

COMMITTEE NEGATIVE

Senate Near Vote on Bank Closure Bill

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The Saturday bank closure bill—one of the hottest items before the Oregon Legislature—has a 6 to 3 recommendation by the Senate Financial Affairs Committee that it be defeated.

The committee, hoping its adverse report will be a kiss of death, had tabled it. But the pressure to end the bill to the floor was so heavy that the committee conceded.

It is primarily a war between the First National Bank of Portland, which opposes compulsory Saturday closure, against virtually every other bank in Oregon. All of the others want to close.

Brings Most Mail Legislators say they have received more mail on this subject than on any other. Committee members opposed to the bill are Sens. Howard C. Belton (R), Canby, chairman; Truman A. Chase (R), Eugene; Ward Cook (D), Portland; Carl H. Francis (R), Dayton; Wally Gill (R), Lebanon; and Walter J. Pearson (D), Portland.

Supporting the bill are Sens. R. F. Chapman (D), Coos Bay; John D. Hare (R), Hillsboro; and Andrew J. Naterlin (D), Newport. Gill, explaining why he decided to vote to send the bill to the floor, instead of letting it die in committee, told the committee:

"I have been hounded by people who want this to go to the floor. It is the first time I ever have backed down. It will either close the mouths of the people who are doing the whining and whimpering, or it will let them pass their bill."

Meanwhile, the House approved a proposed constitutional amendment to increase the \$1 million dollar limit on veterans farm and home loan bonds to \$12 million. It will be on the November 1958 election ballot.

37 to 20 Vote The vote was 37 to 20. The bonds are paid off by the veterans who get the loans.

The increased limit is needed because the Legislature has increased the maximum individual loans to \$15,500 for homes and \$30,000 for farms.

The House sent to the Governor a bill providing for annual population estimates for counties. These estimates, now provided only for cities, are made by the state census board.

Another bill approved by the House and sent to the Governor would let the state Board of Higher Education exchange faculty members with other states or countries. Each faculty member could be on exchange only for one year.

The House completed legislative action on a proposed constitutional amendment to fix the state boundary at 191 points along the Columbia River. The boundary now is the middle of the shifting and uncertain channel. This measure also goes to the ballot.

Already Ratified Oregon and Washington already have ratified the compact to fix this boundary. But before it can become effective, the Constitutions of both states must be changed, and Congress must approve.

The Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee voted for a House amendment to increase the \$600 annual salaries of legislators to \$1,000. It also would let the legislators vote expense allowances for themselves.

This committee also favored a House resolution to create an interim committee to investigate whether boards and commissions should be consolidated or eliminated. The Senate, however, broadened it so that the interim committee also would see whether the boards and commissions enact rules which exceed their powers.

Speaker Pat Dowley announced that the House would hold its first Saturday session this week. The Senate doesn't plan to have Saturday sessions for some time.

300 Signs Stolen; Handy as Mooring ROCHESTER, N.Y. —In the past year, 300 of the city's 500 "no parking" signs have been stolen from streets. City Traffic Engineer Harrison Young says he's not sure why but he guesses that some of them might have been lifted by summer cottagers as moorings for boats. The signs have a 28-pound metal base.

Woodburn Drive-In Open 6:45—Starts 7:15 Wed.-Thurs.-Fri.-Sat. "THE DESPERATE HOURS" Bogart—March —PLUS— "TRIBUTE TO A BAD MAN" James Cagney Tuesday Is Buck-a-Car Night

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Confer on Abuse of Labor Union Funds



AUGUSTA, Ga.—President Eisenhower and Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell pose outside Ike's vacation office at the Augusta National Golf Club before conferring here today over plans for legislation aimed at preventing abuse of labor union funds. (AP Wirephoto)

British Planes Start Carrying Guided Bombs

LONDON — The Air Ministry announced Thursday British bombers will soon be fitted with rocket-driven guided bombs which will form for many years the foundation of our deterrent power.

The announcement also said Britain had developed an air-to-air guided missile which tracks down and destroys enemy planes by following the heat rays given off by the aircraft.

These developments are part of the revolutionary five-year program to reshape Britain's fighting forces to meet the requirements of the nuclear age — at less expense. They were disclosed in a memorandum from Air Minister George Ward in connection with the ministry's expense estimates for the 1957-58 fiscal year.

"Stocks of nuclear weapons are increasing, together with the bomber commands' ability to carry them," the memorandum said. "V-bombers (Britain's present bombers) will progressively be developed and improved Marks (models) will be introduced which will carry powered guided bombs. Thus, they will form for many years the foundation of our deterrent power."

The memorandum gave no additional details but the Laborite J. R. Rinker, of the Portland Retail Trade Bureau said the bill would make business wary of locating in Oregon.

The bill would increase the effective corporation excise tax rate from 6 to 7 per cent, although some businesses would be increased from 4 to 7 per cent.

Representatives of several companies said they would think about moving to Washington state if the tax were increased.

Robert A. Hudson, Portland food processor and dealer, urged a tax structure more favorable to business. He said such a policy would create jobs by bringing more people to Oregon to pay more taxes.

Hudson said his company had planned to build a new plant in Oregon, but now it might build it in Washington.

Islam Rebels Kill 150 JAKARTA —An army spokesman announced Thursday that Darul Islam rebels recently killed 150 persons near Makassar, capital of the Celebes.

The spokesman declined to say whether these were victims of last week's clash between Moslem rebels and central government troops which an army spokesman described as the "most serious incident in 11 years."

\$21.3 Million Paid to State Vets in Year

PORTLAND — The federal government paid \$21,343,438 in compensation and pensions to 36,683 Oregon war veterans in the past fiscal year, the Veterans Administration reported Wednesday.

Some six million dollars was paid to dependents of some 8,000 deceased veterans of the state, the VA said. Another six million dollars went to 4,200 Oregon Korean War veterans studying under the GI bill.

House Approves Student Excuses

The House passed and sent to the Governor Wednesday a bill to permit school children to be excused during emergencies. The only excuse now is for illness of the pupil or a member of his family.

The bill arose out of the fact that some high school students in Baker County, who served in the National Guard during a recent flood emergency, were not excused from school.

Daily Herald said the guided bomb will make unnecessary the costly development of high-level, faster-than-sound bombers.

13-Day Woods Strike Ended By Hours Pact

NORTH BEND, Ore. — Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. was back in full operation Thursday after settlement of a 13-day strike.

The dispute was over the working hours of a nine-man boom crew. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

About 350 woods workers quit their jobs April 11 when the company changed the working hours. The union contended the firm should have negotiated. But the company said its contract gave it the right to make the change without consulting the union.

The woods workers posted pickets around the Weyerhaeuser sawmill here April 15, idling 400 members of a sister union.

Woods workers returned to their jobs Wednesday after accepting the settlement. The mill crew went back Tuesday after a tentative agreement had been reached and the picket line was removed.

"The union believes the progress made under the settlement will tend to prevent similar labor disputes," H. K. Johnson, strike committee chairman, said. The company had no statement.

BROADCASTERS TO MEET EUGENE — The Oregon State Broadcasters Assn. will meet here next Tuesday.

Texas Floods Cost 5 Lives; Rains, Winds Ease; Aid Mobilized

DALLAS — Surging rivers and creeks, driven out of their banks by six days of torrential rains, flooded parts of Texas today, but the cloudbursts that drenched portions on the state yesterday began tapering off.

Tornadoes, thunderstorms and winds of hurricane force battered the state yesterday. The cloudbursts drove already swollen rivers and streams out of their banks in central Texas, flooding parts of several towns and highways. At least five persons were reported drowned.

Relief Mobilized Disaster forces were being mobilized to handle serious floods. Several hundred persons living in South San Marcos, 29 miles south of Austin, evacuated homes last night and early today as the Blanco River rose threateningly. The water was only two feet below U.S. Highway 281 across the river.

Gov. Price Daniel authorized National Guard troops for emergency duty if they are needed to aid flood-stricken Belton and Killeen, south and west of Waco. Hundreds of persons were evacuated in those areas late last night. Killeen had more than 6.5 inches of rain.

The Weather Bureau lifted a tornado and severe weather alert, but scattered thundershowers were expected again today in east Texas.

10 Feet of Water in Streets The heavy rains in the past six days had already pushed many streams near flood stages and many spilled over after yesterday's downpours.

Little Nolan and Big Nolan creeks surged into the southern and eastern part of Killeen last night. Floodwaters 10 feet deep gushed through the streets for a time.

Baudelio Gonzalez, 58, and his wife Bonita, 53, were drowned at Killeen. Their grandson Pedro Gonzalez, 6, was believed drowned along with his unidentified babysitter.

Further south, floodwaters posed a threat at Austin and in the Johnson City area. Mrs. J. T. Walker of Austin and her infant son Robert drowned when the car they occupied was swept off a flooded portion of U.S. Highway 290 east of Johnson City. A passenger, Mrs. Clara Joe Huckabay, was saved.

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