

House, Senate Stagger Under Load of Bills

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SALEM, Feb. 11 (AP)—House and Senate staggered today under the heaviest load of bills up for final action since the start of the 1953 legislative session.

The House had 18 bills up for third reading and final floor action, and the Senate had 15.

None was of major controversial significance, but the mere reading and explaining of the bills, even without debate meant lengthy sessions for both chambers.

Most significant were House Bills 15 and 20. They are the bills brought out by the House Taxation committee, and represent that committee's conception of the entire tax program for the state of Oregon for the next biennium—the next two years.

Call for Explanations
The House Highways committee called on top officials of four state departments to prepare statements about proposals for a new motor vehicle department bill and a new transport code bill.

Rep. Edward Geary of Klamath Falls, chairman of the Committee, asked officials of the secretary of state's office, the Civil Service department, the Public Utilities Commission and the state police to prepare written statements about the two bills and to give the committee suggestions as to their workability. The bills make up one of the major problems the Highway committee faces. Geary said each bill would be taken up carefully one page at a time with explanations by the attorneys who helped draft it.

Senate Has Debate
The Senate had a debate on its hands again concerning the removal of enforcement personnel of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission from civil service. Sen. Dean Bryson of Portland, chairman of the Senate Alcoholic Traffic committee, argued for the bill, requested by the Liquor Commission, yesterday. He said it was desired because the Commission felt its undercover men and inspectors lost their value if the Commission lost confidence in them or if the men lose confidence in the Commission. He said the Commission does not want to be placed in the position of keeping a man on after they have reason to suspect he is not on the up and up.

Employes Can Be Found
Sen. Philip Hitchcock of Klamath Falls said he had made a thorough study of civil service, and there is nothing to prevent any department head from firing any employe. The employe has recourse to civil service hearing, but even if the Civil Service Commission finds for the employe, it merely puts him back on the eligible list. The Commission cannot send him back to the department head who fired him.

After this hassle, the measure lost by a close vote.

CONDITION "VERY GOOD"
MIAMI BEACH, Fla. Feb. 11 (AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover was in "very good" condition today after a mild attack of influenza. "He spent a comfortable night," a spokesman for St. Francis hospital reported. The 78-year-old statesman, who entered the hospital last Saturday, is expected to begin his delayed fishing trip in the Florida Keys by tomorrow.

BLAME SHIFTED
PORTLAND, Feb. 11 (AP)—Blame for a fire which caused \$18,000 damage to Portland's Elks club Sunday morning was shifted today from a television set to a refrigerator. Fire Marshal Dale F. Gilman said investigation put the cause on an overheated refrigerator motor. He said the earlier reported cause had alarmed many Portland T-V set owners.

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Toronto Officials Protest Hope's Anti-British Jokes

TORONTO, Feb. 11 (AP)—Toronto labor leaders threatened today to boycott the forthcoming Canadian national exhibition if it books Bob Hope or any other American comedian who "belittles" the British Empire in his jokes.

A controversy erupted over plans for the coronation year celebration when word leaked out that officials might employ an American comedian as top drawing card for the show.

Dave Archer, secretary of the CIO Toronto Labor Council, said he was tired of hearing American gagsters make fun of Britain.

"I'm sick of hearing television and radio jokes about U.S. aid to Britain and how Eisenhower should keep his pockets zipped while Churchill is around," Archer said.

No Contracts Offered
Directors of the exhibition, which will have the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II as its theme this year, said they were considering a dozen stars for No. 1 billing.

They said Bob Hope, along with television and movie comics Martin and Lewis, were among the possibilities but none had been offered a contract.

Archer drew applause from members of the council when he told a meeting he hoped the exhibition would look elsewhere than the United States for its humor.

British Belittled
"I want to protest Jack Benny and other characters making fun of British institutions. Nobody needs to belittle the struggle of the British people to get back on their feet," he said.

Toronto civic officials also became embroiled in the argument after news circulated that Hope, a native of England, would be invited to take part in the August-September exhibition which annually is Canada's biggest celebration.

"His jokes and the coronation ceremony are just like oil and water; they don't mix," one angry official said.

Price of Wheat Climbs Again on Chicago Market

CHICAGO, Feb. 11 (AP)—Wheat prices bounded as much as four cents a bushel on the Chicago Board of Trade today but traders still were not certain that a sharp decline which began last week had run its course.

Other grains were fully steady at market opening today as wheat moved 3/4 to 4 1/2 cents a bushel higher. Wheat for March delivery brought \$2.33 1/2. Corn was 1/4 to 1 1/2 cents higher with March deliveries quoted at \$1.53. Oats were unchanged to 1/2 cent higher and rye 1/2 to 3/4 higher. Soybeans rode in a range 1/2 lower to 1/4 higher.

Some Encouraging News
Several encouraging influences were noted in market reports and traders hoped they might stem a general lowering of grain and other agricultural prices.

And at New York, it was reported that bakers yesterday bought more than 100,000,000 pounds of flour, the largest purchases of flour for a single day in more than three months. The bakers apparently were prompted by the sharp break in cash wheat prices on Friday and Monday.

Corn, wheat, oats, rye and soybeans recovered briskly yesterday after a two-day slump that dropped wheat prices 12 cents a bushel.

Too Much Grain
Despite the recovery, some traders felt there would be a further decline, and warned that a prolonged drop would affect many other segments of the nation's economy.

These sources said yesterday's recovery did not alter the basic fact that there is "too much grain on hand."

But a spokesman for one big grain commission firm said that "the present liquidation may have run its course."

He said prospects for the new crops are "not too good." Corn, he said, is selling well below the government loan level, and should begin to stabilize.

VIEW MOVIE
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—President and Mrs. Eisenhower went to the movies last night for the first time since they entered the White House. They were guests of Indian Ambassador G. L. Mehta at a special showing of the movie "Mahatma Gandhi," 20th Century Prophet.



ON TRIAL—Lt. James Goff (above), of Dallas, Tex., who is on trial before a general court-martial in Korea. Goff is accused of fatally pistol-whipping Pang Hwa Il, leading Korean clergyman, after breaking into a hut where the church leader was staying.

TREASURER PICKED
REDMOND, Feb. 11 (AP)—Mrs. Steve Lines will serve as treasurer of the Redmond Rebekah lodge. She was elected at the last regular meeting following the resignation of Mrs. Raymond Blum. A committee was appointed at the same meeting to investigate insurance for the Rebekah building at the fair grounds.

JUST POSSIBLE
NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP)—In police court on charges of intoxication and breach of peace, a private school teacher, William F. Carney, said his pupils were driving him to drink. His case was continued for three months to give him a chance to "get straightened out."

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American Press Sets New High

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11 (AP)—Americans read more newspapers last year than ever before in the nation's history.

The 85th annual edition of N. W. Ayer and Son's Directory of Newspapers and Periodicals showed today that circulation of English-language daily newspapers in the United States reached an all-time high of 53,738,000 in 1952.

The previous high mark was 1950. The figure was an increase of 145,000 over last year's total.

The directory noted that the new record was set although higher costs compelled many newspapers to raise prices and in spite of increased competition from other news media, including television.

According to the publication 1952 circulation of evening newspapers totaled 32,414,000, extending their record of increasing circulation in every postwar year.

Morning newspapers had a total circulation of 20,400,000. The nation's four all-day dailies averaged 924,000 copies a day. Sunday newspapers had a combined circulation of 45,890,000.

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