

Law Makers Had to Show Your Need of Sales Tax

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In case you wonder why it took 100 days to introduce the 3 percent sales tax bill in the Legislature, here's the reason: The lawmakers first had to show the people that the state really needs more money, and sell the idea that a sales tax would be preferable to higher property and income taxes.

Legislative leaders, who long have wanted a sales tax, know they have to put up a strong case for it. After all, the people have voted against it five times.

This time they are confident the people will change their minds. They think the people will share the Legislature's belief that the state can't keep on boosting property and income taxes.

From the very first day of the session, it was evident that the lawmakers wanted to make another sales tax try.

First, it demonstrated that the state's budget would be \$65,000,000 in the red for the next two years, and that this amount of new revenue must be found.

Then the tax committees said that even if taxes were increased by that amount, the 1957 Legislature would be forced to pile on even higher taxes unless a big new source of revenue is found.

The next step was to try to prove that property taxes are too high. Now the income tax increase bill is in the mill, along with the 3-cent cigarette tax.

The final step probably will be adoption of the sales tax, and refer it to the people in June or July.

If the people voted for the sales tax, the income tax increase and cigarette tax bills wouldn't become law. Besides that, income taxes would even be reduced from present levels.

Thinking over this step-by-step campaign to win acceptance of a sales tax, a reporter, who is new to the Legislature, asked:

"Did this sales tax just come up unexpectedly? If the Legislature had hired a promotion manager to build up to a sales tax, he couldn't have done a better job."

Legislators go to a lot of parties, but the best one always is the timber party. It was held last Friday night.

This affair is given by legislators from the Fourth Congressional District, which consists of Southwestern Oregon.

About 500 persons attended the party, which opened at 6:30 p.m.

with a "logger's tea." Then came dinner and dancing. Everybody wears old clothes, with some even dressed like loggers.

It's always held late in the session. This helps, because everybody knows everybody else by then.

Senate President Elmo Smith got trapped in the House of Representatives Tuesday.

Soon after he entered, there was a call of the House. This means that the doors are barred while absent members are brought in.

Nobody is allowed to leave the House—except newspapermen.

Smith asked Speaker Ed Geary to let him out, Geary, enjoying the spot on which Smith was placed, refused.

Smith tried to sneak out a door he thought was unguarded. An alert doorkeeper stopped him.

Then a news reporter, pointing out that Smith is a weekly newspaper publisher, told Smith he might get out if he showed his newspaper credentials.

Smith showed his press card to Geary, who just laughed.

Smith didn't get out until the call was lifted. He had been in the House for a half hour.

It's going to be tough on Geary if he gets caught in the Senate under similar circumstances.

Meat Measure In Agreement

A pilot program for meat inspection during the next biennium to be followed by a full program beginning July 1, 1957, was agreed upon Wednesday by the House Livestock committee and sent to the joint ways and means committee.

Faced with the ways and means committee refusal to provide a round \$400,000 for a complete program, the committee decided a \$140,000 program should be recommended to begin July 1 of this year. During the coming biennium members of the committee said the state agriculture department could gain experience in administering the act and report back to the 1957 legislature.

About \$75,000 of the total amount would come from the general fund and from \$65,000 to \$70,000 from increased license

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Committee members said that agriculture department had agreed, if the bill becomes law to operate a cadre of flying squad inspectors in different areas on plants not now federally inspected.

About 83 per cent of a normal man's knowledge comes to him through his eyes says the Better Vision Institute.

Conservation Week Progress Reported

The Governor's Committee on Natural Resources, which is sponsoring the state-wide Conservation Week May 1-7, heard of the progress in this program to focus the attention of everyone on the value of wise use of our forests, minerals, water, soil and wildlife.

The committee's report indicated that 410 committeemen, 369 civic and service organizations, 110 conservation films, and 200 luncheons advertising the week had been included in the program.

NORTH HOWELL GUESTS — NORTH HOWELL—Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blaney were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faulhaber, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson, Mrs. C. C. Hall and Miss Sharon Beals.

Access Roads Meet Planned

PORTLAND — Proposed changes in right-of-way regulations for getting at timber on Oregon and California reworked lands—objects of strong controversy—will be discussed at a special meeting here Tuesday.

Edward Woolzer, director of the Bureau of Land Management, will meet with representatives of the 18 O&C counties and with spokesmen for opposing views of the proposals.

Opponents of the changes say the present regulations are better and that the proposals would reduce competition. These opponents include small operators, the Oregon State Grange, the CIO International Woodworkers and the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers.

Resolution to Reapportion Goes on Table

A resolution to reapportion state senators on the basis of area rather than population was tabled Wednesday by the House committee on elections and reapportionment.

Vote to table the controversial bill was six in favor and five opposed.

Rep. Earl Hill of Cushman, who formerly voted in favor of House Joint Resolution 18 switched his vote to join in tabling the bill.

Hill is a representative of Lane county, which like Marion county, would stand to lose one senator if the resolution was adopted and approved by the voters.

At a public hearing Monday supporters of the bill suggested an amendment which would have given one senator for each county west of the Cascades and 12 senators divided among the counties east of the mountains. This amendment was not considered at the committee meeting.

Voting in favor of tabling the bill were Reps. Ben Anderson, Al Corbett, Howard Jensen and Fred Meek, all of Portland, and Hill.

Rep. Ed Ahrens of Marion county again voted for the measure and against tabling the bill. Others who voted against the motion to table were Chairman Ed Mann of Medford, Irving Mann of Adams and Boyd Overlutz of Madras.

SHE DIDN'T ATTEND



King Hussein, 20, of Jordan poses with his schoolteacher cousin, Princess Dina Abdul Hamid, 26, whom he married in Amman, Jordan in a simple Moslem ceremony. All women—including the bride—were barred from the wedding ceremony in accordance with Moslem custom. This picture of the couple was taken last month. (AP Wirephoto)

Oregon Chapter, IAPES, Meet at Portland U. Today

The University of Portland is host to Oregon chapter, International Association of Personnel in Employment Security (IAPES) on the occasion of the organization's sixth annual institute, which convened on the campus, Thursday, with sessions continuing through Saturday morning.

At the initial session, the invocation was given by the Rev. Joseph McGrath, CSC, dean of the faculty, University of Portland, followed by an address of welcome from the Rev. Michael J. Gavin, CSC, with a response on behalf of the organization by T. Morris Dunne, chairman, state unemployment compensation commission. Keynote address of the Institute was delivered by Daniel L. Goldy, regional director of the federal bureau of employment security, whose topic was "Employment Security in a Changing Economy."

Other highlights of the institute will include the following: speakers and their topics: L. G. Arens, commissioner, state unemployment compensation commission, "The Professional Advancement of Employees Through Institutes;" Dr. Hugh Lovell, professor of economics, Portland State College, "Fringe Benefits and Mobility of Labor;" Carl E. Miller, personnel manager, western region, Birds Eye division, General Foods, "Social Effect of Compulsory Retirement Policies;" Rabbi Julius J. Nodel, Congregation Beth Israel, "Ethics and Economics;" Sister Maria Theresa, SNJM, department of sociology, Marylhurst college, "The Effect of Employment Policies on Family and Community Life;" Robert E. McCoy, executive director, Oregon development commission, "Changing Philosophy of the Employment Security Program;" The Rev. James A. Fogarty, CSC, professor of social science, University of Portland, "Social Implications of the Job;" William Callahan, commissioner, state unemployment compensation commission, "The Advancement of Employees Through Organization;" Charles Terry, administrator, state civil service, "Social Implications of State and Federal Personnel Policies."

Silas Gaiser, administrator, state unemployment compensation commission, will serve as moderator for a panel discussion of "The Guaranteed Annual Wage," with Harry Whiteside, sub-regional director, UAW-CIO, Oakland, Calif., representing labor's point of view, and John W. Hill, Portland attorney, speaking for management.

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