-war readjustment and development commission.

HB 491—(Food & Dairying)—Includes rabbits in the law forbidding sales of animals used in medical experiments for human consumption.

SB 29—(Med. Pharm. & Dent.)—Requires persons adopting children to furnish certain facts about themselves to the state health department.

SB 154—(Rev. of Laws)—Permits officials of Hillcrest School for Girls to return incorrigible girls to jurisdiction of courts.

SB 114—(Interstate Cooperation)—To permit the board of control to imprison Oregon's women criminals in women's reformatories outside the state.

SB 219—(Smith)—Makes minor amendments in law regulating sales of sewer or street bonds by cities.

SB 228—(Judiciary)—Allows attorneys fees to persons and companies bringing action to collect for bad checks.

SB 266—(Flegel)—Tightens educational requirements for practice of cosmetic therapy.

SB 349—(Military Affairs)—Provides for acquisition of land for a national veterans cemetery at Portland.

SB 360—(County Affairs)—Raises the population figure in the Multnomah county law regulating boarding of jail prisoners.

Retention of Labor Curb Laws Asked

The house labor committee Thursday recommended defeat of two bills to repeal restrictive labor laws passed in the 1947 session.

The committee voted 5 to 4 to stamp "do not pass" on bills seeking repeal of the laws which require holding secret elections to determine if labor disputes exist and outlaw secondary boycotts and "hot cargo" actions by unions.

The committee decided to bring the issue to the floor Monday when the house will decide whether it wants to throw the laws out or retain them.

The action followed a Tuesday meeting of the committee in which State Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey said that the laws should be repealed.

Noting "do not pass" on the repeal bills were Reps. Rudie Wilhelm, Portland; Earl McNutt, Eugene; Joseph Dyer, Astoria; Ralph Moore, Coos Bay and Giles French, Moro.

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Plan Calls for Probe of State Welfare Setup

A joint resolution creating an interim committee with authority to conduct an investigation of the entire state public assistance program, involving its financial angles, was approved by the legislative joint ways and means committee Thursday.

The committee, comprised of two members of the senate and three members of the house, would hold an organization meeting prior to July 1 of this year and file its report with the legislature.

An appropriation of \$2,500 to defray costs of the committee was provided.

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Additional State Property Okehed

The house Thursday passed and sent to the senate a bill appropriating \$22,500 to purchase additional property for the state heating plant at 13th and Ferry streets.

Under terms of the bill, the property could be used for a parking lot or for an addition to the heating plant.

Bill Allows Board To Send Women to California Prison

A bill allowing the board of control to send Oregon's women criminals to a women's reformatory now being constructed in California was passed in the house Thursday and sent to the governor.

The house also approved and sent to the governor a bill allowing officials of the Hillcrest School for Girls in Salem to return incorrigible girls to jurisdiction of the courts.

Abolition of Pari-Mutuel Law Sought

The house controversy over horse and dog racing became even more snarled Thursday when the state and federal affairs committee recommended outright repeal of all pari-mutuel betting in Oregon.

Committee members said they were weary of listening to a two-month wrangle between horse and dog racing interests over who should have the best racing dates.

The committee became irritated Thursday morning when the house voted to send a proposed dog-horse race bill back to committee for specific changes.

The measure—a product of several weeks work by the committee—would have increased the horse and dog breeders' take from pari-mutuel receipts from 12 1/2 to 15 per cent, doubled the state tax on betting, and limit dog and

License Hike Bill Beaten

A bill to increase drivers' license fees to \$5 was killed in the house Thursday.

Under the measure, introduced by Rep. A. J. Swett, Tillamook, cities and counties would have received the additional funds raised through the license boost.

The bill was "indefinitely" postponed after the house accepted a majority "do not pass" report from its highways committee.

County Salary Bill Gets Study But No Verdict

The senate county affairs committee, after nearly an hour's discussion Thursday afternoon, failed to reach a decision on a proposal to raise salaries of county officers or population.

It was agreed to postpone action until the 30 senators have had an opportunity to study the proposed salary classifications presented to the committee.

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Rosedale Community Club Plans Carnival

ROSEDALE — The Community club met Saturday night. Plans are being completed for the carnival to be held in April in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brownlee and Mr. and Mrs. Caryl Enger.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hamilton and daughter of Prineville, Ore., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hamilton, last week end.

horse racing meets in Portland to 50 days for each class. Both interests now hold 60-day meets.

Thursday afternoon, however, the house voted to reconsider its earlier decision, and sent the bill back to committee without definite instructions to amend. Propponents said the increased tax would boost the state's take even with shorter meets.

Should the legislature outlaw dog and horse racing county fairs and other exhibitions would lose their benefits from the pari-mutuel receipts. Most of the funds are used to support the fairs and exhibitions.

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