

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

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The ordinary run of news which appears in your newspapers during the closing days of a session of Congress must be most confusing to those who have attempted to follow Congressional activities during the year. Action on any big bill involves numerous steps. What happens to the bill at each step is duly reported. Sometimes, however, the news report on a committee vote on the bill or a preliminary vote by either House or Senate gives an impression of finality. Then in the closing days a number of such bills get back into the news again because of final Congressional action in both Houses on what we call conference reports. That is the real final action. When a conference report is approved by both Houses the bill goes to the President.

Even at the risk of repeating some "primer class" details, I think it might be helpful toward following Congressional activity to recite the steps through which every important bill must pass before it becomes law.

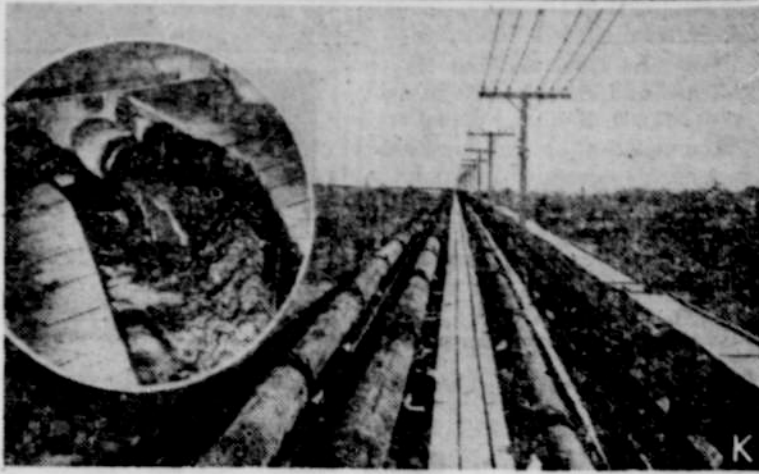
Assume the bill originates in the House. (Except money bills, legislation may originate in either house.) It is referred to a committee. The committee holds public hearings. The bill is then considered by the committee in executive session and eventually "reported" or sent to the House for action. Then the reporting committee requests the Rules Committee to grant a resolution to send the bill to the Floor, and appears before the Rules Committee to explain the bill. When a rule is granted, the majority leadership sets a time for Floor action on the rule and the bill. The House first must adopt a resolution to consider the bill—the "rule"—and then it goes into action on the bill.

The House works the bill over, often adopting several amendments on the Floor. When passed, the bill is sent to the Senate where it goes through a process similar to that in the House.

As passed by the Senate, such a bill is often vastly different in text from the House-approved version. It becomes necessary therefore to reconcile the differences between the two Houses, so a "conference committee" is named by the appointment of members from the House and Senate committees which handled the bill.

Such a conference group has broad powers with respect to rewriting the legislation with the result that the

Metal Through a Pipeline



COPPER CLIFF, ORE.—From the days of the Roman Empire, when the first modern water supply system was built, man has poured every conceivable liquid and gas through pipes. But it took today's industrial know-how to make it possible to send metal through a pipeline.

At International Nickel Company's installation here, a pipeline has just been completed which will annually carry 3,650,000 tons of nickel-copper ore in bulk concentrate form a distance of seven and a half miles. It is believed that never before has concentrated ore been carried by pipeline over such a distance. Insert shows ore arriving at reduction plant at the end of the line.

Part of Inco's \$130,000,000 program of underground mine expansion, the pipeline reduces the time required to transform nickel ore into refined nickel, and together with other developments, has contributed to the availability of nickel for U.S. defense needs.

final draft as prepared by the conference often becomes an interesting combination of the expressions of both Houses.

The procedure with respect to the final clearance of a conference report by both Houses is somewhat technical and often a bit involved, so suffice to say that during this last week you will be reading quite a little about House or Senate votes on conference reports—especially those on appropriation bills. It is well to remember, though, that there is no finality about any action on a bill until the conference version is approved by both House and Senate. Until that action is complete there is a possibility of changes in the wording of a bill.

The air is beginning to clear so far as my personal plans for the immediate future are concerned. Helen and I will drive directly to our home at Roseburg after attending the Republican Convention in Chicago. I hope we may arrive there about the 15th of July. I shall then go to Portland where I will take part in a "field conference" being conducted by the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the Interior, together with several members of the House Public Lands Committee (the official name of this committee now is the "Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs") This confer-

ence will be held July 17, 18 and 19. The meetings are technical sessions in charge of the Bureau and will not be public, but I have hopes of being able to arrange an informal conference with some of the members of the committee and officials of the O & C counties for the purpose of discussing pending legislation which affects the O & C lands. Just how this idea will work out I do not know as yet—but I am working on it.



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July To Feature Many Celebrations

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The Old Fort Dalles Frolics, The Dalles, is scheduled for July 3-5 with traditional pioneer pageantry and events.

Rodeos in Oregon are numerous in July. The Klamath Basin Roundup, Klamath Falls leads off the month from July 2-4.

The Yamhill County Sheriff's Posse Shodeo, McMinnville, July 3-4 will this year include a grand parade at 10:30 a.m. July 3 with unexpected 100 floats. Rodeo events will begin at 8 p.m. that evening and continue from 2 p.m. July 4. From 8 to 11 a.m., July 4 a cowboy breakfast is scheduled and a fireworks display will climax the show at 9 p.m. that night.

Western Oregon's two traditional rodeos are the St. Paul Rodeo, July 3-5 and the Molalla Buckaroo, July 4-6. The Molalla event includes a parade each day at 11 a.m. and the 6-event Buckaroo each day at 1:30 p.m. DST.

In Eastern Oregon, the Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsors its Amateur Rodeo, at Baker, July 4-5 and Nyssa its Sixth Annual Night Rodeo, July 10-12.

Later in the month Cottage Grove Riding Club and Elgin Stampede's Riding Club sponsor rodeos in their respective communities, July 19-20. The Cottage Grove events include calf roping, bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bulldogging and Brahma bull riding, stock furnished by Christensen Brothers of Eugene, and purse of \$1,000 plus entry fees. Elgin show stock is furnished by

Harley Tucker of Joseph and features traditional rodeo events, too.

The 7th Chief Joseph Days Celebration will be held July 25-27 at Joseph. Events include the rodeo beginning at 2 p.m. July 25, a 2-mile parade, rodeo and pageant, July 26 and cowboy breakfast and final rodeo July 27.

Yachats, on the coast, will hold its rodeo, sponsored by the Lions Club on July 28 at Carson's Ranch, two miles up the Yachats River. The rodeo is open to all amateurs.

Two special events the latter part of July include the Astoria Bean Festival, Stayton, July 30 through August 2 and Miss Oregon Pageant, Seaside, July 25-27. The Bean Festival features an amateur hour, Wednesday evening July 30, pet parade Thursday evening, grand parade Friday evening, horse show and parade Saturday afternoon and Bean-Hole-Bean, (feed) and Bean Hopper's Ball Saturday evening, August 2.

Miss Oregon finals will be held Sunday afternoon, July 27 preceded by a parade on Seaside streets.

Hospitality Day will be observed at Rockaway, Brighton, Wheeler, Nehalem and Manzanita, when free clam chowder is served to visitors on July 20.

Sporting events are listed at Portland, July 8, Ladies Professional Golf Tournament, Waverley Country Club, Mount Hood American

Legion Climb, Tilly Jane Camp, July 19-20 and Lebanon Aviation Day, Lebanon, July 27. Soap Box Derbys are scheduled around the state on July 13, including those listed at Astoria, Medford and Salem.

Portland's Fuchsia Society will stage its show at the Visitors Information Center, July 26 and Brookings holds its Annual Lily Parade July 13. The Order of the Antelope holds its outing July 18-20 at Hart Mountain.



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