

County Home Rule Amendment Given Approval of House

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A proposed constitutional amendment to give more home rule to Oregon's counties has the approval of the House and now is in the Senate.

The amendment, approved 47-11 by the House Tuesday, would be submitted to the people in November, 1958.

If the people vote for it, then the 1959 Legislature would set up election machinery whereby the voters of any county could adopt a charter that would give them the kind of county offices they wished, and give to the county governing body law-making powers that now do not exist.

The measure is one of three that the Local Government Interim Committee recommended as a means of helping counties and suburban areas solve their problems. The committee felt that by giving counties powers to legislate, they could take care of many of their own problems.

Another major bill in the interim committee package was defeated Tuesday. It would have permitted county service districts to provide city services to suburban areas.

The third one would permit territories annexed to cities to get reduced city taxes for up to 10 years. The Senate passed it last week.

The Senate completed legislative action on a bill to ease the 45-mile speed limit on trucks. It would be boosted to 50 miles an hour for trucks with single rear axle if they weighed less than 20,000 pounds. It wouldn't apply to logging trucks.

A bill to abolish the Unemployment Compensation Commission and replace it with a single administrator was approved, 5-2, by the Senate Labor and Industries Committee.

The House Education Committee approved a whittled-down version of the bill to permit school districts to establish junior colleges. Now the bill will go to the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

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New Congressman



ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—L. Gov. Joe M. Montoya, 41-year old longtime New Mexico Democratic political figure, Tuesday won a special election to become the new U. S. Representative at large from New Mexico. (AP Wirephoto)

Montoya Wins House Seat in N. M. Election

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—L. Gov. Joseph M. Montoya, 41, won New Mexico's second seat in the U. S. House of Representatives yesterday.

Montoya, a Democrat, piled up a margin of some 7,000 votes over his Republican opponent, State Rep. Thomas Bolack of Farmington.

The turnout topped 130,000, well above the usual vote for a special election in New Mexico.

Montoya fills a vacancy created by the death last November of Democratic Rep. Antonio M. Fernandez a few hours after his election to an unprecedented eighth term.

Unofficial returns from 582 of 681 voting divisions gave Bolack 61,322, Montoya 68,600.

There were no lively issues raised in the special campaign, which centered more on handshaking than anything else. Montoya had criticized the administration's policies on the Middle East and small business, while Bolack emphasized his interest in water resources development.

Common Folks Grumble About British Budget

LONDON (AP)—Ominous rumblings from Britain's dissatisfied working class were heard today as the nation sized up the Conservative government's new budget easing the tax on higher incomes.

Presenting the budget to the House of Commons yesterday, Chancellor of the Exchequer Peter Thorneycroft described it as a program of "opportunity, expansion and incentive." His outline was greeted with cheers from the Conservatives and boos from the Labor opposition.

"It Means More for Those With Most" declared a front-page headline in today's Daily Herald, voice of the Laborites. The paper implied it would spur demands for wage increases such as those which recently pulled 1,700,000 shipyard and industrial workers out on strikes.

Thorneycroft told Commons Britons earning more than 2,000 pounds (\$5,600) a year will pay less surtax, a move apparently aimed at slowing the rate of emigration among highly skilled and executive groups.

He received word of it until too late, it was impossible to respond.

MRS. McCARTHY SNUBS FIRST LADY'S LUNCHEON

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mrs. Joseph McCarthy, wife of the Republican senator from Wisconsin, says she would not have attended a White House luncheon yesterday even if she had gotten her invitation in time.

"I wouldn't have gone anyway," she said. "When they wouldn't invite my husband because of his fight against communism I would hardly go either."

Sen. McCarthy, a persistent critic of Eisenhower administration policies, has not been invited to recent White House functions which all other Congress members attend.

Yesterday's affair was a spring luncheon given by Mrs. Eisenhower for more than 100 guests. Mrs. Eisenhower's secretary said an invitation was sent to Mrs. McCarthy. Mrs. McCarthy said she never saw it.

The senator's wife said she received only an "oral" invitation by telephone to McCarthy's office, and that was too late to respond.

She said she has written Mrs. Eisenhower the following note: "I regret very much that I was unable to reply to your luncheon invitation for today, but as it was tendered by telephone and I did

3 or More Tax Plans Besides Dooley's Will Vie for House Committee's Okay

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The tax program proposed by the committee, points out that there will be at least four tax plans before the committee for consideration. Barton indicated that the final draft of the house tax program may be an amalgamation of several proposed bills.

The seven Democrats on the committee will support the increase in the exemptions from \$500 to \$600 although Rep. Richard Eymann (D), Lane county, is seriously considering offering a tax credit in place of exemptions to the committee for consideration. The tax credit is in vogue in a number of states.

Two Democratic members and one Republican are writing new tax programs.

Jonas Prepares Bill

The Democrats, Reps. Guy Jonas of Salem and Vernon Cook, are putting their joint ideas into the form of a bill, which Jonas says will call for removal of the offset of federal tax payments on state tax returns.

Moreover, these two legislators are not satisfied with the schedule of taxes in the Dooley plan, feeling that taxpayers with incomes above \$10,000 should pay some increased tax along with those between the \$4,000 and \$10,000 income level.

"It is not my idea to soak the rich," Jonas said, "but I feel that taxpayers in the higher incomes

should pay some increased taxes as well as those in the lower brackets."

Rep. William A. Grenfell, Jr., (D) Portland, is another member of the committee that favors the removal of the federal income tax payment offset. This action, he said, would bring more money to Oregon and less to the federal government from Oregon taxpayers while he contends that the overall income tax paid by the average Oregon taxpayer for both state and federal taxes will not be changed materially.

Virtually all Democratic mem-

bers feel that corporations and privately owned utilities should bear a greater share of the tax load. As a result any tax program put out by the House is likely to carry upward rates in these two categories.

Republican Writes Program

Republican Fayette Bristol, Grants Pass, is writing his own tax program. He said he was invited to do so by Chairman Barton. Bristol indicated his plan would contain a number of features contained in the 1955 legislative interim committee on taxation.

Chairman Barton expects to have the committee working on a tax program sometime later this week with the result that the House tax plan may reach the floor late next week or early in the following week.

2 More Peron Aides Escape in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Two more Peronistas have escaped from jail, again causing acute embarrassment to the government of Provisional President Pedro Aramburu.

The two, Dr. Saul Eckern and Ernesto Mena, slipped from their cells Tuesday at San Salvador de Jujuy near Uruguay. They were arrested Dec. 24 when the car they were driving from Bolivia was involved in an accident.

Police said they found pro-Peron propaganda material in the wreckage, including personal letters from the exiled former President.

Eckern and Mena were brought here last month for questioning and were returned to San Salvador de Jujuy only four days ago. Their escape was almost as much of a blow to authorities as the recent flight of six top Peronista prisoners from Rio Gallegos jail, in southern Argentina.

One report said the doors of the cells where Eckern and Mena were held were left unlocked. All jail employes on duty at the time of the escape were held for an investigation.

In Buenos Aires, the Aramburu government threatened to use its full force to head off strikes or other attempts to further disturb the already restive situation in Argentina. A midnight communi-

que from the President's office said information had been received that "extremists" were preparing a plan of agitation.

TV Quiz Whiz Shoves Purse Upto \$160,000

NEW YORK (AP)—Schoolboy quiz whiz Robert Strom parlayed his TV winnings to \$160,000 last night and became the new champion money winner for a single program.

The 19-year-old Bronx science expert defeated Theodore Nadler of St. Louis as top money winner for one show. Nadler had boosted his winnings to \$152,000 on another program last Sunday.

Strom will return to CBS-TV's The \$64,000 Question next week to try for \$192,000. If he doesn't stumble, he eventually can win \$256,000.

Another boy, 11-year-old Leonard Ross of California, still holds the title for the most money won. Last night Strom correctly answered a complex four-part question dealing with physics, aerodynamics, astronomy, mathematics, meteorology and electronics. That brought him \$32,000.

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