

Tax Bills Bog Down Oregon Legislature

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SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Legislature was bogged down Thursday in its maze of complicated tax bills. The tax committees of both houses were unable to take expected action on the income tax and 3 per cent sales tax bills.

The House Tax Committee, hoping to report out the sales tax measure, decided to wait until the Senate acts on the House-passed income tax increase bill.

HEARING MONDAY

But the Senate Taxation Committee, sharply divided over the income tax question, couldn't agree on the income bill. Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday night.

The House committee called a

public hearing for next Monday afternoon on the sales tax measure, which would be referred to the people in June or July as an alternative to the income tax increase and cigarette tax bills.

This House committee also announced it would begin to study an alternative plan.

Under this plan, the Legislature wouldn't pass any sales tax at all. Then, if a referendum attack were made on the income levy, a special election would be held next September to let the people decide.

If the people voted against the income tax, then the Legislature would return here immediately to vote on the sales tax.

The fact that the Legislature is far from agreement on the revenue program makes adjournment in a week or two look more remote than ever.

The Senate Taxation Committee is considering whether to boost income taxes 60 per cent, rather than 32 per cent as voted by the House.

COULDN'T AGREE

But the committee, which met two hours Thursday morning, couldn't agree on what method to use.

Sens. Lowell Steen, Milton-Freewater, and Philip S. Lowry, Medford, said they wanted to hold up the income tax bill until the House passes the sales tax. The other five members of the committee didn't agree.

Both Steen and Lowry indicated they oppose any income tax increase.

The fate of the \$14,900,000 state building program appeared doubtful as both committees said they want to carry it out only if the people don't knock out the Legislature's revenue program.

This would mean it would be impossible to start work on the program until next fall.

Some members of the Senate Tax Committee also said they would favor reducing the building program, which was approved Wednesday by the Ways and Means Committee.

GRAVE MISGIVINGS

Sen. Rudie Wilhelm, Portland, Senate tax chairman, said he hopes the Senate can vote Monday on whatever the Senate committee recommends. But he had grave misgivings as to what the Senate might do to it.

As to the House-passed cigarette tax bill, the Senate committee was indifferent, feeling that the people would refer it and kill it.

In a poll of the committee, two senators favored it, two opposed, and three said maybe.

Beaver Marsh Project Called Superfluous

The head of the local Izaak Walton League chapter charged Thursday that Beaver Marsh power project isn't needed, would kill fish and destroy the natural beauty of the upper McKenzie River.

President Lew Sturges said that the local chapter will fight the project through the "Save the McKenzie Assn."

He said that statements on the project issued by the state Izaak Walton organization have been accurately "voiced the true opposition of the league to this project."

He explained that the local chapter favors multiple purpose dams and Beaver would be single purpose.

It would, he said:

• "Damage more than enhance the fisheries on the McKenzie River through siltation and fluctuation.

• "The natural beauty of the area adjacent to the river would be destroyed by the erection of the transmission lines.

• "The Eugene Water and Electric Board can obtain firm contracts for low cost power. To date these contracts have been rejected or minimum amounts of power have been purchased even though the Eugene Water and Electric Board has been voicing complaints of power shortages."

EWEB hopes to start construction of the project this fall and complete it by the fall of 1957. It would be a series of three low dams on the McKenzie between the Santiam and McKenzie highways. The cost would be about \$7 million.

Federal Judge's Nomination Due By End of April

Jess Gard, Republican national committeeman for Oregon, has said that a nomination for the vacant federal judgeship in Portland probably will be sent to the Senate by the end of April.

He declined to tell A. Robert Smith, Register-Guard Washington correspondent, who the man will be.

The appointment has been pending for a year and Circuit Judge William G. East of Eugene was considered the leading candidate in January.

But this was held up and there has been much speculation of late that he has been superseded.

Smith said Wednesday, however, that officials who wouldn't be quoted say that East is still the man.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL (April 19, 1955)

BARBER—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Barber, Box 267, Oakridge, a son.

BARRETT—To Mr. and Mrs. David F. Barrett, 1764 W. 9th Place, Eugene, a son.

HILLIER—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Hillier, 2206-3 Patterson Drive, Eugene, a son.

HUNT—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dean Hunt, 441 W. D St., Springfield, a daughter.

LOVELL—To Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Lovell, Rt. 2, Box 277, Creswell, a daughter.

SCHUMACHER—To Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Schumacher, 1800 Columbia St., Eugene, a daughter.

AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL (April 18, 1955)

BAKER—Mr. and Mrs. Loyd E. Baker, 1110 E St., Springfield, a son.

CORBITT—Mr. and Mrs. William Corbitt, Hoffman Hotel, Eugene, a son.

DAMEWOOD—Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Damewood, Fall Creek, a son.

GOODE—Mr. and Mrs. James C. Goode, 310 E. 17th Ave., Eugene, a daughter.

McMICHAEL—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard D. McMichael, 931 1/2 Cal Young Rd., Eugene, a son.

NIELSEN—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Nielsen, 125 1/2 W. Hilliard Lane, Eugene, a daughter.

SMITH—Mr. and Mrs. Harlan T. Smith, 330 Bethel Drive, Eugene, a daughter.

WARREN—Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Warren, 1567 "O" St., Springfield, a daughter.

DEATHS

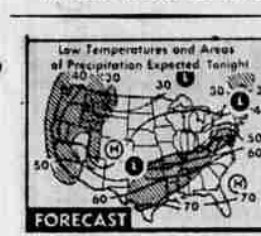
TAYLOR—Martha Ann Taylor, 90, of 1035 Maple St., Junction City, died April 20. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 23, 2 p.m. in the Murphy Funeral Home, Junction City, with vault interment in the Monroe Cemetery.



(Register-Guard photo, Whitshire eng.)

WHAT'S YOUR WISH?—Charlotte Diseker, 2090 Van Buren St., Eugene, lists her ideas of what a new Eugene Public Library should offer in the way of services to patrons. She'll put the suggestions in the box at left, available to the public at the present library, 11th and Willamette St. The suggestion box results will help officials plan facilities for a new building that already has voter approval.

WEATHER



FORECAST

Dashes indicate rain; dots indicate snow.

U.S. WEATHER FORECAST

Eugene and vicinity. Inter-mittent rain early Thursday night, some sunshine and warmer Friday, probably no rain. Predicted high Thursday, 52 degrees; low Thursday night, 36; high Friday, 55.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Wednesday, 45; low Thursday morning, 41; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m., Thursday, 0.47 inches; total for month 3.82 inches; normal for month, 2.54 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m., Thursday, plus 2.7 feet. Readings at 10:30 a.m., Thursday: barometer, 29.68 inches, steady; humidity, 90 per cent; wind, calm.

Sunrise and sunset (PST): Friday, 5:18 a.m., and 7:04 p.m.; Saturday, 5:16 a.m., and 7:05 p.m.

TEMPERATURES

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

24 hours to 4:30 a.m., Thursday

	Max.	Min.	Prev.
Baker	48	40	51
Bend	45	32	T
Eugene	45	41	46
Klamath Falls	45	36	
Lakeview	47	35	T
Medford	53	40	53
Newport	49	38	15
North Bend	47	44	54
Pendleton	56	43	
Portland Airport	50	41	11
Roseburg	47	44	36
Salem	49	42	31
Boise	53	43	15
Chicago	72	49	59
Denver	65	41	
Eureka	54	52	
Los Angeles	70	52	
New York	58	46	57
Red Bluff	54	47	25
San Francisco	55	39	27
Seattle	50	37	52
Spokane	43	41	59

Doctors Urged to Give Polio Shot Services

KANSAS CITY (AP)—A family doctors' organization is urging its members to donate their services in giving the first two-shot Salk polio vaccine series.

The executive committee of the American Academy of General Practice adopted a resolution Tuesday asking the academy's 20,000 members to charge only for the vaccine itself when it is requested for pre-school children and those in the third grade through eighth grades.

Recall Signatures Being Checked

An elections department check of signatures on recall petitions against Springfield Councilmen Paris Breedlove and Ralph Nicholas will be completed sometime Friday, a spokesman at the elections office said Thursday.

Petitions bearing about 800 names against each of the two councilmen were presented to the elections department Monday for a check against registration records.

Springfield City Recorder William Mansell said Thursday the elections department has informed him that the signatures are running about 85 per cent valid registered voters.

To force a recall election, the recall committee will need 628 valid signatures. The committee has charged that the two councilmen have acted against the best interests of the city.

PULLOUT COMPLETED

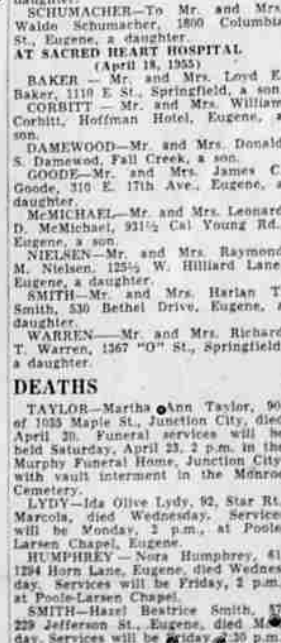
TOKYO (AP)—Radio Pyongyang said the pullout of six Red China divisions from North Korea was completed Wednesday.

BLONDIE

By Chic Young



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(Register-Guard photo, Whitshire eng.)

HOSPITAL PREVIEW—P. D. Fleissner, administrator of the new McKenzie-Willamette Memorial Hospital in Springfield, looks over the big overhead lights in the hospital's major surgery operating room. The public will be invited to view the hospital facilities during the dedication ceremonies the afternoon of May 1.

Business Office to Move Into Nearly-Finished Hospital

The McKenzie-Willamette Memorial Hospital will move its business office from downtown Springfield Saturday to the newly-completed hospital at 1460 G St.

P. D. Fleissner, hospital administrator, said there will be no change in the telephone number, 6-1625.

The hospital's board of directors Tuesday night awarded a contract for supplying fuel and diesel oil for the hospital to the Crombie Fuel Co., Springfield, lowest of four bidders.

The board also opened bids on supplying various types of insurance for the hospital and referred them to the hospital's insurance committee for recommendations.

The board approved rate schedules for hospitalization, which were suggested by Fleissner. He said that the rates are "essentially the same" as rates at other hospitals in this area.

"We're going to start out that way," he explained, "and if we find we can lower rates in a year or so we certainly will."

The board has previously approved rates for X-ray, laboratory and miscellaneous services which generally follow the rates set by the State Industrial Accident Commission.

Blood for transfusions will be supplied free of charge—other than for usual hospital and laboratory fees—through a community "walking blood bank."

Donors will supply the blood without payment. Patients receiving blood will be encouraged to replace it later, Fleissner said, but won't be charged if they are not able to.

Volunteers are busy in Springfield signing up participants in the walking blood bank. Those who pledge to give blood if they are called receive a "blood drop" lapel button. Each participant's blood will be typed at a later date.

NEWS BRIEFS

INDEPENDENT Order of Foresters will have a potluck supper Saturday, 6:15, at the Knights of Pythias Hall. Those attending are to bring a hot dish and either salad or dessert. Rolls, butter, coffee and milk will be served. A white elephant should be brought for games to be played later. Movies and attendants for the children.

SELECTED to be one of four judges for the annual National Collegiate Playwriting contest this year is Horace W. Robinson, associate professor of speech in the University of Oregon. The other judges will be Broadway producers Jean Dailrymple and Vinton Freedley, and Professor Joseph W. Baldwin, University of Mississippi.

FOUR OAKS GRANGE will entertain Dorena grange at the meeting Saturday at 8 p.m. The visitors will present the program. Four Oaks members are to bring cake and a 2-package dish of jello. Mrs. Dan McCollum, Mrs. E. E. McClary, and Mrs. Marion Parker are on the serving committee.

ATTENDING the Pacific Northwest Political Science conference from the University of Oregon will be Dr. E. S. Wengert, head of the political science department. The conference will be held April 29 and 30 on the University of Idaho campus in Moscow.

TICKETS are all sold for the Robbie Robertson square dance, Friday night, at the Willamalane Memorial Bldg. in Springfield. No admissions will be sold at the door. Robertson is well-known among square dancers and is a recording artist for Windsor records.

FRIENDLY HOUSE Conversation Hour Friday, 8 p.m., will feature a discussion led by James R. Steele, University of Oregon graduate student, and Ralph E. Bunch, Eugene school teacher. The public is invited.

MCKENZIE River Lodge 195 AF&AM will open on the F.C. Degree Thursday, April 21st, at 7:30 p.m. Visiting Masons welcome.

OREGON MUSIC Teachers Assn. workshop for piano teachers only will be held at the home of Mrs. R. F. Cleveland, 90 Butte Lane, Friday at 9:30 a.m.

WESTMORELAND PTA presents Annual Dad's Night at the school auditorium 7:45 p.m. Thursday, April 21. Many talented acts and skits under the direction and co-chairmanship of Frank Clark and Arnold Christensen by the dads of the school. Short business meeting preceding the program. Everyone is invited.

REGISTRATION for Springfield Community Kindergarten will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Church of the Brethren, 21st and D Sts. Children who will be 5 years old by Nov. 15 are eligible. The registration is for the 1955-56 school year.

CAMP AND AUXILIARY, United Spanish War Veterans, will hold their annual muster meeting Monday afternoon at the Veterans Memorial Bldg. The meeting will be preceded by a potluck at 1 p.m. Arthur White, member of the camp, will speak.

PEARL BUCK SCHOOL director Mrs. Elisabeth Waechter and Mrs. Mary Howden of the school's staff will attend a northwest regional meeting of the American Assn. on Mental Deficiency Friday and Saturday in Buckley, Wash.

DUNN SCHOOL PTA will sponsor a Fun Night Friday, from 6:30 to 10 p.m., at the school. Games, a bazaar and a talent show will be featured.

OBSIDIANS going to the coast Sunday will leave the city-county park at 8 a.m. Mary and Betty Castelleo will be leaders. Sign up at Hendershott's.

VALLEY LANE Hospital Guild will have a sale of home-cooked foods Friday at Producers Public Market.

MOTORIST HURT In Collision. John Charles Von Hecht, Milton-Freewater, received minor injuries Wednesday evening when his car collided head-on with a Telephone Co. truck on Highway 99 eight miles north of Eugene. The driver of the truck, Willard E. Pickron, Seattle, was not injured. State police cited Von Hecht on a charge of passing with insufficient clearance.

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