

In the Senate

PASSED
SB 224—(Rev. of Laws)—Makes minor changes in the retirement act.
SB 225—(Bain & Mahoney)—Abolishes public feeding station system in Portland.
HB 410—(Military Affairs)—Sets up a civil defense agencies within one of the state's present agencies.
HB 497—(Judiciary)—A sub for SB 170, prohibiting sale of any state property or timber worth more than \$1,000 unless bids are called for.
HB 55—(Greenwood & Other)—Increases pay of state police \$25 a month.
HB 213—(Withelm)—Appropriates \$875,000 for purchase of Lincoln high in Portland to be operated by the state board of higher education as lower-division extension college.
HB 305—(Military Affairs)—Appropriates \$1,500 a year to maintain headquarters of Spanish-American war veterans in Portland.

DEFEATED
HB 440—(Agriculture)—Allows state veterinarians to go outside Oregon when requested by cattle owners.
HB 350—(Mull. Del.)—Would have allowed the Portland school district to levy taxes over the 5 per cent limit for three consecutive years with only a single election to authorize the serial levy.
SB 480—(Rev. of Laws)—To license all public accountants under a board of public accountability.
RE-REFERRED
HB 506
REFERRED
SB 425
INTRODUCED
SB 425—(Fishing Industries)—Boosts the set net fee from \$5 to \$10 a year.
DO PASS REPORTS ADOPTED
SB 375, 287, SJR 22
HB 436, 480, 439, 474, 481, 12, 121, 352
UP FOR FINAL ACTION MONDAY
SB 414
HB 34, 138, 430, 490, 321, 12
 Senate resumes 10 a. m. Monday.

In the House

PASSED
HB 512—(Rev. of Laws)—Enlarges juror lists for Marion, Lane and Clatsop counties.
SB 150—(Education)—Creates a separate department of vocational rehabilitation to aid the physically handicapped, except the blind.
SB 205—(Patterson & Carson)—Tightens laws for enforcement of the public employes retirement act.
SB 230—(Rev. of Laws)—Changes slightly the law pertaining to removal of an executor or administrator of an estate.
SB 231—(Rev. of Laws)—Changes slightly the law pertaining to removal of guardians or conservators of estates.
SB 292—(Rev. of Laws)—Sets up procedure for temporary commitments of persons to the insane hospital for a period not exceeding 20 days.
SB 294—(Egidal & Others)—Boosts pay of Umatilla county officials.
SB 302—(Education)—Sets up a special fund within the state treasury for depositing funds of the Oregon Vocational school at Klamath Falls.
SB 407—(Rev. of Laws)—Permits members of the senate committee on executive appointments to vote on the governor's appointees by mail if agreeable to all members.
SB 417—(Rev. of Laws)—Restricts commercial fishing for striped bass in the Coos river.
SB 425—(Road & Highways)—Authorizes the department to direct use of highway department equipment in cases of flood emergencies.

TABLED
HB 5, 424 which comprise the senate-revised tax program.
INTRODUCED
HB 513—(Wys & Mns)—Appropriates \$151,500 for sundry claims against the state.
HB 514—(Wys & Mns)—Appropriates \$162,023 for expenses of state treasurer and bond department during the next biennium.
HB 515—(Wys & Mns)—Appropriates \$20,000 for the Oregon Blind Trade school.
HB 516—(Wys & Mns)—Sets up a three-man committee to study need for additional facilities for blind children and appropriates \$10,000 for the committee.
HB 517—(Wys & Mns)—Appropriates \$413,000 for operations of the bureau of labor, wage & hour commission and apprenticeship council during the next biennium.
HB 518—(Wys & Mns)—Appropriates \$24,000 for the utility and assessment and taxation divisions of the state tax commission during the next biennium.
HB 519—(Wys & Mns)—Appropriates \$875,000 as state aid for orphans and neglected children during the next biennium.
HB 520—(Wys & Mns)—Appropriates \$1,500 for operation of the flag and linen board at the state prison during the next biennium.

DO PASS REPORTS ADOPTED
SB 382
SB 139
REFERRED
HB 504 & 505, the "cigaret tax and fair trade provision act, to the joint ways and means committee. The committee is to consider whether the tax should be used to finance an educational and general state building program.
UP FOR FINAL ACTION MONDAY
HB 100, 500, HJR 22
HB 300, 301, 302, 377, 12
 House resumes 10 a. m. Monday.

HAWAII MAY GET BETTING
HONOLULU, April 9—(AP)—The territorial senate passed and sent to the house today a bill to legalize pari-mutuel horse race betting.

Unemployment on Downgrade In Salem Area, Report Shows; Jobless Checks Diminishing

With spring jobs opening up in agriculture, forest products and other industry, unemployment in the Salem area is on the downgrade, the state unemployment commission reported Tuesday.
 A total of 2,503 unemployment claim checks were paid out in the third week of March from the Salem employment office as compared with 3,128 paid in the corresponding week in February, the commission said.

Payments during the entire month of March, however, reached a whopping \$175,325 to civilians and \$156,881 to veterans—as compared with \$83,420 to civilians and \$73,895 to veterans in March of 1948.

A total of \$931,753 were paid out to jobless in this area during the first quarter of this year as compared with \$512,112 during the first quarter of last year.

Of the total number of claimants receiving payments now from the Salem office about 31 per cent are in the lumber and logging trades, 21 per cent food processors, 14 per cent construction workers and 11 per cent are unemployed retail and wholesale trade workers.

Although benefit claims dropped last week over the entire state, nevertheless, the commission reported, payments to Oregon's unemployed last month hit a record \$4,166,215. Civilian workers over the state received slightly less than in the previous month but readjustment allowances to out-of-work veterans increased about 14 per cent higher than in February and "considerably above any other month since the end of the war."

"Claims received in the commission's 23 employment offices have been falling steadily since mid-February but they are still double the number reported at this time last year. If the same rate of decrease continues, however, the number of those without work will be close to the usual seasonal levels," the commission predicted.

River Diking Districts Said 'Unprepared'

PORTLAND, April 9—(AP)—On the eve of the annual high water forecast, Columbia river diking districts were accused today of failing to prepare for possible floods.
 "They are slighting the interests of the people in the districts and jeopardizing hundreds of lives by dereliction of their obligations," asserted Col. O. E. Walsh, Portland district army engineer.

He said almost half of the 56 drainage and diking districts in the lower Columbia river area had not acknowledged letters asking for a statement of work done to guard against flooding.

Walsh said army engineers had called attention to known points of weakness in the levees, but said further inspection should be carried on to discover and correct defects perhaps not yet found.

He said the army could step in to repair damage, but "all matters of works in the category of maintenance and operation, however, must, under the law, be undertaken by the flood control districts themselves."

The expected height of the Columbia run-off will be foretold in a meeting here Tuesday of the Columbia river basin water forecast committee.

Some fish can live in springs water as hot as 115 degrees Fahrenheit.

Amity Rebekahs Greet Transfer, Name Delegates

AMITY—At the regular meeting of Industry Rebekah Lodge Tuesday evening, Mrs. Lucinda Robinson was elected to membership and was introduced and welcomed. She was formerly a member of Arbor Vitae Rebekah lodge 11 at Myrtle Creek. She became a Rebekah in 1900.

Delegates to Rebekah assembly were elected. Mrs. Hazel Gibbs and Mrs. Elona Wood will represent Industry lodge. Mrs. Gibbs was recommended for district deputy president for another year. A committee was appointed to arrange for the organization of a social club. April 19 will be birthday observance.

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Farm Program Said Attractive To Consumers

WASHINGTON, April 9—(AP)—The Truman administration counted heavily today on consumer support to put its new farm program through congress. The two objectives of the program are cheaper food prices and a stabilized agriculture.

Secretary of Agriculture Brannan and his assistants believe the prospect of a cut in grocery bills will make government farm-aid measures acceptable to many city and town people who have been critical of previous measures.

The program, which Brannan outlined to congress yesterday, calls for a major change in the way the government attempts to assure fair prices to producers of meat, milk and other dairy products, eggs, poultry, fruits and vegetables.

It would let the market prices of these products drop to whatever levels supply and demand would carry them. If prices failed to give farmers a predetermined return deemed essential to keep them fairly prosperous, the government would make up the difference with a check from the U. S. treasury.

Under the present program, the government does not permit free play of supply and demand. If prices tend to drop below the guaranteed price level, the government buys and removes from the market the price-depressing part of the supply.

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