

Move To Set Up Body To Study Tax Matters Backed at Workshop

A movement to organize a "grass roots" organization to study and recommend on tax matters gained momentum here yesterday during an all-day chamber of commerce workshop meeting.

A group of men interested in taxation problems gathered to discuss Oregon's tax problems with Robert Hall, Portland investment house officer who was here for the chamber meeting. The proposal for an organization, however, was developed independently of the chamber meeting.

Meet Separately

Hall, following a discussion of taxes at a chamber panel, met separately with some 20 or more delegates from Medford, Grants Pass and other southern Oregon areas.

He pointed out that Oregon this year faces a state budgetary deficit of some \$60,000,000, and he outlined alternative proposals to meet the demands for state spending.

One would be the program proposed by Gov. Paul Patterson in his message to the legislature, Hall said, which included a levy on property for state purposes; the elimination of the provision whereby federal taxes can be used as a deduction for state income taxes, and an increase in corporation taxes.

"Good Politically"

This program "sounds good politically," Hall declared, but he pointed out that the burden of additional taxation would fall directly on those who are now paying the most. He compared Oregon's tax structure to those of Washington and California which, he said, distributes more evenly and equitably the load of taxation with everyone, including those in the lower tax brackets, paying a fair share.

Alternatives to the governor's proposal, with the exception of some minor measures, come down to three, Hall said. These are:

Sales Taxes Considered

1. A 2 per cent sales tax on everything but food (which would raise some \$80,000,000) or on all sales including food (which would raise some \$80,000,000).

2. A 3 per cent sales tax coupled with a reduction in the income tax for those in the lower income brackets (which would raise some \$40,000,000).

3. A "universal" income tax—that is, one in which there are no exemptions or deductions where everyone starts paying a tax on the first dollar earned. This would raise some \$55,000,000, he estimated. He declared that 20 per cent of Oregon's families now pay no state income tax at all.

There are various other combinations and proposals which would raise lesser amounts, he said.

"Great Hardship"

But, he emphasized, the governor's proposal regarding the federal income tax deduction would work a great hardship on those in higher brackets, could work against Oregon's attracting new industry, and might well tend to drive investment capital out of the state. He added that it takes the investment of \$1,000,000 to create 50 new jobs.

Hall also pointed out that Oregon has a unique disadvantage in passing tax measures, in that when a tax is approved by the legislature, it almost automatically is upheld in operation for up to two years by referendum and a vote of the people. Thus, in effect, Oregon cannot get a new source of tax income in time to solve its problems.

Recommends Change

He recommended that this be changed, through a constitution-

Two Auto Accidents Reported in County

Two automobile accident were reported in Jackson county by state police this morning.

The first occurred about 4:30 p.m. Saturday two miles south of McKeé bridge on Big Applegate rd., when a car operated by Brace R. Buck, route 2, box 67A, Jacksonville, was involved in a collision with a loaded log truck operated by Harry James Palmer, 3595 Jacksonville highway.

Police said the log truck rounded a curve just as the car driven by Mrs. Buck pulled onto the highway from a residence. There were no injuries.

The second mishap occurred at about 12:20 a.m. today, when a coupe operated by Iral H. Cottrell, Williams, failed to make a curve on Jacksonville hill and went into a ditch. There were no injuries, and only minor damage to the car was reported.

Honolulu, T. H.—(U.P.)—Police revoked 28-year-old Isau Isosaki's driver's license Sunday when tests showed he was blind in one eye and nearly blind in the other. Isosaki gave his occupation as driving instructor.

Chamber Representatives Study Mutual Problems at Local Meet

Some 60 members of chambers of commerce in southern Oregon and northern California attended a "workshop" meeting here yesterday.

Discussions covered a number of mutual problems, ranging from attracting more tourists to the area, to considering how Oregon's tax structure discourages new industry.

The meeting, held at the Jackson hotel, ran all day, from 9 a.m. to late in the evening.

Talks On Taxes

At a morning session on building Oregon payrolls, Robert Hall, Portland, an officer of Blythe and company, an investment house, outlined Oregon's tax situation, pointing out that high property, income and cor-

poration taxes discourage new industries from moving into this state.

He compared the situation with that in Washington, which he said operates on the principle that all residents should pay their fair share for governmental services, while Oregon's philosophy on taxes is based to a much greater extent on ability to pay. He also said that a proposal to eliminate the federal income tax as a deduction from state income taxes would aggravate the situation.

George Davis, immediate past president of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, discussed the basis of this area's economy, citing tourists, distri-

bution firms, agriculture, lumber and remanufacturing businesses as the most important.

Remanufacture Cited

Davis said that Klamath county has more timber than can now be processed by the mills there, while west of the Cascades emphasis will shift to remanufacturing because of the lack of readily available timber to feed the mills here.

Sid Bazett, newly-elected president of the Grants Pass chamber, cited wood waste, gude ranches and electronics industries as ones which would increase the economic potential of the area, and which should be encouraged.

John Pletsch, president of the

Jackson county chamber, presided at this session.

Two Recommendations

In the afternoon, discussions on Oregon travel development and area tourist promotion developed two recommendations, which will be presented at a meeting next week of Oregon and Washington chamber executives in Portland. These were that Oregon's high-cost out-of-state fishing license should be made less expensive, and that the state should put more emphasis on putting up markers, designating spots of historic interest or other attractions which would be expected to stimulate tourist travel and interest.

Following an evening dinner,

Paul Rynning, county engineer and former chairman of the chamber's highway committee,

and Charles McLean of Grants Pass, reported on the success of the two chambers' five-year-old plan of cooperation in seeking highway development. Rynning cited the fact that there is now new, modern highway all the way from the California border to Rock Point bridge and across Sexton mountain, as well as other developments.

Other Discussions

Other meetings during the day included discussions of chamber operation, the responsibilities of boards and managers of chambers, legislative affairs and education, retail events, com-

munity service, chamber financing, and chamber assistance to agriculture through work on freight rates, irrigation and other benefits for farming areas.

Those attending suggested that the event be made an annual one, and said they feel they gained much from the sessions.

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