

Party Lines Waver in Tied Senate as Session Goes On

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The general idea that the 15 Democrats and 15 Republicans in the Oregon Senate would stand solidly opposed to one another in voting on important issues is rapidly being dissipated as this legislative session goes on.

For example, when the highly controversial repeal of the anti-picketing bill came up for vote two Democrats, Sens. Harry Boivin of Klamath Falls and Dan Thiel of Astoria, voted with the Republicans. At the same time Republican Sen. Carl Francis voted with the Democrats.

The extra Democratic vote of "nay" killed the bill.

Then on Thursday, when SJR 9, providing for 31 senators and 61 representatives, came up for vote, three Democrats defected from the line laid down by the Democratic high command.

Favor L. Governor

The Democrats favor a lieutenant governor and felt this resolution would tend to defeat that move. But the resolution was

adopted by the votes of the 15 Republicans plus the affirmative votes of Senate President Boyd Overhulse, and Democratic Sens. Jean Lewis and Harry Boivin.

In the House Friday, when the effort was made to bring up the bills for repeal of the surtax, Rep. Joe Rogers, Democrat from Polk county, voted with the Republicans and Rep. George Layman, Republican from Newberg, went along with the Democrats.

If legislation approved by the majority members of the House Labor and Industries Committee prevails in the Legislature, Oregon employers will receive a real jolt in rate increases for workmen's compensation.

Calls for Increase

The program, approved by the Democratic majority of this committee, would call for a 20 per cent rate increase to employers of Oregon.

This will include a 1.74 per cent increase for what is listed as "fatals," covering widows and children. An over-all rate increase of 8.7 per cent on permanent partial

disability; a 6.7 per cent boost of temporary total disability; and a 3.5 per cent rate increase on permanent total disability. This works out to an overall increase of 19.67 per cent.

Not including Friday's business, both houses have passed exactly 100 bills out of 1,134 introduced since the opening of the session.

While it is true that a goodly number of bills have been tabled in House and Senate committees, there are still a large number receiving serious consideration.

Tax Program Nearly Ready

Rep. Clarence Barton, chairman of the House Tax Committee, has announced that the House tax program will be ready in about a week or 10 days. This corresponds to previous estimates that the program will reach the House floor about April 15.

Under this schedule the earliest the Senate could have the tax program, either that of the House, a revised program or an entirely new one would be during the last week in April.

Until the tax program, plus ways and means and other important legislation has been approved by both houses, the Legislature cannot adjourn.

It would look at the moment like the date of such adjournment may be about May 11.

College Study Discussion Due At Conference

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The West's greatest top-level conference on higher education opens here Tuesday.

It will bring more than 400 college presidents and top level educators, governors, regents, legislators and civic leaders from the 11 western states and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii.

To Chart Course

Sponsored by the Western Interstate Committee on Higher Education in cooperation with the President's Committee on education beyond the high school, the conference has the dual purpose of assessing the needs and charting the course of future higher education in the West, and of selling the public on the necessity for the tremendous program ahead.

With colleges and universities already crowded, it is estimated that an increase of at least half a billion dollars a year for the next 10 years in higher educational expenditures is needed to expand facilities.

Sproul to Keynote

Pres. Robert Gordon Sproul of the University of California will be the conference keynoter.

In accepting the keynoting invitation, Sproul pointed out that the meeting is the first step in a nationwide campaign to alert America to the "acute problems which must be faced within the next decade as the flood-tide of post-high school students moves relentlessly toward its crest."

At least six western governors will attend the conference. They are Robert D. Holmes of Oregon, Stephen L. R. McNichols of Colorado, Charles H. Russell of Nevada, Robert E. Smylie of Idaho, George D. Clyde of Utah and Milward Simpson of Wyoming.

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ONLY 987 BROUGHT IN Chill Puts Damper On Snake Capture

By SAUL FELDMAN
OKENE, Okla. (AP)—This sleepy farm community went back into hibernation today with the snakes. Its annual chance for fame — the Rattlesnake Roundup — was slightly chilled yesterday by a sudden storm which dropped the temperature to 40 degrees.

At that temperature, a self-respecting snake won't get out of his den.

The total catch for three days was 987, far below the normal 2,500. The longest snake was a 72-inch, one of seven caught in 25 minutes by H. H. Tomlinson of Watonga, Okla. He got \$32.50 for it at an auction.

The reptiles are sold to zoos and to drug houses for their venom, used in treating snake bites.

There were 15,000 persons in this northwest Oklahoma town of 1,100 to hunt snakes, or look and take pictures. The registration of those who actually went hunting was \$27.

An estimated 4,000 persons in a thousand cars swarmed into the Gypsum Hills southwest of here while the rest stayed in town and looked at the snakes being exhibited, took carnival rides or ate fried rattlesnake (35 cents a serving).

One new member was taken into the Order of the White Fang.

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Eldon Martin, 17-year-old Okene High School student, was struck in the left leg below the knee by one rattler while he was tracking another. His bite was described as serious, with his ankle swelling up three times normal size, but doctors said he would recover.

A snake worth \$100 was marked and released in the hills but no one found it.

The going price at the sale of rattlesnakes was 50 cents a pound. The biggest "mess" of snakes (92) was brought in by Bill Slover of White Flat, Tex.

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Nevada Desert Site of Wreck Of Secret Jet

INDIANS SPRINGS, Nev. (AP) — A search party was en route today to a spot in desolate desert country where a missing secret research plane and its dead pilot were located yesterday.

The flier was Robert L. Sieker, 35, Granada Hills, Calif., a Lockheed Aircraft Corp. engineering test pilot. He and the U2 jet, a high altitude research plane, vanished last Thursday after taking off from Mercury, Nev.

Approximately 70 aircraft took part in the ensuing search in parts of Nevada, California and Utah. Yesterday the plane was spotted in the desert near Pioche, in eastern Nevada.

The Lockheed spokesman said the U2 was engaged in classified high-altitude research to determine if the plane was adaptable to extended weather reconnaissance activities of interest to the Air Force and the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics.

Sieker was an Air Force pilot from 1942 to 1948. He had been with Lockheed since 1951.

Hawaii Wreck Of B47 Kills 4

HONOLULU (AP)—All four crewmen were killed yesterday when an Air Force B47 bomber slammed into the tip of a 2,400-foot mountain above the World War II rest camp known as "Happy Valley" on northwest Oahu yesterday.

The dead were identified at their home base at Altus AFB, Okla., as Capt. Dunn N. Rogers, 36, Altus, Okla.; 1st Lt. Sherman Bozeman Jr., pilot, 25, Montgomery, Ala.; 1st Lt. Frank R. Clausi, observer, Altus; and S.Sgt. Haskell E. Gray, crew chief, Altus.

The big swept-wing, six-jet bomber was coming in for a landing at Hickam AFB when it hit the peak only 40 feet from the top, broke up and burst into flames.

Land rescue teams which inched up the steep mountainside reported "nothing but pieces" was found of the wreckage.

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