

# IMPORTANT BILLS MOSTLY IN NOW, WAITING ACTION

206 Bills and 28 Resolutions Presented in First Two Weeks of Legislature.

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Salem, Ore., Jan. 25—(U.P.)—A large part of the proposed legislation for the 1945 session, and a good part of the bills on which argument will develop, are already in the hopper, old-timers of the senate and the house believe.

Most committees are "in the groove" by now and much material introduced the first two weeks of the session and which has since been in committee hands, will return to the floor soon.

Up to Monday noon, 206 bills, 28 resolutions and nine joint resolutions had been introduced, as well as several memorials.

**Important Bills**  
While the legislature spits on its hands before taking hold of this barrow-full, a brief resume of more important bills introduced may be in order here:

Repeal of the 1943 community property law, rendered unworkable by the U. S. supreme court (other bills follow this to reestablish previous property rights; one would provide that husband and wife may divide their aggregate income in any proportion they see fit for tax filing purposes); a bill to make permanent the specifications of the war-emergency permit for loading trucks; another to make more adequate provision for soldier voting by extending the candidate filing deadline and the time for preparing ballots; and the contentious "tithing bill" which promises a real internee ruction, since it would take income from self-supporting state departments for the general fund.

The Roads and Highways committee submitted the "freeway" or limited access bill, which will undoubtedly meet with stern opposition from rural representatives. This would restrict drivers from entering highways except at specified points.

**Five Pension Bills**  
Five bills concerning old age assistance have so far been submitted. They would increase payments from the present \$40 to \$50 and \$60 respectively and in one case no limit is declared. One of these bills provides that old age assistance be financed by direct appropriation rather than from revenues of the Liquor Control commission, and



**RUINS OF SAARLAUTERN**—Shattered walls and massed debris show havoc of war as it is known in Saarlautern, Germany. With Von Rundstedt's thrusts below the Saarland threatening to become new Nazi power drive, Saarlautern is only German bridgehead remaining in American hands when photo was taken. Here Yanks view wreckage in streets of town. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo.)

another would establish a \$40 "floor".

A "civil rights" bill put in an appearance this session, and would make it a misdemeanor to refuse public accommodations to any person regardless of race.

Provisions of two finance bills are: \$8,000,000 for schools, an increase of \$3,000,000 over the present \$5,000,000 school support fund; and a \$5,000,000 "equalization fund", above the school support fund.

**Forest Fund Sought**  
The sum of \$100,000 is sought for the forestry department to give impetus to the sale of bonds for re-forestation purposes, retirement of bonds to come from the sale of forestry products.

Expected to meet hot resistance is the "Oregon Raw Milk Act", now languishing in committee, which provides that most milk and milk products must be pasteurized, that all cattle above the age of eight months must be inoculated, and that all milk producing cattle must be tested twice a year for Bangs disease and tuberculosis.

Only resolution to create much of a stir so far was that providing for the appointment of the committee to investigate the affairs of the Liquor commission, as requested by the governor.

**Canadian Uprising Not Fully Quiet**

Owen Sound, Ont., Jan. 25—(U.P.)—Canadian Defense Minister A. G. L. McNaughton revealed last night that an uprising of home defense troops threatened Canada "a few months ago" and he indicated that the situation was not yet fully in hand.

"There was a time a few months ago when I feared for the peace and security of the country," he said in a campaign speech for re-election Feb. 5.

## LIQUOR INQUIRY PLAN DECIDED

Salem, Ore., Jan. 25—(U.P.)—The Oregon legislature's liquor investigating committee was organized today with Rep. Paul Patterson as chairman. It decided not to make the investigation a joint proceeding with a similar probe by the Washington legislature.

The committee, created by a resolution passed at the request of Gov. Earl Snell, is to look into the purchase of the Waterfill and Frazier, and Shawhan distilleries in 1943 by the Oregon and Washington liquor control commissions.

An auditor and a court reporter will be hired by the committee, members said.

Members of the committee include Sens. Angus Gibson and Paul Patterson, and Reps. Henry Semon, Ralph Moore and Harvey Wells. Semon is the only Democrat.

## American Rubber Industry Facing Severe Shortage

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 25—(U.P.)—The American rubber industry now faces its worst crisis since Pearl Harbor and every effort must be made to conserve each pound of rubber now in use. W. S. Long, west coast products manager of the United States Rubber company, today told a conference of naval and marine corps officers studying correct ways of handling and maintaining rubber goods.

The opening meeting of the two-day conference was attend-

ed by transportation and supply officers and representatives of four major rubber companies.

## MONTANAN WOULD SHARE EASY DIVORCE BUSINESS

Helena, Mont., Jan. 25—(U.P.)—Sen. Sherman W. Smith, Lewis and Clark county, today gave notice in the Montana senate that he intends to introduce a 30-day divorce act, which would give Montana the lowest minimum residence requirement in

the nation for divorce seekers.

Smith, a Helena lawyer and veteran legislator, said his bill would be introduced "for the welfare of Montana, particularly after the war, as one method of bringing more people and business into the state."

A minimum of 15,000,000 gallons of water will be used during the next five years in manufacture of glucose by the Northwest Chemurgy Co. of Wenatchee, Wash.

# ABANDON PLAN TO RETURN WOUNDED TO HOME REGION

San Francisco, Jan. 25—(U.P.)—Indicating that the total number of men wounded in combat theaters has reached nearly 100,000 per month, Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, surgeon general of the U. S. army, announced today that an earlier plan to place wounded evacuated to this country in hospitals near their homes has been abandoned.

Kirk said there was little chance that the casualty evacuation rate of 30,000 to 32,000 per month would decrease until fighting ceases.

Here on an inspection tour of army hospitals, Kirk said at a press conference that only 30 to 40 per cent of the total number of wounded were returned to the United States. The others, he declared are treated at theater hospitals and are returned to their units after they are fit for further combat.

Wounded men who are evacuated now are being sent to general hospitals where they will receive the best care, regardless of distance from their homes, he said.

The number of commercially-hatched chicks produced last October was about one-third less than the number produced in October, 1943.

## THE GRANGE

**Phoenix Grange**  
An interesting meeting was held at the last regular Grange session for January. Two resolutions were read, one pertaining to the blanket primary ballot law, and the other to the uniform loading law. Both were approved.

Ways and means committee reported on the polio dance held last Saturday night. Twenty-eight dollars was turned over to the district polio fund chairman, Elva Caster.

After hearing the report of the "clean-up committee" it was decided to postpone painting the hall till the kitchen remodeling is finished.

Literary program was devoted to a discussion on when and how to plant seeds in victory gardens. The lecturer also read the biography of one of the

brothers whose birthday is celebrated this month.

Brother and Sister Hilton formerly of Phoenix Grange and who have just recently returned were present. Both expressed their satisfaction at being back in this vicinity.

J. E. C. chairman announced the all-day Pomona meeting at Sams Valley Grange. Those attending are asked to take salads and apple pie.

Serving committee for the next meeting February 13 is Brothers and Sisters Hilson, Duffield and Sister Grace and sons.

## CONCHIES PENALIZED

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 25—(U.P.)—Donald R. Burton, 23, Hudson, Wis., and Byron Elkrom, 30, Portland, Ore., today faced three years imprisonment on charges of deserting the Gernfask conscientious objector camp at Schoolcraft, Mich.

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