

Easier for Oregon businesses to recover shoplifting damages

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SALEM—With few exceptions, Oregon businesses fared well before the 60th Legislative Assembly.

Merchants won approval of a bill making it easier to recover damages and penalties from shoplifters. In addition to the cost of the merchandise, shoplifters will be liable for penalties ranging from \$100 to \$250.

Under terms of the law, parents will be liable for both the cost of the merchandise and the penalties incurred because of the pilfering of merchandise by their minor children.

Bankers won legislation allowing the establishment of branch banks in cities with less than 50,000 population. A proposal for a state-owned bank failed to make it out of committee.

Self-service gas stations will continue to be illegal, due to the death of a bill authorizing them in the House Transportation Committee.

The Legislature increased the state minimum wage to \$2.65 an hour effective immediately, with increases to \$2.90 an hour scheduled for next January and to \$3.10 an hour in January of 1981.

Legislators also removed the authority of the state wage and hour commission to set sub-minimum wage for minors employed by small businesses under the commission's jurisdiction.

Despite several proposals to revise Oregon's Workers Compensation system (the nation's costliest), the Legislature failed to initiate comprehensive changes.

The issue will be the subject of interim study and is expected to be a primary issue of the 1981 session.

The liability of ski lift operators was limited, as was the liability of manufacturers of defective or dangerous products. Punitive damages may no longer be awarded in civil actions unless the plain-

tiff can prove "wanton disregard for the health, safety and welfare of others."

Landlords may continue to discriminate against families with children because of the failure of a measure urged by Rep. Vera Katz, D-Portland.

And theater owners no longer have to "blind bid" on movies they haven't seen.

A bill requiring local governments to reimburse billboard owners for dismantling their signs when required to do so by law was vetoed last week by Governor Victor Atiyeh. The governor said the issue was not a matter for the legislature to decide, suggesting that it was properly the jurisdiction of the courts.

Summer in space

In celebration of the 10th anniversary this July of man's first footprints on the moon, OMSI is celebrating a "Summer in Space."

Several new space related exhibits and presentations in OMSI's Kendall Planetarium are all aimed at visitors with stars in their eyes. And, in these times of curtailed usage of the family car, OMSI is a short and enjoyable trip.

One of the most interesting new exhibits is a continuously running videotape program

filmed at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Cal-Tech during Voyager II's close

fly-by of Jupiter in the early part of July. The program features interviews with lead-

ing space scientists, and some close-up photographs showing details of Jupiter's rings and

the most definitive pictures ever taken of the huge planet's Galilean moons.

Also related to a very recent space mission is the new "Sky

Lab Pictorial." In this exhibit viewers see many color slides

taken by crew of Skylab—photographs of the sun, the earth, and many pictures showing every-day life in the space station itself before it was abandoned to end its life splashing down in the Indian Ocean.

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Joint study aimed at nitrogen

More efficient use of nitrogen fertilizer with minimum chance to harm the environment is the aim of a three-year study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the University of Nebraska.

University scientists Robert A. Olson, Lincoln, and Charles R. Fenster, Scottsbluff, will help investigate how tillage practices and crop residue management affect changes in the chemical form of nitrogen that occur in the soil.

Their research will be supported with \$129,000 from the department's Science and Education Administration (SEA), under a cooperative agreement.

Olson's part of the study will be with irrigated and nonirrigated corn in eastern Nebraska, while Fenster's will be with wheat in the western part of the state.

No more than 25 to 50 percent of applied nitrogen is recovered in harvested grain now, said James F. Power, SEA soil scientist at Lincoln who will represent the department in the study.

Some of the applied nitrogen also is tied up in the crop residues, Power said, and after being returned to the soil it is converted through chemical reactions to uses by following crops. But, some is lost to the air as gas, or is carried below the reach of roots with infiltrating water and potentially may pollute groundwater.

The scientists will be seeking ways to control the cycle of nitrogen transformation in the soil, recover more of the applied nitrogen for crop, and use conservation tillage to minimize the potential for environmental degradation.