House, Senate Stagger Under Load of Bills

By WILLIAM WARREN SALEM, Feb. 11 @-House and Senate staggered today under the heaviest load of bills up for final action since the start of the 1953 legislative session.

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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.

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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 blennium—the
next two years.

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Call for Explanations
The House Highways committee cailed 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 lost their value if the Commission is stonfidence in them or if the men 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

partment near from any any en-ploye. 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 Com-mission cannot send him back to the department head who fired him.

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

CONDITION "VERY GOOD" CONDITION "VERY GOOD"
MIAMI BEACH, Fla. Feb. 11 (II)—
Former President Herbert Hoover
was in "very good" condition today after a mild attack of influenza, "He spent a confortable 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 @-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
sald investigation mut the cause on said investigation put the cause on an overheated refrigerator motor. He said the earlier reported cause had alarmed many Portland T-V



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THIS NEIGH MEANS YES.—Mark-Ye-Well seems to be agreeing with the odds-makers who dropped the Calumet Farm four-year-old colt to a 5-2 favorite in the Santa Anita Handicap, Feb. 28, after copping the San Fernando Handicap. (NEA)

Toronto Officials Protest Hope's Anti-British Jokes

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

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 council when he told a meeting he hoped the exhibition would look classwhere than the United States for its humor.

British Belittled

"I want to protest Jack Benny and other characters making and other characters making and other characters."

"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 a round."

Archer said

Price of Wheat Climbs Again on Chicago Market

prices bounded as much as four cents a bushel on the Chicago Board of Trade today but traders

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 % to 4% cents a bushel higher. Wheat for March delivery brought \$2.33%. Corn was % to 1% cents higher with March deliveries quoted at \$1.53. Oats were unchanged to % cents higher and

liveries quoted at \$1.53. Oats were unchanged to \$4 cents higher and rye \$1 to \$4 higher. Soybeans rode in a range \$1 lower to \$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.

day.

Corn, wheat, oats, rye and soy-beans recovered briskly yesterday after a two-day slump that drop-ped wheat prices 12 cents a bu-shel.

Too Much Grain

Despite the recovery, some traders felt there would be a fur-ther decline, and warned that a

prolonged drop would affect many other segments of the nat-tion's economy.

These sources said yesterday's recovery did not after the basic fact that there is "too much grain

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

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

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(above), of Dallas, Tex., who is on trial before a general court-martial in Korea. Goff is ac-cused of fatally pistol-whipping Pang Hwa II, leading Korean clergyman, after breaking into a hut where the church leader was staying.

TREASURER PICKED

REDMOND, Feb. 11 — Mrs.

Steve Lines will serve as treasurer of the Redmond Rebekah lodge. She was elected at the last regu-lar meeting following the resig-nation of Mrs, Raymond Blum, A committee was appointed at the same meeting to investigate in-surance for the Rebekah building at the fair grounds.

JUST POSSIBLE

NEW LONDON, Conn, (B)— 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 cuse was continued for three months to give him a chance to "get straightened out."

Ninety-two thousand trackless trolleys, buses, streetcars and sub-way cars carried more than 10 times the earth's population in 1948.



PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11 @ 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 55,738,000 in 1952.

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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 news-papers totaled 32,414,000, extend-ing their record of increasing cir-

mg their record of increasing cir-culation in every postwar year. Morning newspapers had a total circulation of 20,400,000. The na-tion's four all-day dailies aver-aged 924,000 copies a day. Sunday newspapers had a combined circu-lation of 45,690,000.

In the Eskimo country of north-ern Canada, the temperature dips around 50 degrees F. below zero for about eight months of the year.



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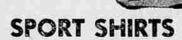
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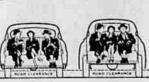
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