

# Long Fight Seen Over Constitutional Revision

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** United Press International polled members of the 1963 Legislature for their views on significant issues. This is the concluding article of a five-part series.

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**SALEM**—Proposed revision of Oregon's Constitution has become one of the most involved issues faced by the 1963 Legislature—but there will be plenty of time for discussion.

More than half the state senators and about one-third of the House members answered a series of questions submitted by UPI.

Legislators were equally divided over whether the Constitution should have a major or partial revision, but the poll showed they anticipated one of the longest legislative sessions in history.

Sixteen lawmakers called for major revision of the constitution, 15 for partial revision, and one for no change. Several other senators and representatives declined to comment "at this time."

Many legislators expressed views on how revision should be handled.

Clarence Barton, D-Coquille, commented "I favor a major revision, but am opposed to a number of the recommendations of the Constitutional Revision Commission."

Rep. James A. Redden, D-Medford, said "I do favor a major revision of the Oregon Constitution. I feel that portions of the proposed constitutional revision would lead to its defeat if presented to the people now. I favor submitting a major revision plan to the people with certain changes. The most important change must be in the plan which leaves but one elective office."

Rep. Merrill C. Hagan, R-McMinnville, said "I favor adoption of the house cleaning portion of the proposed changes but do not favor the sections regarding the judicial amendments or the amendments making the governor the only elected major state official."

Rep. C. R. Hoyt, R-Corvallis, replied "I definitely favor partial revision. I approach major revision with an open mind and would try to vote for it if it did not require giving up a few things that... are vital to the Oregon system as we have learned over the years to live with it."

Rep. Edward W. Elder, R-Eugene, said "I favor a major revision but not as written by the commission. Without major

revision the legislature should, at least, jettison the type of clause that is statutory in nature."

Estimates on the length of the 1963 session ran from 100 days—the view held by Speaker-designate of the House Barton—to predictions of "the longest session in history."

Most legislators believed the session would last from four to six months.

Sen. Robert L. Elfstrom, R-Salem, predicted "the longest in history."

Sen. Arthur P. Ireland, R-Forest Grove, said "It would be foolish to try and estimate... but I will predict we are faced with the longest session in the history of the state."

Rep. Merrill C. Hagan, R-McMinnville, commented, "Some experienced legislators indicate this could be the longest session in history. As much as six months has been indicated. This would be especially true if a tax plan was submitted to the people during the session."

Rep. Carl Back, D-Port Orchard, said "not any shorter" than the 122-day 1961 session.

Rep. Howard Willis, D-Portland, took this optimistic view: "I'll guess 100 days because there is a great deal of advance preparations, because Barton will be in control, and because so many veterans will have returned."

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The prize, awarded annually in memory of the founder of the University's Co-op Stores, is for a significant contribution to Pacific Northwest history in a manuscript written by a candidate for an advanced degree.

Grover received his doctorate from the University of Oregon in June. He is assistant professor of speech at Oregon State, having been on the faculty there since 1957.

Grover's manuscript, "Debaters and Dynamiters: The Rhetoric of the Haywood Trial," is a study of the 1907 trial of William D. Haywood for the murder of former Governor Frank Steunenberg of Idaho.

Haywood was then secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners. Later, he headed the International Workers of the World (IWW), the famous "Wobblies" who were militant in Pacific Northwest labor disputes.

Based largely on trial transcripts and original documents in the Idaho Historical Society collection in Boise, the study assesses the significance of the trial in the history of the West and in the history of the radical movement.

Primarily a study in speech, it examines the communications techniques and persuasive forces at work within and beyond the courtroom.

### Flights Prohibited

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Aviation Agency will prohibit "non-essential" aircraft from flying near or over disaster areas, starting March 20. Exempted will be search or rescue plane and aircraft carrying newsmen or officials.

### Indian FBI

NEW DELHI (AP)—India will soon have a central bureau of investigation to inquire into matters like leakage of information to an enemy—such as was reported in the Chinese-Indian border conflict in Assam.

### Explanation

DICKINSON, N. D. (AP)—Police Chief Matt Zabel said a patrolman was more surprised than irritated when he saw a 15-year-old girl back up her car on a state highway, stop for a red light and continue backing up.

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