

Patterson Calls for Reorganization of State Government

Gov. Paul L. Patterson asked Monday for a sweeping reorganization of Oregon's state government. He recommended to the legislature that it vote for holding a convention to give the state a new constitution.

He declared in his message at the opening of the legislative session that the state's 83-year-old constitution has been amended so much that "in some respects it is more a compilation of by-laws than a constitution."

The constitutional convention would be held in 1956. Gov. Patterson asked this legislature to submit the proposal for the convention to the people at the next general election, in November, 1955.

Patterson, elevated from the Senate presidency to the governorship only 27 days ago, delivered his message before a joint session of the Senate and House.

He recommended that the legislature avoid passing any increased taxes, declaring the state could live on its present revenue during "the period when national security has a rightful first claim upon tax resources."

He urged the lawmakers, however, to try to cut his \$545 million budget.

High Revenue
"It should be recognized that the favorable financial position is largely the result of continuing high revenue from the income tax," he said.

"This, in turn, is based upon a national economy resting on the unreliable foundation of inflation. We cannot safely assume, as a basis for state planning, that inflationary trends will continue during the whole of the coming biennium."

"Budgetary planning should be based upon a realistic evaluation of probable revenues."

Other Recommendations
Gov. Patterson's other recommendations included:

Make another attempt to consolidate school districts. The people voted in November against the 1951 Legislature's school consolidation bill.

If the legislature thinks a state department of revenue would save money, it should create it. This department, which would be under

the governor, would consolidate the state's major tax collecting agencies.

Approve the statute revision council's rewritten version of all state laws.

Make public all compromised claims allowed by the state tax commission. These claims, which are tax reductions ordered by the commission, now are secret.

Direct Spending
Simplify the state's tax system by permitting direct spending of income tax receipts. These receipts now are used only to reduce state property taxes.

Provide money to let Oregon take part in setting up the proposed Columbia River compact, under which the Northwest states hope to take over control of Columbia River basin waters from the federal government.

Extend federal social security benefits to state employees.

Make state income tax exemptions conform with the federal exemptions. The state exemptions now are \$750 for each husband and wife, and \$300 for each dependent. The federal exemptions are \$600 for each person.

Increase slightly the state timber-cutting tax of 5 cents a thousand feet to create a state emergency fire-fighting fund.

Boost the size of the 320-man State Police force to 379 men in order to control highway traffic better.

DEER KILLED IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND (AP) — A deer wandered into Portland Monday and became a victim of civilization. He made the mistake of stepping in front of an automobile. The surprised motorist, James H. Claverton, St. Helens, said the deer apparently had come down from the timbered hills west of Portland.

Walker, Belton Top Committee Chiefs in Senate

Top committee leadership in the Oregon Senate's 1953 session was delegated to Sens. Dean Walker, Independence, and Howard C. Belton, legislative veterans.

Walker became ways and means chairman and Belton chairman of the Senate's tax committee Monday by appointment of Senate President Eugene E. Marsh. In the 1951 session Belton headed ways and means and Walker the tax committee.

Chairman of other Senate committees are:

Alcoholic traffic, Dean Bryson, Portland; education, Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart; labor and industries, Phil Brady, Portland; law, Paul Geddes, Roseburg; roads and highways, Elmo Smith, John Day.

Following are the Senate committee assignments:

S. Eugene Allen, Portland—Alcoholic traffic, vice chairman; commerce and utilities, education, labor and industries.

Jack Bain, Portland—Game, chairman; alcoholic traffic, roads and highways, state and federal affairs.

Howard C. Belton, Canby—Assessment and taxation, chairman; ways and means, vice chairman; natural resources, resolutions.

Charles W. Binger, La Grande—Game, vice chairman; alcoholic traffic, public welfare and institutions, resolutions, roads and highways.

Phil Brady, Portland—Labor and industries, chairman; commerce and utilities, local government, public health.

Gene L. Brown, Grants Pass—Military affairs, vice chairman; elections, game, law, natural resources.

Dean Bryson, Portland—Alcoholic traffic, chairman; assessment and taxation, financial affairs, law, rules and bills.

Truman A. Chase, Eugene—Agriculture, chairman; financial affairs, vice chairman; local government, public health.

Rex Ellis, Pendleton—Resolutions, chairman; elections and privileges, vice chairman; agriculture, ways and means.

Ben Day, Gold Hill—Public health, chairman; state and federal affairs, vice chairman; agriculture, education, public welfare and institutions.

Paul Geddes, Roseburg—Law, chairman; assessment and taxation, labor and industries, local government, resolutions.

Angus Gibson, Junction City—Financial affairs, chairman; elections and privileges, roads and highways, ways and means.

Walter C. Giersbach, Forest Grove—Education, vice chairman; commerce and utilities, elections and privileges, financial affairs, public health.

Warren Gill, Lebanon—Military affairs, chairman; law, vice chairman; alcoholic traffic, financial affairs, roads and highways.

Stewart Hardie, Condon—Rules and

Joint Ways and Means Panel to Scan Budget For 'Hidden Requests'

There will be no delay in getting the operations of the joint ways and means committee of the 1953 Legislature under way, it was announced Monday, by Rep. Henry Semon, Klamath Falls, chairman of the House ways and means group, and Sen. Dean Walker, Independence, chairman of the Senate ways and means committee.

The two committees will meet jointly throughout the entire 1953 Oregon legislative session, which opened Monday. Both Semon and Walker said it was their understanding that no new tax sources would be sought at the current legislative session.

"What we want to know at the outset of our operations is whether the state budget for the 1953-55 biennium is balanced or whether there are a lot of hidden financial requests not approved by

bills, chairman; elections and privileges, labor and industries, law, local government.

Philip S. Hitchcock, Klamath Falls—Natural resources, chairman; rules and bills, vice chairman; assessment and taxation, education, labor and industries.

Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart—Education, chairman; natural resources, vice chairman; resolutions, ways and means.

John P. Hounsell, Hood River—Local government, chairman; agriculture, alcoholic traffic, assessment and taxation, elections and privileges.

Frederick S. Lampert, Salem—Commerce and utilities, chairman; public welfare and institutions, vice chairman; financial affairs, law, public health.

Roger Loennig, Haines—Local government, vice chairman; roads and highways, vice chairman; agriculture, game.

Pat Donagan, Portland—Public welfare and institutions, chairman; education, public health, roads and highways.

Warren McMinimee, Tillamook—Labor and industries, vice chairman; law, military affairs, natural resources, roads and highways.

John C. F. Merrifield, Portland—Public health, vice chairman; financial affairs, state and federal affairs, ways and means.

Richard L. Neuberger, Portland—Elections and privileges, chairman; agriculture, commerce and utilities, military affairs.

Elmo Smith, John Day—Roads and highways, chairman; resolutions, vice chairman; alcoholic traffic, game, state and federal affairs.

Lowell Steen, Milton-Freewater—Agriculture, vice chairman; assessment and taxation, public welfare and institutions, roads and highways.

George A. Ulett, Coquille—Commerce and utilities, vice chairman; labor and industries, natural resources, ways and means.

Dean H. Walker, Independence—Ways and Means, chairman; assessment and taxation, vice chairman; education, rules and bills.

Douglas R. Yeater, Salem—State and federal affairs, chairman; commerce and utilities, local government, military affairs, natural resources.

Stock Market Slides Again

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market continued its reaction phase Monday with a moderate decline.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks lost 80 cents and closed at \$113.30, with the industrial component off \$1.40, railroads off 60 cents, and utilities off 20 cents.

The list was composed of 1,188 individual issues of which 359 advanced and 354 declined with 10 new highs and 3 new lows touched during the day.

Volume came to only a million and a half shares, smallest in more than a week.

mately \$130,000 for an inmate cottage at Fairway Home.

Improvements at the State Blind School were listed to cost \$300,000. Work of rebuilding the State Hospital building would carry over through three bienniums.

Dentistry School

Priority projects of the State Board of Higher Education for the 1953-55 biennium were estimated to cost \$9,455,000. Largest expenditure of \$2,300,000 would involve a school of dentistry, University of Oregon, in Portland. A physics and chemistry building would cost \$1,500,000.

Other projects approved, on the basis of priority, for the State Board of Higher Education, are:

Journalism building, University of Oregon, \$600,000; chemical engineering wing, Oregon State College, \$760,000; physical education building, Southern Oregon College of Education, \$275,000; first wing biological and agricultural science building, Oregon State College, \$1,300,000; second unit utility tunnels, Oregon State College, \$400,000, and remodeling Campbell Hall, University of Oregon, \$90,000.

Also included are a laboratory school, Eastern Oregon College of Education, \$450,000; addition to men's physical education building, University of Oregon, \$340,000; armory, University of Oregon, \$330,000, and administration building, University of Oregon, \$660,000.

The current Legislature also will be asked to find funds to finance the hospital for the aged in Portland. This project was approved by the voters at the last general election but no funds were approved.

The cost was estimated at \$3,000,000.

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Three in Lead For Hawaii Governorship

NEW YORK (AP)—Ex-Gov. Douglas McKay of Oregon, secretary of the Interior designate, said Monday night there are three leading candidates for governor of Hawaii—including one who has the support of Sen. Taft (R-Ohio).

Those McKay named are Samuel W. King, backed by Taft, Randolph Crossley and Howard T. Kay.

President-elect Eisenhower will name a governor of Hawaii.

Although McKay named three leading candidates, he said there are others and added that he has not made up his mind which man he will recommend that Eisenhower appoint.

"I will make a recommendation, of course, but that does not necessarily mean that it will be followed," McKay said.

McKay said he plans to talk to some of Eisenhower's staff members before discussing the matter with the general. He is in New York for two days of meetings of the Eisenhower cabinet.

Sen. Taft told a news conference here that some time ago he recommended to Eisenhower that King be named governor of Hawaii. The senator did not indicate whether he had received any word from the general regarding the recommendation.

In Honolulu over the weekend, Crossley, chairman of the Republican Central Committee in Hawaii, told a meeting of GOP territorial legislators that he had been designated as Eisenhower's choice for governor.

Asked about that, McKay said he had no information in it.

Holy Name Society Elects Walter Link

Walter Link was elected president Monday by the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The group held a Communion breakfast meeting at St. Joseph's School.

Other new officers are Dr. D. L. Callicrate, vice president; Alfred Pfeiffer, secretary, and August Huckstein, treasurer. George Haley was appointed publicity chairman.

Youth Pleads Guilty to Theft

One of several youths charged with burglary of two Abiqua Creek homes pleaded guilty Monday in Marion County Circuit Court.

Raymond C. Williams of Silverton entered the guilty plea and is to be sentenced later for illegal entry and thefts from the Ephraim Selbert and Edward M. Piennet's homes above Silverton on Dec. 31.

William Frank Richards of Scott's Mills pleaded innocent to the two burglary counts and is to be tried Jan. 20. Five other youths allegedly involved were turned over to juvenile authorities recently. Both Williams and Richards were released on their own recognizance.

James Willie Cannon, Vancouver, Wash., was sentenced to six months in the county jail on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, involving a worthless \$25 check passed last June at Silverton.

Ellis Birthday First Item of Senate Business

The first item of business for the Senate Monday was recognition of the 60th birthday of Sen. Rex Ellis, veteran Pendleton legislator.

Sen. Howard C. Belton, Canby, who called the Senate to order, recognized Ellis so the latter could have a birthday speech.

But all Ellis did was to arise and nominate Sen. Dean H. Walker, Independence, as temporary chairman of the Senate. Ellis apparently didn't want his birthday mentioned.

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