

Legislative Report By . Senator Ken Jernstedt, District 28

In the Oregon Senate last week SB 553 could garner only 9 out of 30 votes, and as a result self-service gas will not be available in Oregon at this time. Oregon is one of only two states which do not allow this service. This was one of those bills that presented more problems than good points. It was lobbied heavily by groups interested in setting up self-service gas stations in this state and charges and counter-charges of questionable tactics have been brought to the at-

tention of the Ethics Commission.

What were the problems? It is dubious that this type of service would save the consumer money. There are indications that other states' self-service prices are similar to Oregon's mini-service prices.

Opponents predicted that if self-service gas was OK'd in Oregon, mini-service would be phased out. The consumer would then have to choose between pumping gas himself or paying for full service.

Supporters of SB 553 claimed that there was no evidence of a safety problem associated with the general public pumping their own gas. They were right, in a way. There is no evidence at all — none to prove there is a safety problem, or to prove that there is not.

The potential of lost jobs was a point made during debate on this bill. The real issue boiled down to a question of whether or not the possible cost savings would be worth

the actual loss of jobs and the potential safety problems? I think not.

In limbo at the moment is the perennial fluoridation bill which crops up in every legislative session. SB 597 would mandate an election for every water district in the state to decide whether or not fluorides would be placed in the water. Several questions were raised concerning the wording of the bill and it was sent back to committee for more work. I hope it remains there.

A bill that did pass was the unit pricing measure. I was one of four voting against it. I realize that there are some advantages in knowing the unit cost of grocery items, but the unit price is just one factor to be considered when making purchases. Pricing items in this fashion will actually hurt the consumer by increasing the total cost of our purchases. For this reason I was a reluctant "no" vote, but unit pricing will soon be the law in Oregon.

The House minority leader recently described the legislature as moving with all the speed of a crippled turtle. Unfortunately he is right concerning the House, which skips sessions because it does not have enough bills coming out of committees to be acted upon. I have felt for several sessions that the length of their committee hearings is to blame. Four hours is too long to work on one subject, and if the floor work interrupts the committee work, too much of the week's total work time is completely lost.

The Senate, on the other hand, is running very smoothly. By recessing until the afternoon and having a second session it was possible to handle 23 measures the other day. We are averaging about a dozen bills a day now.



Editors Note

There definitely is a great change around here in Warm Springs, especially with the completion of the new Administrative building. Now that everyone is about settled in their new offices there will be other changes and additions around the campus area; one in particular is the addition of the juvenile detention center. Was there any participation from the Tribal Members in a facility such as this?

What about the shopping center in the campus area? Wouldn't that make more sense for economic reasons, improvement to the area and much more safety features to and from highway 26.

As for the Juvenile Detention Center and location, what about the east side of the present jail. I hear that some believe that the old Land Operations building should be preserved as a historical site, but to me it's just an old dangerous fire trap. Pictures would serve equally as leaving that old building there. There is always room for response to any article from anyone . . .

A Report From Your Congressman Al Ullman

WASHINGTON — The House Public Works Appropriations Subcommittee has approved \$1.2 million requested by Oregon Congressman Al Ullman to start planning a second powerhouse at McNary Dam.

Ullman Friday said he asked for funds because of the pressing need for development of additional hydro-electric power. Funds for the powerhouse were not included in the federal budget for fiscal year 1978, which starts October 1.

The subcommittee also approved \$400,000 requested by the 2nd District lawmaker for

a rehabilitation and betterment project on the Central Oregon Irrigation District.

The budget requests now go to the full Appropriations Committee, then will be considered by the House in June.

The Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee approved an additional \$350,000 for the STEEP Program of the Columbia Basin Research Center, also requested by Ullman.

STEEP (Solutions to Environmental and Economic Problems in the Pacific Northwest) is a cooperative research effort to study the problem of soil erosion.

Among other appropriations of Oregon interest approved by subcommittees:

— \$84.1 million for a Corps study of the Columbia River tributaries.

— \$3.2 million for construction on the Bureau of Reclamations Klamath Project.

\$31 million for resource conservation and development projects of the Soil Conservation Service, restoring \$7 million reduction recommended by the Administration.

— \$253 million for the Federal Extension Service, restoring most of the \$12 million reduction sought by the Administration.

WASHINGTON — Oregon Congressman Al Ullman on May 20th reported that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has extended the period during which it will receive applications for emergency Farmers Home Administration loans in

6 Oregon counties.

The extension is one of three important, drought-related developments that occurred in Washington this week, Ullman said. The second was final congressional approval of the Community Emer-

gency Drought Relief Act of 1977; and the third was House approval of the Disaster Relief Act.

Ullman said the emergency loan application extension will allow farmers in Gilliam, Harney, Klamath, Lake, Malheur and Sherman counties to submit applications until July 5 for physical losses, and until Feb. 3, 1978, for production losses. Additional information on the emergency loans and the extension is available through FmHA county supervisors.

The Community Emergency Drought Relief Act, which won final congressional approval when the House passed it Tuesday, authorizes \$225 million in grants and loans designed to assist communities with 10,000 or more people in developing drought-related water supply projects. Of the total, \$75 million will be available in the form of grants paying up to 50 percent of project costs; the remaining \$150 million will be distributed in the form of 5 percent loans. Similar assistance for smaller communities is available through the FmHA.

Ullman said he expects the President to sign the bill into law in the next few days. He said the program will be administered by the Economic Development Administration.

The House also approved the Disaster Relief Act on Tuesday, Ullman said. The bill would extend the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 through 1978 and authorize the Army Corps of Engineers to haul and otherwise supply water to drought-affected areas. Senate action on the bill is still required.

To The Editor:

After having thought about it for a while, I decided there is something that should be brought to the attention of the tribal members.

I have been working as the groundskeeper at Kah-Nee-Ta Village for nearly three years now, and have never seen such a stock problem as there has been this past month.

Stock is roaming around in the Village area causing problems to the turf, to the sprinkling system, shrubs, and pipes. Also, there are droppings all over the place and there is a stockyard smell in the air that could be chasing guests away.

Those cattle are ruining the appearance of the lawn,

too. When they eat the grass (which is kept very short) they bite into the dirt taking out big chunks — roots and all. There are brown spots all over because of this and it's starting to look terrible.

I think the people should know about this because I believe it is hurting the Tribal Members. The repairs to pipes and sprinklers are costly and the Village might be losing customers.

I feel frustrated and angry because no matter how hard I work at it, I can't keep the place looking nice anymore. I think something should be done. Meanwhile, the cattle continue to stroll through the Village area.

Respectfully,
Chesley Yahtin

Tribal Council Agenda

May 30 - HOLIDAY

May 31 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
1. Kah-Nee-Ta Monthly Report
2. Management Report on Judgement Monies

GROW UP & GO HOME

(Editor's note: The following letter is reprinted from the Bend Bulletin at the request and interest of numerous people on the Warm Springs Reservation.)

From Keith Elliott, Retired 323 N.W. Tumalo Ave., Bend
Judge Phillip Gilliam of Denver, Colo., recently gave some advice to young people of that community that is worth repeating. It was an answer to the cry of many teenagers, "What can we do, where can we go?"

Go home, says the judge. Hang the storm windows, paint the woodwork, rake the leaves, mow the lawn, wash the car, learn to cook, scrub the floors, repair the sink, build a boat, get a job, help the minister, priest, rabbi, visit the sick, help the poor, study your lessons and when you are through and not too tired, read a good book.

Do nothing to taint your family name. Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your city or village does not

owe you a living. Instead you owe the world something. You owe your time, energy and talents, so no one will be at war, in poverty, or sick, or lonely again. In plain and simple words, "Grow up and Go Home."

Get out of your dream world and develop a backbone not a wishbone. Start acting like a man or lady. You have no right to expect your parents to buy your every whim and fancy just because selfish ego instead of common sense dominates your personality, thinking and requests. So for heavens sake Grow Up and Go Home.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 27 - Boys' and Girls' Track - State Meet - Mt. Hood Community College.

June 6 & 7 - Final Exams.

June 8 - Last Day for Students.