

Rough waters predicted for House tax plan now before the Senate

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The spotlight on tax relief has now shifted from the House to the Senate.

The house approved plan does provide property tax relief—it also bears a striking resemblance to Measure 11.

but with less relief than that proposal offered.

Its major problems have been outlined by a member of the House Revenue Committee, which wrote the bill. In a letter to the Governor he said: "I agree that the things you

pointed out are weak areas of the committee tax plan—no dollar limit on the 30 per cent homeowner's exemption, too many tries on the split ballot, and too many people paying no real estate tax at all...Other weaknesses are no promise to

refund future surpluses and no state expenditure limitation." So while the House did approve the measure in a lopsided vote, some of those who wrote the bill and supported it still raise serious questions about it.

Some say the Senate might be intimidated by the large approval given the measure in the House. That is unlikely. The House plan is liable to run into rough waters in the Senate. Many members of the Senate leadership have their

own ideas about tax relief, and most of them don't much resemble the House program. The Governor, meanwhile, is pressing for a special election this Spring—something which isn't provided for in the House plan. He wants the people to make the decision and he wants them to have that chance as soon as possible.

If the Governor's program isn't acceptable to the Legislature he'd like to see the Legislature's program, as

well as his own, placed on a ballot to give the people a choice as well as a voice, just as it gave them a choice by placing Measure 11 on the ballot last fall.

It appears that what the Governor is asking is reasonable, and there are those of us who support him on this question. It's way too early to predict what kind of measure or measures will emerge, but I'll try to keep my constituents informed on the progress being made.

Personally, one aspect of the House plan which I do not like is that it does not speak to the question of future surpluses in the state general fund. I believe that this money should be returned to the state income taxpayers when it reaches two per cent of the total budget for a particular biennium. I would like to see this question settled once and for all! It should not be carried over—it should be returned to those who paid it.

What do you think?

Irrigon news

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A proposed hard liquor license application came up for discussion at the March city council session in Irrigon. The application concerns a motel-cafe to be built on the south side of Highway 730 at First Street. Four letters of opposition from local citizens were read, and although there were some questions from several people at the meeting, none registered direct opposition.

The council decided to poll community feeling on the subject through a questionnaire to be mailed to residents.

Also to be included in the survey is the question of dog control to determine council action on the matter. A county dog control program has been suggested and city inclusion would have to be authorized. Expense of the program was not discussed. Although it was noted as a matter to be considered.

A letter from the city to DEQ was read detailing the city's need for a sewer system, financial level relative to size, potential health hazard status and general circumstances placing it in a position considered to demand top priority for grant funds. The letter was to be read into the records of a hearing by the department on March 6 in Portland.

Vacation of an east west alley in block 34 was discussed in connection with an advertised planning commission hearing on annexation of the property, to be held on March 26. The tract bordered by Oregon Ave. and North Main Ave on the north and south lies between First and Second streets just north of the old railroad right of way. This was eliminated from a previous annexation process because the owners at that time objected to the annexation.

It was noted that a petition bearing 14 signatures of nearby property owners had been presented to the planning commission at a recent hearing. It was on a proposed mobile home subdivision and annexation of property, south of Utah Avenue. The petition opposed not only the proposed development but annexation of the property into the city.

The council voted to reactivate the municipal court since officer Fitzpatrick is back on duty after several weeks at the police academy and citations will need processing. The court was given non-functioning status during his absence, under protest from municipal Judge Diane Brownlee, who contended that court related duties were still being performed and budgeted funds for the services should be forthcoming. She requested the council adopt an ordinance detailing policy and remuneration for the elected position as required by statute.

City manager Jack Baisden, who was injured in an auto accident two weeks ago is still incapacitated and was absent from the meeting as was council member Warren Prouty.

Warren and Frances McCoy spent a week in Washington, D.C. They rented a car and drove to Mount Vernon to visit George Washington's birthplace and saw the little church that he had attended. Mrs. McCoy said the grounds and buildings had been kept up and were beautiful.

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PRIZE VALUE	NUMBER OF PRIZES	ODDS 1 TICKET	ODDS 13 TICKETS	ODDS 26 TICKETS
\$1,000	1	1 in 206,897	1 in 15,916	1 in 7,958
100	10	1 in 20,689	1 in 1,591	1 in 795
20	100	1 in 2,068	1 in 159	1 in 79
10	1,000	1 in 206	1 in 15	1 in 7
5	5,000	1 in 41	1 in 3	1 in 1
1	25,000	1 in 8	1 in 1	1 in 1
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