

Committee Recommends Pay Increases for State Employees, Officials for Next Two Years

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Average salary increases of \$33 a month for state employees, as well as salary boosts for elective and appointive state officials, were approved by the legislative joint ways and means committee Thursday. They would be operative July 1.

No increase in the governor's salary was recommended. He now receives \$10,000 a year plus an expense account.

The committee recommended that salaries of the secretary of state, state treasurer and attorney general be increased from \$7500 to \$9000 a year, the state superintendent of public instruction from \$6600 to \$7200 a year and the state labor commissioner from \$5520 to \$6000 a year. The state highway engineer's salary would be increased from \$4400 to \$5000 a year under the recommendation and the state health officer and public utilities commissioner from \$7500 to \$8400 a year.

Increases \$6600-\$7200
Salary increases from \$6600 to \$7200 would include the superintendents of the state hospitals, agricultural director, liquor control administrator, state budget director, public welfare administrator, state tax commissioners, state police department superintendent, and members of the state industrial accident commission and the state unemployment compensation commission.

Superintendents of the state hospitals also would receive a subsistence allowance.

In the group slated for an increase from \$6000 to \$6600 a year are the superintendent of Fairview home, head of the state tuberculosis hospitals at Salem and The Dalles, deputy superintendents of the state hospitals, state engineer and assistant attorney general. No increase was provided for the adjutant general who now receives \$9000 a year. Subsistence allowances also are provided for the several superintendents and assistant superintendents of state institutions in this category.

Increases \$5520-\$6000

Recommended increases from \$5520 to \$6000 a year include the deputy superintendent of Fairview home, deputy superintendents of the state tuberculosis hospitals, state game supervisor, master fish warden, secretary retirement board, deputy state treasurer, assistant secretary of state, banking superintendent, industrial accident commission administrator, unemployment compensation commission administrator, director veterans affairs department, deputy public utilities commissioner, corporation commissioner, insurance commissioner, director geology and minerals industries board, deputy superintendent state police, printer secretary board of control and parole and probation supervisor.

The state librarian, clerk of the state land board and secretary to the governor would be boosted from \$4800 to \$6000.

Other Boosts Urged

Other proposed salary increases: Aeronautics board director \$4800 to \$5520, assistant superintendent of banks \$4800 to \$5400, secretary of Willamette River Basin commission \$5200 to \$5400, director of apprenticeship \$5000 to \$5400, manager racing commission \$500 to \$5100, assistant director veterans affairs division \$4200 to \$4500, secretary of board of medical examiners \$4200 to \$4500, board of pharmacy director \$3900 to \$4200 and board of nurses examiners secretary \$3600 to \$4200.

In some other cases where salaries of state institution heads were not increased there was a subsistence allowance.

The proposed salary increases would be confined to a two-year period.

The ways and means committee directed a cut back of 5 per cent in all state department budgets, both appropriation and self-sustaining, to help pay the proposed increased salaries and wages.

CVA Proposal Killed; Prison Goods Urged

The house state and federal affairs committee Thursday killed a memorial proposed by democrats which would have urged congress to establish the Columbia river valley authority.

The memorial was indefinitely tabled along with a measure calling for congressional flood control development in the Pacific northwest.

The committee recommended the passage of a resolution which the state penitentiary to produce certain products and commodities for other state institutions. The measures, which passed the senate last month, was strongly opposed by organized labor.

The committee also approved a senate bill to provide housing surveys in critical areas. The bill contains a \$30,000 appropriation. Final committee action saw the indefinite postponement of bills to repeal pari-mutuel gambling and to license so-called "bookie" establishments.

In the House

PASSED

SB 416 — (Roads & Highways) — An enabling act, allowing Columbia county to continue property tax collection on the Longview bridge.

SB 367 — (Game) — Closes the Siuslaw river at Florence to commercial fishing.

SB 16 — (Mahoney & Others) — Asks the secretary of state of U.S. to negotiate with Canada for a treaty to permit construction of a natural gas pipeline from Alberta to Oregon and Washington.

SB 28 — (Resolutions) — Directing the secretary of state to provide suitable furniture for the statehouse lobby.

HB 242 — (Education) — Increases the revolving fund for distributing foodstuffs to schools to \$20,000.

HB 496 — (Rev. al Laws) — Allows special elections to permit issuance of road bonds.

HB 502 — (Jnt Wvs & Mns) — Eliminates necessity of placing \$10,000 of insurance commission funds in special fund for the secretary of state.

HB 508 — (Game) — Allows game commission to discontinue to contribute \$60,000 of license receipts to the general fund annually.

HB 275 — (Condit & Others) — Allocates property taxes on barge companies to counties in which freight is received or discharged.

HB 308 — (Condit & Others) — Charges the state tax commission with assessing property taxes on Oregon barge companies.

HB 462 — (Taxation) — Exempts companies operating mines registered in Oregon from paying corporate income taxes, assessing the ships 10 per cent of their true cash value on a property tax basis.

HB 483 — (Taxation) — Exempts owners of barge lines operating in Oregon waters from paying corporate income taxes, assessing the barges 10 per cent of their true cash value instead.

HJM 7 — (Adams) — Asking congress to appropriate money for improvement of the harbor at the mouth of the Rogue river.

HJR 9 — (Wells) — Creates a five-man interim committee to study laws pertaining to cruelty to animals.

HB 492 — (Dary) — Changes makeup of the board of agriculture to include a labor member.

HB 493 — (Dairying) — Takes administration of milk control laws away from the director of agriculture and places it with a special milk marketing administrator to be appointed by the board of agriculture.

RE-REFERRED
SB 425, 411, 431.

RE-PASSED
HB 390.

TABLED
SB 1, 294, 225, 260, 45, 111, 429, 142, 286, 288.

DO-PASS REPORTS ADOPTED
SB 234, 424.

UP FOR FINAL ACTION TODAY
SB 159, 272, 454.

SENATE RESUMES 10 A.M. TODAY.

Milk Control Bills Passed By 20-9 Vote

By Lester Cour

Staff Writer, The Statesman

The senate voted 20 to 9 Thursday to pass house-approved bills making far-reaching changes in Oregon's milk price control setup.

The action came after a heated, two-hour debate, and the question may not yet be settled. Opponents gave notice they will move for reconsideration today.

One bill changes the makeup of the seven-man board of agriculture by including a representative of organized labor. The other six

representatives must represent horticulture, dairying, animal industry other than dairying, poultry, field crops and market gardening.

The principal bill will remove milk control administration from the director of agriculture and place it with a special milk marketing administrator. The supervisor will be appointed by the board of agriculture rather than by the governor.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland, led the fight against the proposals, saying they would remove milk control too far from the people. He predicted it would be practically impossible for the governor to remove the milk marketing administrator, even if he was doing a poor job.

Sen. Allan Carson, Salem, said the bills were opposed by the

Grange and most Marion county farmers. "This is nothing but buck passing 'par excellence,'" Carson said. "The governor will take it on the chin when the milk market goes sour, and there is nothing he can do about it."

Sen. Frederick Lampert, also of Salem, arose while the vote was being taken, pointing to the dairy cooperative representatives in the gallery as "licking its chops over the favorable vote on their bills."

APPROPRIATION URGED

The joint ways and means committee Thursday reported out with a "do pass" recommendation an appropriation of \$18,085 for administration of a bill previously approved by the legislature providing for the training of elementary school teachers in private or independent colleges.

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BUDGET INCREASED

The requested budget of the state executive department (governor's office) was increased from \$99,596.40 to \$101,996.40 by the joint ways and means committee here Thursday. Most of the increase represented salary boosts.

PACKWOOD THANKED

The house Thursday passed a concurrent resolution expressing appreciation of the work of Fred Packwood in providing a digest of bills for the last seven sessions.

Floods were common in New Orleans before 1900 because the levees were inadequate and the city had no proper system of drainage for excessive rainfall.

FEDERALIZATION OPPOSED

The senate military affairs committee Thursday went on record opposing complete federalization of the national guard and directed Adjutant General Thomas E. Rilea to draft such a memorial to congress for introduction at the current legislative session.

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Liquor Bill Bars Serving on Train; Licenses Boosted

Final legislative approval was given Thursday to the omnibus liquor bill which increases fees and allows non-profit and fraternal clubs to purchase liquor for re-sale to members — the so-called master locker plan.

As amended and finally passed, the bill allows only the serving of beer or wines on trains. The original bill would have allowed serving of liquor — a provision which brought vigorous objection.

The bill as approved comprised a compromise worked out by a committee consisting of Sens. Eugene Marsh and Irving Rand and Reps. J. O. Johnson and John Housell, who estimated increased license fees would net cities and counties an additional \$200,000 annually.

Benton County Gets Addition

The house passed and sent to the governor Thursday a bill transferring Lobster Valley from Lincoln county to Benton county. Rep. Gerald Wade, Newport, told the house the bill would benefit children of Lobster Valley by letting them go to nearby schools in Benton county. He said now they have to go about 55 miles to school in Lincoln county.

Wade said both counties agreed to the change.

House Approves Supreme Court Salary of \$9,000

The house voted 52 to 5 Thursday in favor of increasing the pay of supreme court justices from \$8500 to \$9000 a year. The senate had voted \$10,000 and the bill now goes back to that body for further action.

Rep. John Steelhammer led a fight to have the bill returned to committee, with specific instructions to amend the pay to \$10,000, but his motion failed 31 to 26.

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