

\$44 Million State College Budget Bill Up to Governor

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The Oregon Senate late Tuesday unanimously passed House bill 59, providing a \$44,216,386 budget for the state system of higher education. It now goes to the Governor.

Sen. Jean Lewis, Portland Democrat, said the Joint Ways and Means Committee had cut some \$200,000 from the recommended budget, but still included more than two million dollars for academic salary increases.

LOSING VALUED STAFFERS

She said this was important, because the institutions of higher learning had been losing valued academic staff members to other

states. She said an increase in academic salaries of from 20 to 25 per cent would put Oregon in better competitive position to meet outside challenges for key personnel.

The budget represented an increase of 27 per cent over the budget for the current biennium.

The Senate passed several other Ways and Means measures, including budgets for the State Industrial Accident Commission, Department of Insurance and state fire marshal, State Land Board, Legislative Counsel Committee, Oregon Real Estate Department, state engineer, State Hydroelectric Commission, and State Department of Veterans' Affairs.

to promote their commodity and conduct research by taxing themselves passed despite some protest that distributors should share in the costs.

Bonds: Senate bill 452 permitting the State Bond Commission to invest Oregon bond money in

short term federal securities also passed the House and went to the Governor. If all bond measures before the Legislature are approved, the state will make some \$200,000 in interest by investing the money in federal securities for a short period.

Marion Legislators Seek State Funds For Salem Armory

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Three members of the Marion County legislative delegation Tuesday urged the building committee of Ways and Means to recommend \$300,000 toward the cost of a new Marion County armory.

Sen. Lee Ohmart told the subcommittee that the federal government would contribute \$347,199.50 toward the project and that inasmuch as an auditorium is planned as well as other non-military features, the city of Salem and Marion County would be called upon to contribute a portion of the cost.

POSSIBLE BOND ISSUE

It was indicated by the three Marion County legislators, Sen. Ohmart and Reps. Robert L. Elstrom and Eddie Ahrens, that a bond issue would likely be proposed to cover the city's portion of cost.

Col. Paul L. Kliever, director of armories for the Oregon National Guard, told the committee that the federal contribution to the Salem armory had already been approved.

Rep. Leon Davis asked if 4-H and Future Farmer exhibits and activities could be staged in the new armory and Col. Kliever answered that all facilities for such use could be installed, including wiring for temporary electric stoves used by the 4-H groups.

After the armory hearing the committee began consideration of the State Board of Control's \$9,261,209 building program.

PROGRAM EXPLAINED

Col. William Ryan explained the program item by item, giving the committee the board's views as to priority.

These he listed as the new Correctional Institution, the F. H. Dammash Mental Hospital near Wilsonville, MacLaren and Fairview Home.

Col. Ryan made it clear that all items in the building program submitted by the Board of Control were urgent and that listing priorities was extremely difficult. It was pointed out that there can be no relief for overcrowded conditions at Oregon State Hospital at Salem until the first two phases of the F. H. Dammash Hospital are completed about January 1, 1960.

Rep. R. E. Schedeen, (D) Gresham, asked if a proposed geriatric building with 250 beds at Eastern Oregon State Hospital could not be delayed until the next legislature. This request has been before three previous legislatures and has always been turned down.

WOULD EASE CROWDING

Col. Ryan said that such a building could be constructed in about a year and a half after which the crowded conditions at the State Hospital in Salem could be eased through transfer of oldsters, who have no relatives in Western Ore-

gon to the new Eastern Oregon building.

The Board of Control's building program includes some 32 items, many of them small projects. It seemed obvious from the questions posed by the committee members that the board's building program is going to cut down.

But indications were also evident that on the major projects, particularly those needed to meet increased admissions, will be given approval.

Sen. Ward Cook, chairman of the building committee, said the Board of Higher Education building program would be reviewed, after which the members might wish some additional information on the Board of Control's program. While no definite announcement was made, indications are that the building program will be submitted to the general committee at its Friday meeting.

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Library: An appropriation of \$150,000 to be matched by federal funds for the purpose of extending Oregon state library service to rural areas by bookmobiles was approved by the House and sent to the Governor.

Juries: Senate bill 134 providing that juries be selected by lot rather than picked by hand in the counties was approved by the House with only one dissenting vote and sent to the Governor.

Pilots: A complete revision of laws governing river and bar pilots passed the House in Senate bill 375 and went to the Governor. The bill sets up a five-man pilot board appointed by the Governor with rate-making powers to replace the present three-man board. Both pilots and shippers agreed to the bill.

Commodities: Senate bill 417 permitting growers of any agricultural commodity, beef or seafood to form commodity commissions

Osteopathic Prexy Eyes Socialized Medicine by 1967

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP)—The president of the American Osteopathic Assn. says he believes socialized medicine is inevitable within 10 years.

"We have gone so far down the road in that direction it is doubtful if we can turn back now," Dr. Robert D. McCullough, Tulsa, Okla., said last night at the annual dinner of the Kansas State Osteopathic Assn.

Socialized medicine is not necessarily desirable, McCullough said, but medical groups that realize the inevitable, he said, should realize the freedom in choosing a doctor can be maintained to some degree.

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