

House Group to Vote On Sales Tax Friday

63 Rejection of Bill Eyed After Foes Heard

The Oregon Democrat administration tax program will be announced within a very short time, Rep. Clarence Barton, (D., Coos), chairman of the house committee on taxation, said Wednesday at the conclusion of a hearing on the proposed sales tax bill.

The committee will vote on the sales tax bill Friday afternoon and judging by expressions of the nine members of the committee the bill will be voted down, six to three.

Opponents of the sales tax had their innings Wednesday with Tom Scanlon, of the state Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, Elmer McClure, master of the Oregon State Grange and Harley Libby, president of the Oregon Farmers Union, expressing disapproval of the sales tax package.

Scanlon declared that he did not consider taxes a burden, saying that the people receive a great deal for their money in services. He pointed out that history of a sales tax showed that exemptions originally placed in the bill were gradually dropped, thus making the sales tax truly regressive.

Grange Opposition Cited McClure pointed out that the state Grange historically had opposed sales tax proposals and had always backed up income tax. McClure opposed reference of a sales tax to the voters, saying that it would be a waste of public funds.

Libby said he would agree that the sales tax would benefit some farmers but contended the great majority of Oregon farmers would be penalized by such a tax. The Farmers Union, he said, felt that the tax should be assessed on the basis of ability to earn rather than the necessity to spend.

Rep. Fayette Bristol (R-Josephine) read a telegram from his home county stating that two school districts had voted in favor of a sales tax with a certain portion earmarked for the benefit of the schools, as the means of reducing property taxes.

Gliesey Calls for Referendum Rep. Wayne Gliesey, (R-Benton), who for the second time asked what the Democratic tax program would be proposed that a sales tax would be submitted to the voters at a special election, and with it a proposal explaining how much additional income tax would be required if the sales tax was not adopted.

Gliesey inferred that he did not have too much hope that his proposal would be adopted by the committee but he warned the committee that care must be taken to avoid placing a state tax on property.

Flegel Should've Read Fine Print In Backing Bills State Rep. Al Flegel, Roseburg Democrat, served friendly notice on his fellow representatives of both parties today that he wasn't going to co-sponsor any more of their bills.

Flegel said he co-sponsored about 15 bills but found that he didn't agree with half of them after he got down to reading the fine print.

He said he was now in the embarrassing position of having to jump up every time one of the bills came up for action and say "No, that's not what I meant at all."

Hearing Planned On Relative Law The Senate Public Welfare Committee announced yesterday it would hold a public hearing here at 1 p. m. on Feb. 7 on measures to reduce the payments under the state relative responsibility law.

This law requires relatives, when financially able, to contribute to the support of persons on the welfare rolls.

Gov. Holmes wants the entire law repealed.

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Pearson to Ask Probe Of Assessment Policy

Chairman Walter J. Pearson (D., Portland, of the Senate Tax Committee said Wednesday he will ask his committee to investigate assessment policies of the State Tax Commission.

He said that a controversy has arisen in Multnomah County because property is being assessed at its true valuation, resulting in a "tremendous increase on non-income property such as homes."

He said that while the Tax Commission has tried to follow the spirit and intent of the 1955 Legislature in use of the true valuation, "this has caused untold hardship on many people."

Sen. Carl H. Francis (R., Dayton, was named by the Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday as a one-man sub-committee to handle all problems relating to district attorneys.

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SEN. PHIL BRADY

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Senator Phil Brady (D-Multnomah) husky labor leader of Portland served as a house member in six sessions and is presently in his fourth senate session. From a humble beginning Sen. Brady rose to leadership in the powerful Teamsters' Union and for many years was president of the Portland Central Labor council.

Senator Cameron is a retired U. S. forester, and won both Republican and Democratic nominations. He was born in Jackson county Feb. 10, 1893, received his elementary schooling there, graduate of Oakland Polytechnic college of engineering.

He is an ardent Democrat but his greatest concern is for the welfare of the laboring man and he will arise at the drop of a hat if he feels a measure is designed to injure men of toil.

He now lives in Grants Pass and is active with civic and farm organizations; he is a Mason, Odd Fellow, Elk and Izaak Walton League member. The senator is active in Cavemen. He is a Presbyterian. He married Olga Valen and they have two daughters, four grandchildren. Sen. Cameron is good humored and has reputation of being eloquently forceful when issues of interest are being discussed.

Sen. Brady is particularly proud of his bill that instituted forest camps for convicts, received commendation from two wardens for the idea and favors more such camps as means of rehabilitating inmates of the prison.

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