

Compromise Reapportionment Bill Framed at Sunday Conference

Kay, Ritner Lead Attempt To End Tangle

Unofficial Proposals Would Eliminate One Representative From Marion Co.

When it became apparent Saturday that there was little or no hope of passing the bill now before the senate providing for a reapportionment of the legislative districts of Oregon, President Ritner, of the senate, Representative Kay and other legislators hit upon the idea that a compromise might be effected which would insure the approval of a measure satisfactory to the electors of practically every section of the state.

Following out this idea, President Ritner and Representative Kay, together with a few other lawmakers, went into conference here Sunday in an effort to work out a bill that would give the entire state fair representation and meet the approval of the legislature.

It was made plain by Senator Ritner and Representative Kay that this conference was called without the authority of either branch of the legislature and was merely a move to unravel the present reapportionment tangle and whip into shape some concrete offering acceptable to the voters of the state.

Plans Partly Worked Out. At the conclusion of the conference last night neither President Ritner nor Representative Kay would divulge any information other than that they had given the bill now before the senate careful consideration and had partly devised a plan whereby many of the alleged inequalities could be eliminated.

Under the proposed compromise it is not believed that Marion county will lose any of its senatorial representation although one house member will be eliminated.

Jackson Not to Lose. It also was reported that no change would be made in the representation of Jackson county, which now has one senator. Under the bill now before the senate, it was proposed to link Jackson and Josephine counties in a senatorial district, but this met with strenuous opposition on the part of Senator Thomas of Medford.

Similar objection also was voiced to the plan by Senator Smith of Josephine county, who charged that the adoption of such a program would rob his county of all its senatorial representation.

While not in a position to speak officially for either house of the legislature, President Ritner and Representative Kay said that they believed progress has been made toward a solution of the reapportionment problem. The extent to which the proposed amendment will satisfy the state at large will not be known until today's conference.

Measures Passed By Senate

S. B. 266 by Judiciary committee—Requiring records, etc. required by law to be written in English language.

S. B. 267 by Judiciary committee—Relating to office hour of Clatsop county officials.

S. B. 265 by Dennis (by request)—Empowering state highway commission to acquire rights of way along state highways.

S. B. 277 by Farrell—Appropriating \$20,000 for purpose of carrying out provisions of child act.

S. B. 287 by Moser, Gill, Staples—Providing for furnishing and equipping the Kerr Nursery home at Portland and appropriating money therefor.

S. B. 161 by Ellis—Appropriating money for Harney county experiment station.

S. B. 244 by Judiciary committee—Increasing of constable of Clatsop county from \$1080 to \$1350 yearly.

S. B. 204 by Upton—Appropriating \$10,000 for investigating artesian well conditions in Fort Rock basin and other sections of state.

S. B. 280 by Nickelsen—Appropriating money for Hood River experiment station.

S. B. 230 by Ryan—Increasing salary of insurance commissioner from \$2000 to \$4000 yearly.

S. B. 125 Moser—Relating to Oregon exhibit in Portland and appropriating money therefor.

Appropriations Body's Work Done; Results Held Good

The appropriations committee has completed its work and has shown great ability in meeting the demands of a progressive state government and yet keeping so nearly within the 6 percent limitation. The totals for state institutions of all kinds are below what was demanded by about two and a half million dollars, and the bills from the ways and means committees of the two houses will pass with little change.

In the last hours of the session more printed bills are coming in that carry obligations for the taxpayers to meet and creating new offices, and The Journal has to record the following:

H. B. 247 raises salaries of various duties and increases compensation of county superintendent of Clatsop county.

H. B. 250 raises salaries of 22 district attorneys.

H. B. 269 raises amounts allowed clerk of state land board.

H. B. 261 creates a state horse-racing commission.

H. B. 262 allows S. W. Purday, deputy game warden \$152.75.

H. B. 254 takes stenographers' fees in civil suits as costs in the case.

H. B. 263 pays Leo Fischer \$102.75 for repairing game warden auto.

S. B. 329 increases salary district attorney Tillamook county to \$2500 and to appoint deputies and provide pay for same.

S. B. 271 amended to increase appropriation from \$35,000 to \$50,000.

S. B. 243 increases salary of Astoria constable from \$1,050 to \$1,350.

Mrs. Kinney Asks Passage of Jury Bill In Speech

Mrs. Kinney, of Clatsop, only woman member of the legislature, made her first extended speech of the session Saturday in behalf of her bill providing that women serve on juries. She offered an amendment calling for referring the bill to the people, but as it was defective in its legal phraseology, it was laid on the table for correction and will later pass without serious opposition.

Mrs. Kinney declared the measure had been endorsed by women's organizations representing a total membership of 25,000 women. She defied opponents to show that women did not want the measure, and read a long list of endorsements coming from all portions of Oregon.

She declared that women asked this right as citizens and taxpayers subject to all state laws and participants in legislation.

She declared that she had been informed that the opposition came from lawyers, but questioned this part, whereat Speaker Bean called attention to the fact that a lawyer should have been consulted in drawing the amendment.

Gervais Man, 96, Roams, Pitches In Ditch; Is Now Okeh

Gervais, Ore., Feb. 21.—When Henry Rubens, 96 years of age, did not appear at home, a few nights ago, after visiting at the home of a neighbor, the family became greatly alarmed and a search party went in pursuit of the elderly gentleman. It was learned that he had left the neighbor's house late in the afternoon and intended to make a short cut across the lots. Following his supposed trail the searchers found him lying in a ditch unconscious.

Mr. Rubens is not able to explain how he happened to fall in, but it is presumed that he became confused and went out of the path in the direction of the timbered section. His eyesight is not very clear, it is said, and he apparently did not see the ditch until he had fallen in. He had been lying in the mud and water for some time before discovered.

The whole community was aroused when the report became current that the aged man was lost, and a large searching party was started out in all directions where it was thought he might have traveled.

He has regained consciousness, and seems to be none the worse for his experience, except that he contracted a cold.

Silverton Youths Violated Curfew Laws; Are Fined

Silverton, Ore., Feb. 21.—Four or five boys of Silverton, who, it was claimed, for several weeks had been going to bed the same way they got up, notwithstanding the curfew law, were taken before Municipal Judge M. J. Van Valkenburg a few days ago by Night Policeman Grover Yates on a charge of violating that ordinance intended to make boys go to bed at the right time. They pleaded guilty, and small fines were imposed upon three of the boys simply as a reminder that the law must be obeyed in Silverton.

The curfew law applies to all boys and girls under 18 years of age, and the officers have decided to see that it is hereafter enforced.

Youth Struck by Cable Instantly Killed Near Scio

Clifford McKinney, a 17-year-old boy, working in the logging camp near Scio, was killed almost instantly Thursday when a cable broke, and an end struck him on the left side of the head.

McKinney was working with his father when the accident occurred. He was standing with his back to the cable and never knew what hit him. He was unconscious when the father reached his side, and died before a physician could reach him from Scio.

The boy's skull was terribly crushed. The McKinney family resides at Scio where the body was taken and a funeral took place in the local cemetery today.

Announcement is made that the new railroad contemplated by the Banks a division point. A roundhouse will be built and by July 1 trains will be running through to Vernonia.

Upper House Postpones Jap Property Bill

Opponents Present McNary's Plea for Hands Off To Halt Passage

The senate Saturday afternoon, by a vote of 20 to 9, with Ryan absent and not voting, indefinitely postponed action on the anti-Japanese colonization question as represented by house bill No. 194.

The question came up on a report by the Judiciary committee without recommendation. Senator Banks moved the indefinite postponement of the bill and supported his motion by calling his attention to the request of Senator McNary that Oregon keep hands off this question until the federal government can take action.

Meets Opposition. Senators Eddy, Zierhard and Patterson opposed the motion to indefinitely postpone on the ground that it was a state question and demanded action at this time before the menace became too great to be handled.

Sensor Eddy, in attempting to prevent postponement of the measure, called attention to the wide difference between the standard of the Japanese and those in this country. The Japanese, he insisted, were an unassimilable race and it was the duty of the state to act while there was yet time.

Sensor Thomas called attention to the rapidly with which the Japanese were crowding into the Rogue river valley since they had been legislated out of California, and declared that to delay solution of the question for another two years might prove serious.

Nine Favor Action. Banks in reply to the advocates of the bill, characterized the measure as discriminatory in that it singled out the Japanese from among 60 or more nationalities to whom the same objection might be directed.

There was no menace in Oregon except in isolated cases, he declared in pleading that the question be left for solution with the federal government and the "good old Republican party."

Those opposing postponement and favoring the bill were: Senators Bell, Dennis, Zierhard, Eddy, Nickelsen, Thomas, Upton, Ritner, and Patterson.

Fish Bills Pass House Saturday

Fishermen interests of Oregon received attention of the house of representatives through passage of a series of bills Saturday afternoon. The bills passed include house bill 244, providing for the condemnation of lands or water rights for fisheries; house bill 240, providing for the reconstruction of the fish hatchery on the Umpqua river; house bill 274, providing for a fish hatchery on the Necanicum water system for the Santiam fish hatchery; house bill 290, providing for fish feeding ponds on the Walla Walla river; house bill 289, providing for a fish hatchery near Oak Ridge, Lane county; house bill 275, providing for feeding ponds at the Clatskanie hatchery; house bill 294, providing for fish ladders in the Deschutes river.

Senate Bills

S. B. 379 by committee on county and state officers—Relating to salaries of Clatsop county officers.

S. B. 378 by committee on county and state officers—Increasing salary of governor from \$500 to \$7500 per annum.

Silverton Has "Tag Day" for Hospital

Silverton, Ore., Feb. 21.—Saturday was "tag day" in Silverton, and an effort was made to sell stock in the Silverton hospital sufficient to take care of the \$2,000 mortgage against the property. Two committees were working diligently during the day and were successful in selling considerable stock, but the exact amount has not yet been determined. It is known, however, that the committees were very successful and the sale was really better than they expected. Since the hospital was built about two years ago, Silverton has learned the great importance of the institution and business men responded generously when asked to subscribe for stock. That it will be maintained is a settled fact.

Bills Signed by Governor

Senate Bills. 1. Eberhard—Abolishing board of automobile mechanics' examiners.

2. Eberhard—Amending section 1027, Oregon Laws, relating to appointment of special district attorneys.

3. Eberhard—To repeal section 4444, Oregon Laws, relating to limitation of 2 per cent on counties in issuance of road bonds.

20. Staples—Providing for the regulation of the sale or distribution of commercial foodstuffs.

21. Patterson—To amend section 21, Oregon Laws, relating to limitation of time of bringing new action after reversal of judgment.

31. Moser—To amend section 7037, Oregon Laws, of 1920, relating to cemetery associations.

35. Joseph—Fixing limitations on revocations, countermands, payment and stop-payment orders relating to the payment of any check or draft against bank accounts.

35. Hare—To amend section 1964, Oregon Laws, in relation to obtaining money or goods by false pretenses.

39. Moser—To amend section 1 of chapter 25, general laws of Oregon, relating to establishment and maintaining kindergartens.

42. Committee on revision of laws—To amend section 6555, Oregon Laws, relating to the rehabilitation fund.

46. Ryan—To repeal section 5334, Oregon Laws, relating to county superintendent appointment to high schools.

48. Ellis—To amend section 5709, Oregon Laws, relating to the employment and payment of assistants to water masters.

53. Ellis—To amend section 2099, Oregon Laws, relating to the suppression of prize fighting.

54. Ellis—To amend section 1936, Oregon Laws, relating to criminal law.

57. Ryan and Vinton—To provide for the election of recorder of conveyances in certain counties and to repeal sections 3452 and 3454, Oregon Laws.

65. Patterson—To make the state board of control provide a budget for expenditures and repealing sections 2020 to 2027, inclusive, of Oregon Laws.

66. Dennis—To amend section 2818, Oregon Laws, relating to minor offenses concerning the conviction of minors.

69. Joseph—To amend section 2738, Oregon Laws, relating to interest coupons in exchange for bonds.

70. Moser, Staples, Banks, Farrell—To provide for consolidation of property of the Port of Portland and dock commission of the city of Portland.

72. Moser, Staples, Banks, Farrell—Authorizing the Port of Portland to provide by ordinance for assessment of damages sustained or accruing from the filling of swamp or overflowed lands, etc.

73. Moser, Staples, Banks, Farrell—Limiting authority of ports organized or created under a general or special law with respect to purchase of lands for purposes other than channel improvements.

74. Moser, Staples, Banks, Farrell—To amend section 7142, Oregon Laws, and to provide for appointment of commissioners of the Port of Portland by the governor.

75. Moser, Staples, Banks, Farrell—Amending section 7138, Oregon Laws, relating to the Port of Portland.

76. Straker—To amend section 10240, Oregon Laws, relating to claim of lien on sheep.

84. Joseph—To amend section 3619, Oregon Laws, fixing salaries of county officers of Multnomah county.

102. Dennis—To amend section 1233, Oregon Laws, relating to curfew of false statements as to condition or regulation of banking institutions.

123. Gallagher—To amend section 2616, Oregon Laws, relating to salaries of county officials in Multnomah county.

124. Thompson (by request)—To amend section 3175, Oregon Laws, relating to notarial fees.

146. La Follette—To amend section 9444, Oregon Laws, relating to line fences.

148. Committee on Judiciary—To amend section 2859, Oregon Laws, pertaining to admissions to the soldiers' home.

149. Korell—Requiring the registration of air craft.

155. Fletcher (by request)—To amend section 3614, Oregon Laws, relating to salaries of county school superintendent of Lincoln county.

160. Martin—To amend section 57, Oregon Laws, relating to publication of summons.

170. Allen—To amend section 224, Oregon Laws, pertaining to levies made upon homesteads.

175. Committee on forestry and conservation—To amend section 8371, Oregon Laws, providing for patrol of forests, to prevent fires.

176. Committee on forestry and conservation—Granting timber owners a hearing before state board of forestry on fire protection.

178. Woodson—To amend section 3150, Oregon Laws, relating to terms of court in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

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24. Johnson, Hammond, Marsh, Pierce, Korell, Leonard, Wells, North—To amend sections 2555, 2556, 3358, Oregon Laws, relating to relief for indigent soldiers, sailors and marines.

27. Powell—Changing the time of holding the examination for the certification of teachers.

32. Martin (by request)—Authorizing inclusion of state lands or incorporated cities or towns in irrigation or drainage districts.

35. Korell—To amend sections 948 and 949, Oregon Laws, providing for the election of constables in districts of 100,000 or more population.

36. Cary—Repealing section 5765 and amending sections 5762 and 5763, Oregon Laws, regulating granting of license to testators in crematories and cheese factories.

50. Belknap—Amending section 5153, Oregon Laws, relating to consolidation of school districts.

52. Joint house and senate ways and means committee—Providing payment of mileage and per diem of senators and representatives and general contingent expenses of legislative assembly.

53. Gordon of Multnomah (by request)—Requiring out or affirmation or allegiance to be taken by all teachers in public, private and parochial schools or other institutions of learning in the state of Oregon.

57. Lynn—Providing for means for the nomination and election of some person to fill vacancy and ending term at same time.

58. Kuy—Repealing section 2, chapter 59, general laws of 1905.

58. McFarland—To provide relief for Mrs. Gertrude J. Danny and authorizing the "state board of game commissions" to make such payment at its discretion.

63. Marsh—Providing for licensing of nurserymen and their agents, salesmen and solicitors.

64. Leonard—Amending section 5175, Oregon Laws, relating to observance of Armistice day.

65. Hubbard—To amend section 10227, Oregon Laws, relating to warehouse man's liens.

65. Hubbard—Amending section 1, chapter 82, general laws of Oregon, relating to assessor's salary in Baker county.

73. Woodson—Amending section 2932-1, Oregon Laws, providing a penalty for occupying or aiding persons to escape from state institutions.

74. Mash, Shira, Hopkins—To amend section 5515, Oregon Laws, relating to stock running at large in Douglas county.

78. Gordon (of Multnomah)—Relating to the manner in which municipal corporations shall propose a tax levy.

84. Dwyer—Relating to disposal of flax plant at the state penitentiary.

87. Sloan—Granting certain powers to drainage districts and declaring an emergency.

92. Richards—Amending section 47187, Oregon Laws, relating to the furnishing of registration lists to county clerks, assessors and police officers.

96. Sloan—Creating a state game bird reservation in Umatilla county.

98. Fisher—Defining methods of determining circulation of newspapers publishing county court proceedings.

101. McFarland—Creating a state game commission.

105. Korell—Providing for regulation and licensing of day nurseries.

106. Hyatt—To amend section 10060, Oregon Laws, relating to assignment of widow's dower.

107. Joint ways and means committee—Providing for the payment of "completing" and furnishing of babies' dormitory of the state institution for the feeble minded and declaring an emergency.

114. Pierce—To amend section 3362, Oregon Laws, relating to terms of county courts.

115. Committee on salaries and public officials—To amend section 3601, Oregon Laws, relating to salaries of county officers in Curry county.

117. Bennett—Increasing the salaries of county judge and county treasurer of Clatsop county.

121. Committee on insurance—To authorize life insurance companies to act as trustees.

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