

## Budget Voted By Committee For Education

A \$30,000,000 budget for higher education was approved Tuesday by the ways and means committee which named a subcommittee to draft a finance plan for new buildings for higher education and state institutions.

The total budget is \$30,000,000 more than spent during the current budget period.

The budget includes \$1,000,000 for a new heating plant for the University of Oregon.

Higher education building requests total \$12,000,000, and for state institution buildings total \$9,000,000. A means to finance these buildings will be sought by the sub-committee.

The committee also sent to the floor the old age pension bill. It does not provide for \$50 monthly minimum pension and is expected to spark a major battle.

Also recommended was the state supreme court justices salary raise from \$8,500 to \$9,000 a year. The senate has voted \$10,000.

Sen. Angus Gibson said his subcommittee was being pressured by the governor and other officials to provide an emergency fund of \$25,000 to construct a new cell block at the state penitentiary.

## House Beats Negligence Bill By 32-25 Vote

Climaxing one of the longest debates of the session, the house Tuesday defeated the senate-approved bill which provided that the judgment in damage actions would go to the participant less at fault.

(Under the present law, if any party is proven even slightly negligent no recovery is possible even if the other party is proven far more negligent.)

The house by a vote of 32 to 25 refused to substitute a do-pass minority report of its judiciary committee for a do-not-pass majority report, and subsequently adopted the adverse report thereby indefinitely postponing the bill.

Proponents, including Reps. Barry, Steelhammer and Johnson who signed the minority report, declared the present law unfair and that contributory negligence should not be a bar to recovery.

Opponents, including Reps. Gill, Geddes, Francis and McCulloch, contended passage of the bill would increase insurance rates and lead to added litigation.

The senate had passed the measure 17 to 11.

## Bill to Compel Aid for Needy Passes House

The Oregon house of representatives took action Tuesday to reduce the old age pension rolls by forcing financially-able children to take care of their needy aged parents.

It sent to the senate a bill allowing the public welfare commission to bring court suits to compel relatives to take care of other relatives receiving public assistance.

The bill sets up maximum amounts that relatives might be expected to contribute. For instance, a married couple earning less than \$235 a month wouldn't contribute anything toward support of a needy parent. But couples earning more than that might contribute up to a maximum of \$100 a month.

## In the Senate

**PASSED**  
SB 417—(Game)—Regulates commercial fishing for striped bass in the Coos river, and sets up sports fishing areas.

SB 36—(Institutions)—Sets up five-man senate interim committee to investigate conditions at the state penitentiary.

HB 16—(Hill)—Boosts tax on diesel fuel from 5 to 6 cents a gallon.

HB 223—(Highways)—Boosts motor vehicle license fees from \$5 to \$10 a year.

HB 478—(Highways)—Boosts state gasoline tax from 3 to 4 cents a gallon and exempts airlines leaving Portland for Alaska and Hawaii from paying aviation tax.

HB 250—(Mult. Del.)—Allows the Portland school district to levy taxes for school purposes over the 4 per cent limit for three consecutive years.

HB 443—(Education)—Bars holding elections to dissolve union high districts more than once in five years.

HB 491—(Food & Dairying)—A sub for HB 288, including rabbits in the law which forbids sales for human consumption animals used in medical experiments.

HB 251—(Education)—Lets rural school boards place emergency fund items in budgets up to 5 per cent of the districts' total budgets.

HB 228—(Game)—Increases fees for hunting and fishing licenses; resident fishing or hunting licenses from \$3 to \$4; non-resident fishing licenses from \$20 to \$25; combination licenses from \$5 to \$7.

HB 229—(Game)—Increases license for hunting elk from \$5 to \$7.50 for residents.

HB 336—(Game)—Increases cost of deer tags from 50 cents to \$1.

HB 333—(Game)—Increases from \$5 to \$7.50 the charge for special hunting tags for residents.

**DEFEATED**  
SJR 27—(Lab. & Ind.)—Providing a legislative interim committee to study labor practices.

**REFERRED**  
SB 421, 422, 423, 424.  
HB 242, 410, 498, 502, 508.

**DO PASS REPORTS ADOPTED**  
SB 306.  
HB 275, 308, 482, 483, HJM 7.

**UP FOR FINAL ACTION TODAY**  
SB 159, 324, 362, 334, 363, 419, 306.  
HB 123, 243, 256, 304, 470, 170, 503, 505, 273, 308, 482, HJM.

**SENATE RESUMES 10 A.M. TODAY.**

## Increase Voted Gas Tax, Car License Fees

The senate Tuesday approved house-passed bills increasing gasoline taxes a cent a gallon and doubling license fees to finance Oregon's \$467,000,000 15-year road modernization program.

The gas tax will be raised from 5 to 6 cents and vehicle license fees from \$5 to \$10 a year. The third plank of the revenue program—a proposed increase in truck fees—is still pending in the senate highways committee.

The three measures will raise about \$8,000,000 a year, of which the highway commission will get \$5,600,000 and counties and cities \$2,400,000. The \$8,000,000 is \$2,000,000 short of the \$10,000,000 needed by the commission to complete revamping Oregon's highways over a 10-year period.

The gasoline tax is expected to raise \$4,500,000 a year and the registration fees another \$2,500,000. The \$1,000,000 of additional revenue is expected from the house-approved truck fee schedule.

Most opposition to the revenue plan centered on the license fee boost. Opponents said the doubled fee would hit the poor man hard in years to come.

Sen. William McAllister, Medford, continued his verbal assault against the highway commission, and opposed both the license and tax increases. "I don't know what the commission's program is," McAllister said, "and the commission has refused to tell us."

Last week McAllister sought passage of a bill which would have wiped out such city projects as the proposed Baldock plan in Salem by prohibiting the highway commission from spending money inside cities until Oregon's primary highways are brought up to federal standards.

ROSEDALE—Mr. and Mrs. Eino Uhrhammer and family have gone to Perth, N. D., to live. Donna has been enrolled in the first grade. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bates spent a few days in Mt. Vernon, Wash. visiting Mrs. Bates' relatives.

## In the House

**PASSED**  
HB 226 (Children et al)—Provides that \$7500 of pari-mutuel receipts shall go to each county fair annually (\$48 to \$1).

HB 411 (Military Aff. com.)—Provides for a national guard reserve (\$48 to \$1).

HB 506 (Tax. com.)—Permits cities to issue bonds for hospitals.

HB 505 (Ways, Means com.)—Requires relatives of old-age assistance recipients to contribute to their support on the basis of income (\$5 to \$1).

HB 421 (Social Welf. com.)—Requires that persons mentally ill, not charged with crime, be kept other than in jail.

**RE-PASSED (senate amended)**  
HB 111, 178, 413, 329, 478, 41.

**DEFEATED**  
SB 256 (Carson, Rep. Hendershott)—Provides that contributory negligence shall not be a bar to recovering damages; judgment to be based on comparative negligence. (Move to substitute do-pass for do-not pass reported defeated 25 to 25 and bill indefinitely postponed.)

HB 159 (Dreyer et al)—Would permit private banks to invest trust funds in public housing bonds. (Do-not-pass report adopted 35 to 21.)

**DO-PASS REPORTS ADOPTED**  
SJR 26.  
SJR 22.

SB 332, 367, 412, 356, 376.  
HB 53, 152, 213, 205, 456, 448, 264, 365.

**REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**  
HB 509.  
SB 29, 123, 205, 319, 348, 364, 391, 395.  
SJR 7.

**INTRODUCED**  
HB 511 (Wade, Sen. Gardner)—Up pay of Lincoln county officers.

SB 346, 350, 392, 417.  
**UP FOR FINAL ACTION TODAY**  
SB 306, 367, 376, 412.  
SJR 26.  
SJM 1.  
SJR 28.

**HOUSE RESUMES 10 A.M. TODAY.**

## Family Moving To North Dakota

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## Valley News Briefs

**Liberty**—The Missionary society of the Liberty Church of Christ will meet today (Wednesday) at 1:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Milton Stephens on route 9. Mrs. Russell Mayer of the Reform church will be the speaker. Bible study will be held today at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Luther Billings on route 9.

**Eikhorn**—Phil Dooley has purchased a tract of timber at Myrtle Creek in southern Oregon. He is moving his cat down the first of the week and the family will camp near there for the summer.

**UNIONVALE**—A spring festival sponsored by the Unionvale school, will be held in the gymnasium of the Unionvale Evangelical United Brethren church Friday, April 8. Refreshments will be sold and contributions will be taken at the door. Proceeds will go toward buying ice cream for the last community club meeting of the school year and to buy new song books for the school and club. A program will be given by the school.

**Lincoln**—Spring Valley Home Missionary society will present a pre-Easter program at the meeting Thursday, April 7 at 2 p. m. at the Lincoln home of Mrs. H. J. Neiger, under the direction of Mrs.

T. L. Hicks. Assisting Mrs. H. J. Neiger will be Mrs. C. F. Merrick, Mrs. I. E. Merrick, Mrs. Elwood Cooper and Mrs. Lois Crawford.

**Four Corners**—The Rickey Garden club will meet Thursday, April 7. Dinner will be served at



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6:45 p. m. Hostesses are Mrs. J. S. Beck, Mrs. Robert Burns, Mrs. Oliver Rickman, Mrs. Raymond Hough, Mrs. Lawrence Lee, Mrs. Floyd Green, Mrs. A. E. La Branche, Mrs. Lee Haworth, Mrs. G. M. Deen, Mrs. Iglehart, Mrs. Ross Chrisman, Mrs. Homer Bales, Mrs. E. R. Corning, Mrs. Ray Wilcox, Mrs. J. E. Webster, Mrs. LeRoy Austin, Mrs. S. H. Cable, Mrs. E. A. Snook, Mrs. L. J. Stewart, Mrs. William Flester, Mrs. Blanch Stuart, Mrs. Frank Tower, and Mrs. Wallace Tower. Dorothy Ferguson will play the piano. Marjory Jordan will whistle, accompanied by Miss Pederson.

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It would be impossible to tell all the stories about all the people who benefit through life insurance policies. But in our Report this year we try, at least, to show what human values the facts and figures of our business often have.

In addition, the Report contains helpful information on "The Problem of Growing Older," as well as a description of an improved service for policyholders so that death benefit payments and policy loans may be expedited, a review of the way the Company has made mortgage money available for housing, and a discussion of the Company's policy in making its investments in 1948.

The essential facts and figures of our 1948 operations will be mailed to policyholders as usual with premium notices. The larger illustrated booklet will gladly be sent upon request.

A few figures from our 104th Annual Report to Policyholders December 31, 1948

Assets totalled \$4,448,369,759, an increase of \$214,185,161 over the close of the previous year. After deducting \$4,181,863,874 of reserves and other liabilities, surplus was \$266,505,885, or \$35,387,161 more than at the end of 1947.

Sales of new life insurance in 1948 amounted to \$857,719,600, which is \$335,600 greater than in 1947.

The Company had 3,779,541 policies in force for \$9,539,584,229 of life insurance protection on December 31, 1948. The net growth of the Company during the year, as measured by the increase in life insurance in force, was \$475,979,615.

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