

4-Year Terms Move Fails in Senate Tie

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A move to make representatives in the Oregon House elective for four year terms instead of two failed in the Oregon Senate by a 15-15 vote late Wednesday, but Sen. Jean Lewis, Portland Democrat, served notice she would move for reconsideration.

The arguments of those in favor of Senate bill 300 was that it would mean that at least half the members of the House in each legislative session would have had

experience, as they now do in the Senate whose members are elected for four years.

Those who argued against it expressed belief that the House in Oregon, like the House in Congress, should continue to be accountable to the voters every two years.

Republicans and Democrats were about evenly split on both sides.

Vote Reconsidered

A bill directing the governor to remove from office any public official under indictment wound up back in the hands of the Multnomah county delegation. At first the Senate voted 15-14 along party lines — Republicans favoring and Democrats against — to take the bill from the delegation to assign to another committee.

Republicans later moved for reconsideration after learning that Sen. Andrew Naterlin, Newport Democrat, had been excused to attend a funeral. Sen. Warren Gill said the Republicans did not want to take advantage of the situation and wanted the bill brought back to the Multnomah county delegation until a motion could be made to recall it when no senators were excused. The Multnomah delegation earlier had tabled the bill.

The Senate voted unanimously in favor of House bill 297, which would appropriate up to \$100,000 as Oregon's share in a cooperative survey with the state of Washington of the feasibility of a bridge across the Columbia river from Astoria to Megler.

Budgets: The Senate approved and sent to the governor bills providing for the next biennial budgets of the State Department of Agriculture, Civil Service Commission, and State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Taxes: Passed by the House was House Joint Memorial 16 authorizing the state to use the federal courts to collect state taxes from persons who have moved from the state.

Labor: A move by Republican Rep. Graham Killam, Portland, to take House bill 744 from the Committee on Labor and Industries for action on the House floor failed 45-13. The bill would put all labor organizations under control of the state labor commissioner.

April Showers Delay Planting

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The U. S. Department of Agriculture said Wednesday that heavy April rains have put spring planting behind schedule in many parts of western and eastern Oregon.

But higher temperatures have increased to nearly normal the development of crops in the ground and in Western Oregon orchards.

Pear trees in the Medford area are blossoming. Western Oregon livestock is out on spring rangelands and winter-seeded crops are doing fine.

Eastern Oregon wheat seeding is well under way. Warm weather throughout the area has increased the stand of winter-planted wheat.

Central Oregon farmers already have seeded half their spring wheat and about one-third of the barley they plan to plant.

Pasture and livestock are said to be in good condition, especially in Lake and Klamath counties where pasture is better than for many years.

Tom Pickens, Salem, Named Veep at OSC

CORVALLIS (AP) — Charles Dunn of Portland is the new student body president of Oregon State College.

He was elected to the office Wednesday, defeating Jim Hudec of Salem, 1,613 to 678.

Others elected are Tom Pickens, Salem, first vice president, who defeated Gordon Roselund, Roseburg, 1,533 to 750, and Janet Nelson, Portland, second vice president.

All the winners are members of the Peasant Party.

Other officers include: Dick Pahl, Pendleton, student senator from the school of agriculture; Sheryl Youde, Grants Pass, senator from the school of science; and Dave Socioffky, Salem, junior class president.

The District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.) occupies an area of 62 square miles.

Renner Picked For Game Post

Ralph W. Renner, Lakeview rancher, was appointed to the state Game Commission Wednesday by Gov. Holmes.

Renner succeeds the late Elmer Balsiger of Klamath Falls.

The Governor had named M. E. Norton of Phoenix to the post, but withdrew the selection when he discovered the law requires two commissioners from Eastern Oregon.

Renner operates 27,000 acres of ranch and farm lands in Lake and Klamath counties. The Governor said he is an active sportsman.

Holmes, Knight Sign Klamath Basin Compact

United by a telephone connection, Govs. Holmes of Oregon and Knight of California signed the Klamath River Basin Compact Wednesday afternoon.

The compact had been ratified by both legislatures, and now Congress must act on it.

The compact provides for the two states to plan use and development of the basin's waters.

Watching the ceremony in Salem were the Jackson and Klamath County legislative delegations; Nelson Reed, Klamath Falls, chairman of the Klamath Basin Commission; George Stevenson, Klamath Falls, member of the same commission; and state engineer Lewis A. Stanley.

Gov. Holmes told Gov. Knight this "is an historic occasion because it will make it possible to irrigate 20,000 acres of land in Oregon and 10,000 in California, when the water is needed."

They had a discussion about their legislatures, with Gov. Holmes predicting the Oregon Legislature would last three or four more sessions "because most of the important legislation still is being acted upon."

NO HOPE THEY'RE ALIVE Diver Fails to Reach 6 Trapped in Oil Rig

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NEW ORLEANS (UP)—A skin diver prepared to try again today to reach six men entombed in cramped sleeping quarters of a capsized oil drilling barge. Authorities expressed little hope of finding the victims alive.

Towering ground swells foiled repeated attempts of diver Don Inman to reach the submerged deck of the floodlighted "Mister K" with his rubber suit and aqung before he abandoned the effort shortly before midnight.

Three crewmen were believed to have drowned immediately when the barge carrying a 100-foot drilling rig on its deck suddenly turned turtle during a storm before noon Wednesday in the mouth of the Mississippi River.

Six Survive Ordeal

Six others were saved, five of them without injury. One was hospitalized.

Inman decided "raps" that appeared to come earlier from inside the hull "were just imagination" and not signals from survivors as previously believed.

Inman said no divers could reach the barge in Wednesday night's heavy weather.

"Every time I got near the barge I was washed by the current," he said.

The Coast Guard finally fixed warning lights on the hull and abandoned it until daybreak.

Some 30 relatives and friends of the missing crewmen maintained a nightlong vigil at rescue headquarters in Venice, La., about 30 miles from the scene.

The nearly new derrick barge, valued at \$1,250,000, was being towed out of the storm-tossed Gulf of Mexico into the calmer mouth of the Mississippi when it suddenly turned bottom up.

The survivors said they had little time to get out, it all happened so fast.

"I was in the pump room," M. E. Flowers of Houston, Tex., said. "We went over and I got out, but I was swept out 100 feet. That may have saved me. I can only swim a little."

Flowers said he saw two of his shipmates floundering and "I don't think they were picked up."

Plex Ballard of Buras, La., said he saw three fellow workmen drown. He identified them as W. J. Davis, 42, Silver Creek, Miss.; James Harvey Jr., Jayess, Miss.; and Lewis Hightower, also of Jayess.

Egyptians Buy Foreign Firms

CAIRO (AP)—British and French banks and insurance companies were turned over officially today to Egyptian owners.

Contracts for sale and transfer of operations of the foreign firms were signed yesterday. The takeover was ordered as part of an Egyptianization program after the British-French invasion of the Suez Canal zone. Firms of other foreign countries were given five years to prepare for the change-over.

Leo Durocher, major league baseball manager, is of French extraction

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