

Solons Solve Oregon's Financial Problem

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SALEM (AP)—Oregon's citizens now have a pretty good idea as to how deep they will have to dig into their pockets to solve the state's financial deficit in the next 2 years.

The House Taxation Committee made up its mind last week, except for the fine details, on how it would raise the \$55 million in new revenue that is needed. Assuming that the Legislature will adopt the program, everybody's going to get hit.

It calls for a surtax on the income tax, reducing the \$600 personal income tax exemption to \$500, doubling the 1 per cent withholding tax, enacting a tobacco tax, taxing utility income, and boosting taxes on insurance premiums.

The committee hopes to decide this week just how much each of the increases will be.

INCREASED TEMPO

This past week, floor action increased to a faster tempo.

The Legislature got rid of 13 thorny problems when the Senate defeated the bill to have a convention write a new Constitution. Gov. Patterson wanted the bill passed, as he also did in 1953.

Bills to subdivide Multnomah County and to repeal the physical education laws were passed by the Senate and sent to the House.

Program for Y To Be Discussed

The Y program as it is being planned for the new Central Lane Y building will be discussed on a radio program over KUGN Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

The program, "So You May Know," is one of a series sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Monte Montgomery is moderator.

Appearing on the program will be A. F. Holmer, YMCA secretary, Mrs. Mary Newcomb, YWCA secretary, and Robert P. Boot, member of the Y Building Assn. and general chairman of the Y Building Fund.

The panel guests will outline plans for joint program activities in the new building and will talk over plans for the community campaign for funds set for the week of March 20.

The P. E. bill would let the school boards, instead of the Legislature, decide what physical education and health courses to have in the schools.

Gov. Patterson, who now has signed 93 bills, finally vetoed 2 others. They would let boundary boards eliminate union high school districts, and have the sheriff and 3 citizens help each county clerk draw jury panels.

Here is the status of other major legislation:

LABOR

Labor failed to win its requested 35 per cent increase in state industrial accident benefits, but the House did go for an increase of about 22 per cent. It sent to the Senate 3 bills, but recalled 1 of them for correction.

The Senate Labor and Industries Committee is still studying the unemployment compensation problem, but it hopes to decide next week on how much to increase benefits, and how much to raise employer payroll taxes.

Having 2 bills to repeal the 1953 anti-picketing law, the Legislature is waiting for the state Supreme Court to decide if it is unconstitutional, as has been held by 3 circuit courts.

FINANCE AND TAXES

The Ways and Means Committee plans to finish its appropriation bills in about 3 weeks. There is almost no chance of cutting budgets 10 per cent as the committee has voted.

The series of property tax assessment reform bills, passed by the House, is in the Senate Tax Committee. That is, all but the 1 to compel reappraisals to be made every 4 years by certified

appraisers. It was killed by the House.

The Oregon State Employees Assn. turned thumbs down on the Barrington Report this week. This report, revising state salary schedules, is before the Ways and Means Committee.

EDUCATION

Gov. Patterson signed the bill to permit construction of \$6,700,000 worth of new college and university dormitories.

The House Education Committee, deciding it doesn't like President Eisenhower's school construction program, said it would work out a system to help distressed districts build schools.

The Senate-passed bill boosting teachers' minimum salaries to \$3,000 a year probably will come out of the House Education Committee next week.

No action has been taken on a bill to boost state aid to school districts. It doesn't stand much chance.

Nobody showed up at this week's hearing on the bill to have educational television. Because of the shortage of money, the bill appears doomed.

HIGHWAYS

Nothing has been done about bills to increase the gas tax 2 cents a gallon or to issue \$11 million in highway bonds. Measures for compulsory motor vehicle inspection and to have driver training courses in schools also are asleep in committee.

A House Highway Subcommittee is working on 4 bills to regulate or prohibit billboards.

REORGANIZATION

The Senate Highway Committee expects to act favorably Monday.

day on the bill to transfer the secretary of state's motor vehicle division to the governor. Other bills to change organization of state departments have little chance.

The Senate received a new bill to abolish the State Board of Control and to give its powers to the governor.

WATER

There hasn't been any action on bills to set up a state water resources board, and to regulate well water.

BUILDINGS

The \$18 million building program for state institutions, colleges and the University of Oregon are in the Ways and Means Committee. A trimmed-down version probably will be approved.

AGRICULTURE

A bill to fix milk prices on the producer level is ready for introduction in the House. It would replace the milk control law repealed at the November election.

The House Food and Dairy Committee hasn't decided yet on the bill to abolish B and C milk grades.

A hearing will be held by the Ways and Means Committee next Wednesday on the bill to have state meat inspection.

ELECTIONS

Leaders of both parties oppose the bill to change the date of the May primary to the first Monday in August. There hasn't been any action on bills to tighten up the reporting of campaign expenses.

FISH AND GAME

The House Fish and Game Committee wouldn't go for the idea of outlawing fish derbies, but it did vote 7 to 2 to limit prizes in derbies to \$25 in value.

FREIGHT RATES

The bill for state regulation of minimum railroad freight rates will come out of the Senate Commerce and Utilities Committee in 1 or 2 weeks.

VETERANS

The Ways and Means Committee rejection of a bonus for veterans of the Korean War will go before the House early next week. The bonus would be a maximum of \$600, the same as was given to World War II veterans.

3 Measures Signed; Other Bills Pending

WASHINGTON (AP)—The status of major legislation Sunday:

Foreign Affairs: The President has signed a resolution underscoring his authority to commit U.S. forces to the defense of the Formosa area. The Senate has ratified a mutual assistance treaty with Formosa.

Military: The House has passed and sent to the Senate bills to extend the draft law 4 years and raise the pay of military personnel. The Senate has not acted on either measure.

Veterans: The President has signed a bill continuing eligibility of veterans for GI educational benefits, if they were in service by Jan. 31.

3-YEAR EXTENSION

Reciprocal Trade: The House has passed and sent to the Senate a bill continuing the reciprocal trade program 3 years and allowing the President to cut tariffs. The Senate Finance Committee is considering the bill.

School Construction: Legislation to provide federal aid for school construction is pending in the Senate and House Education and Labor committees.

Statehood: The House Interior Committee has approved a bill to admit both Alaska and Hawaii to statehood. There has been no House or Senate action.

Pay Raises: The President has signed a bill raising the pay of congressmen and federal judges, the increase for congressmen being \$7,500 a year. The House Civil Service Committee has approved a bill to raise the pay of postal employees.

MAIL RATE BOOSTS

Postal Rates: Legislation to increase postal rates, including a 1-cent boost in letter-mailing costs, is pending in the House Postoffice Committee.

Wages: Bills to boost the minimum wage from 75 cents to 90 cents or more are pending in Senate and House Labor committees.

29th Annual Typographical Conference Underway Here

The 29th annual meeting of the Oregon Typographical Conference opened in Eugene Saturday and was scheduled to continue through Sunday.

Registrations opened Saturday morning at the Osburn Hotel and were followed by afternoon meetings in the Assembly Room at the Register-Guard Bldg. Saturday evening the conference's annual banquet was held in the main dining room at the Osburn.

Sunday events will include a business session starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Eugene Labor Temple. Walter Marvick, representative for the International Typographical Union in the state of Washington, will be the principal speaker.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, the women's auxiliary to the Eugene Typographical Union will hold a tea for delegates' wives at the home of Mrs. Z. M. Hawthorne, 2530 Knob Hill Lane.

W. H. Fox, of the Portland Mailers Union, is president of the conference, and Lyle Swetland, Eugene Typographical Union, is secretary.

MORE DOCTORS

CHICAGO (AP)—A council of the American Medical Assn. estimates medical schools will graduate 7,300 to 7,500 doctors a year by 1960. There were 6,861 last year.

Factions Argue Fish Removal

CORVALLIS (AP)—Two plans for removing excess perch and catfish from Ten Mile Lake on the Oregon coast were argued here Friday at a State Game Commission hearing.

One faction urged that the fish be trapped or netted so the lake could be brought back as an angling area for silver salmon and cutthroat trout.

Others said that all the fish in the lake should be killed with rotenone and then the lake should be restocked.

A decision will be announced as soon as all sides of the question have been studied, Delbert Gilder-sleeve of Baker, chairman of the commission, announced.



Mr. and Mrs. "Bill" Sheppard of Vida, Oregon, who own and operate the famous "Sheppard Ranch" resort on the McKenzie River are shown taking delivery of their new 1955 Pontiac 870 four door sedan. Also in the picture is Mr. Parmenter wishing them many happy miles in their new Pontiac. This automobile is a Valentine gift of Mr. Sheppard to his wife Ceil. The Sheppards say "What a thrill it is to drive and ride in this new Pontiac." So many of our new Pontiac owners have made that same statement. The reasons for this statement are Pontiac's NEW effortless "Finger-Tip" steering, NEW vibration-free suspension ride, NEW leg stretch roominess, NEW increased braking safety, NEW clear view Panoramic windshield, NEW easy-to-read instrument panel, NEW cowl-intake ventilation, NEW lower road-bugging stability, NEW "strato-streak" power and NEW luxurious beauty. You too can get this thrill by test driving the "ALL NEW thrill car of 1955." Call Parmenter Pontiac, 837 Pearl Street, phone 5-3305 for a demonstration ride.

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