

Bill Liberalizing Libel Laws Passes House by Vote of 32 to 27

Measure Survives Challenges on Constitutionality

Salem—(U.P.)—A bill to liberalize state libel laws in favor of newspapers, periodicals, radio and television stations passed the House yesterday with one of the slimmest majorities accorded a piece of legislation this session—a vote of 32 to 27 with one absence.

Rep. Walter Pearson (D-Portland) changed his vote from no to yes at the end of the roll call. The move would make it possible for Pearson to move for reconsideration of the measure later if he chooses.

The libel bill would eliminate the right to collect general damages in cases of inadvertent libel. It survived the attacks of legislators who said it was "invidious," "unconstitutional," and "terrible."

In a debate which started in the morning session and carried into the afternoon, Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg) told members that they sat in a legislative, not a judicial body, and that intricate questions of constitutionality should be left to the courts to decide. He said the attorney general's opinion that the bill was constitutional, plus the majority approval of the House Judiciary committee, should be the only guides necessary for the Legislature.

Layman said the bill, sponsored by state publishers and broadcasters was a badly needed protection against harassment. He pointed out that publishers, who bear the responsibility for what is printed in their publications, do not have full and final control over that material. It is in the hands of some hundreds of fallible human beings, he said.

"We are considering only inadvertent, accidental libel," Layman said.

Rep. G. D. Gleason (D-Portland) said the bill was "terrible" and that he was surprised that publishers and broadcasters would ask for legislation involving a denial of civil rights. Gleason said that those who do a wrong should pay for it, even if their mistake was innocent. He added that the damage to reputation of an innocent libel was just as great as from an intentional one.

Rep. Leon Davis (R-Hillsboro) cited for the House the case of a Salem newspaper which is being sued for \$50,000 in general damages for a libel that resulted from a typographical error. A full retraction was published immediately, Davis said, but the case was still taken to the courts. Layman's bill would eliminate such actions.

Rep. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) also opposed the bill, asserting that the present law imposed a high degree of accuracy, vigilance and responsibility on the press and radio. Passage of the measure, he said, would encourage carelessness and reduce standards.

Daily Weather Report

DATE March 18, 1953
Sunset tonight 6:18 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:20 a.m.

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 25-28; high Thursday 38-40.
Western Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; slowly rising temperatures. Low tonight 28-35; high Thursday 52-62.
Northern California: Fair tonight and Thursday except partly cloudy in extreme north. Local frost in valleys tonight.

LOCAL DATA
TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday 37; below normal, 10.
Record high this date 80 in 1947.
Record low this date 22 in 1935.

PRECIPITATION: 24 hours to midnight, none. Midnight to 10 a.m. none. Total this month, 1.9 in.; 66 in below normal.

Total since Sept. 1, 6.75 inches; 6.99 inches below normal.

HUMIDITY: Lowest yesterday 25%; highest this a.m. 89%.

CITY	High	Low	Prec.
Brookings	61	40	
Crater Lake	34	6	
Grants Pass	51	26	
Klamath Falls	39	18	
MEDFORD	54	24	
Portland	48	30	
Seattle	49	34	
Spokane	41	25	
Yakima	52	24	
Eureka	49	38	
Red Bluff	61	38	
Sacramento	63	40	
San Francisco	61	48	
Los Angeles	64	49	
Phoenix	77	51	
Denver	52	35	
Chicago	54	31	
Hami	81	65	
New York	49	47	
Washington, D.C.	51	50	

now... is the time for this
"once in a lifetime" offer!

bush home furnishings
"southern oregon's furniture showplace"
pacific highway north of big y

see our ad on page 5, main section

State Senate Adopts Six-Day Work Schedule

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Senate is going on a six-day week and hold Saturday sessions in hopes of winding up the 1953 session before or sometime during May.

Senators voted in caucus after adjournment yesterday to start putting in a Saturday shift, so the committees would more likely be on hand for Friday afternoon and Saturday meetings than they have been. The House has customarily adjourned after the Friday morning session.

Called by Smith
President Elmo E. Smith (R-John Day) called the caucus, and put the matter squarely up to the senators: "Let's not kid ourselves. When we adjourn on Friday for the week end there is little committee work done either after Friday p.m. adjournment or on Saturday." And

Wall Street

New York—(U.P.)—The stock market added substantially to yesterday's wide gains in an orderly, moderately active session today.

The market today was helped by a statement by President Eisenhower at his news conference that he regarded stock market conditions as satisfactory.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:
American T & T 179 1/2
Anaconda 52
Chrysler 68 3/4
Curtiss Wright 21 3/4
General Electric 50
General Motors 93 3/4
Montgomery Ward 77 1/2
Penn. R. R. 27 3/4
Penn. J. C. 87
Radio 41 3/4
Southern Co. 20
Southern Pacific 55 3/4
S. Oil of Calif. 76 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur 39 3/4
Transamerica 26
Tri-Continental 78 3/4
United Aircraft 41 1/2
U. S. Rubber 77
U. S. Steel 77
Youngstown 77 3/4

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

Portland—(U.P.)—Cattle 350. Good fed steers \$21-22, some higher; utility-commercial steers unevenly \$13-20; choice, 847 lb., fed heifer \$18-20; commercial and good heifers \$18-20; canner-cutter cows mostly \$9-10-11; few \$11-12; shorthorn or hereford; utility cows \$12-14; commercial grades \$14-15-16; one 2170 lb. Holstein bull \$18; cutters down to \$12. Calves 50. Good-look choice vealers \$22-26; utility grade down to \$14 with culls down to \$9.
Hogs 300. Choice 1-2 butchers 18-22 lb. \$18-20; choice 3 lots down to \$18; heavier and lighter weights mostly \$17-17.50; choice 350-550 lb. hogs \$15-20.
Sheep 100. Choice 88-97 lb. woolled lambs \$22-23; high choice 98 lb. late Tuesday \$22.25; good-choice 65 lb. feeder lambs \$17.50; choice light ewes to \$9.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

Portland—(U.P.)—Eggs—To retailers: Grade AA large, 52c doz.; A large, 50-51c doz.; AA medium, 50c; A medium, 48-49c; A small, 44-45c doz.; cartons, 1-3c additional.
Butter—To retailers: AA grade prints, 66c lb.; cartons, 67c; A prints, 66c; cartons, 67c; B prints, 64c.
Cheese—To retailers: A grade cheddar, Oregon singles, 42 1/2-45 1/2; 5-lb. loaves, 46 1/2-49 1/2; c. Processed American cheese, 5-lb. loaf, 39 1/2-41c lb.

Farm Market
Prices mostly were unchanged today.

Poultry, Rabbits
Live Chickens—To growers (No. 1 quality f.o.b. Portland): Fryers, 2 1/2 to 4 lbs., 28c lb.; at farm, 28c lb.; roasters, 4 1/2 lbs., 28c lb. f.o.b. Portland, 28c at ranch; light hens, 17-18c; heavy hens, all wts., 19-21c lb.; old roosters, 10-11c lb.
Dressed Chickens—No. 1 dressed to retailers: Fryers, New York style, 39-40c lb.; roasters, 40-41c; hens, light-type, New York style, 28-29c; cut-up, 41-43c; hens, heavy-type, N.Y. style, 32-33c; whole-drawn, 42-46c; fryers, cut-up, all-weights, 33-37c; whole-drawn, 47-51c.
Turkeys—To retailers: A grade hens ready to cook, 48-50c; N. Y. dressed, 44c lb.; Beltsville A grade hens, oven-ready to 52c; Beltsville toms, 47c lb.; A grade toms, oven-ready, 41c lb.
Rabbits (average to growers f.o.b. killing plants)—Live white, 3 1/4-4 1/2 lbs., 19-21c up; 5-6 lbs., 15-17c; colored, 4c under; old does, 8-11c lb.; a few higher. Fresh dressed fryers to retailers, 55-58c; cut up, 61-64c.

PORTLAND CASH GRAIN

Portland—Prices as reported by the USDA market service: Wheat, No. 2 soft white, \$79.75 a ton bulk, prompt delivery f.o.b. Portland, No. 2 white oats, 38 lb. test, Coast delivery \$57.50 ton; Portland delivery, \$53-53.50; No. 2 Western barley, \$53 ton f.o.b. Portland Coast delivery; soybean meal, \$89 ton, cars, prompt delivery, Portland; standard millrun prompt shipment, \$43-43.50 ton, cars, prompt delivery Portland; No. 2 yellow corn, \$66 ton f.o.b. Portland.
Wholesale hay prices: No. 2 green alfalfa, baled, f.o.b. Portland, \$37 trucks \$39 rail, Timothy mixed hay, \$36-38 a ton, f.o.b. rail car, Seattle.
Portland grain exchange: Tuesday's close:
Soft white \$2.38
Soft white, no rex 2.38
White club 2.38

most of the major legislation is still in committee and has yet to reach the floor of either chamber for final action.

Sen. Smith made the persuasive observation that every extra day worked now, with committees busy and more floor action taken, means one less day at the end of the session.

He expressed some apprehension that bills considered by many to be important now,

New Rogue River Fire Truck Called For First Alarm

Rogue River—Volunteer firemen at Rogue River used the city's new American LaFrance fire truck for the first time Monday to combat a house fire which badly damaged the one-story five-room Eugene LeRoy home, according to William Peters, police chief and assistant fire chief.

The fire was reported about 2 p.m. and "had a good start" by the time the city firemen arrived. Also at the fire were members of the rural fire department with their equipment. Bedroom furniture and other furnishings were saved but the contents of the living room could not be removed because of the fire.

'Fine Performance'
The city fire truck, which is mounted on a Ford F750 frame, pumps 568 gallons of water per minute and "gave a fine performance" on its first call, Peters explained.

Damage to the LeRoy home was believed to be covered by insurance.
About 10:30 a.m. today the firemen were called on a false alarm to the same house when neighbors saw smoke coming from the home. When the firemen arrived they found that the owners had started a supervised fire to dry the contents.

Bomber Crashes; Three Men Jump

Florence, S.C.—(U.P.)—A six jet B-47 Strato-bomber crashed near here last night after two crew members parachuted to safety, the Air Force announced. A search was launched for a missing crew member also believed to have parachuted.
The Air Force said the plane was on a routine training flight from Hunter Air Force Base at Savannah, Ga., and the two crewmen bailed out near St. George, S.C.

The plane crashed almost 50 miles beyond that point on a farm five miles north of the town of North, S.C., the Air Force at Hunter reported. The cause of the crash was not determined immediately, the Air Force said.

The Civil Air Patrol at Florence in an earlier report timed one jump at about 11:40 p.m. EST and two others in quick succession several minutes later. This timing indicated the big plane traveled unmaneuvered for nearly 50 miles before it crashed, but the Air Force would not confirm this.

A spokesman indicated that until the order of the jumps was definitely established the Air Force would assume one man stayed with the plane a while after the two others jumped.

WE GUARANTEE



YOU'LL IMPROVE ANY RECIPE THAT CALLS FOR FLOUR WITH **KITCHEN CRAFT** All-purpose FLOUR
SILK-SIFTED FOR LIGHTER BAKING

At your **SAFEMART STORE**

would be buried in the rush to close the session and get home once the taxation and ways and means bills are cleared and sent to the governor.

Earlier Opening Approved
Sen. John C. F. Merrifield (R-Portland) proposed that the Saturday session open at 9 a.m. instead of the usual 10 a.m. so

Market Conditions Seem Satisfactory, President Asserts

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower told his news conference today that stock market conditions on the whole seem to be very satisfactory. He counseled great caution in undertaking any step which might damage public confidence in the economy.

The chief executive said that as far as he knows, nothing in the current Senate investigation of the stock market boom has

Both Drivers Cited In Vehicle Crash

Both drivers involved in an accident yesterday afternoon were cited by state police for traffic violations, the investigating officer reported.

The vehicles were driven by Everett Richard Hogue, 48, of 513 Ash st., Central Point, and Marion Frances Christopher, 29, route 1, box 390A, Central Point. Both were traveling south on Highway 99 north of Medford when Hogue stopped his car to make a left turn, and the Christopher vehicle struck it from the rear, the officer reported.

Hogue was cited for failure to give an arm signal, and Christopher was cited for violation of the basic rule. Damage was minor and there were no injuries, it was reported.

Two vehicles were considerably damaged but no one was hurt in another accident at about 6:25 p.m. on the Crater Lake highway about a quarter-mile south of Casey State park, police said. A pickup truck owned by the Whitelaw Candy Co., and driven by Phillip Brown Doddridge, 37, of 796 Forest st., Ashland, went out of control as it rounded a turn in the highway and sideswiped a car driven by Joel Edward Walls, 19, Laurelhurst rd., Trail, officers said. Both vehicles had to be towed away.

Ike Maintains Stand On Alaska Statehood

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today maintained his stand against Alaskan statehood at present.

He told a news conference there are national security considerations that must be solved before he could remove his objection to statehood for Alaska.

Food Bulletin Gives St. Patrick's Menu

New York—(U.P.)—The U.S. Department of Agriculture's regular food bulletin started out today like this, begorra: "Whether it's green or orange you'll be featuring on your St. Patrick's day menus..."

Seventy-two per cent of all passengers who travel more than 1000 miles by common carrier go by plane.

Seven Scholarship Winners Announced By Elk Lumber Co.

Seven freshman-year scholarships of \$300 each have been awarded to southern Oregon students by the Elk Lumber Company Scholarship committee, it was announced today.

Similar scholarships are awarded each year to students planning to attend church-supported schools. The awards announced today are for Willamette university, Salem, and Lewis and Clark college, Portland. Applications for additional scholarship awards are still being accepted.

Winners Listed
Barbara Joanne James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton A. James, 647 Indiana st., Ashland; Sydney Kay Sutherland, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde F. Sutherland, 305 North Fourth st., Jacksonville, and Miss Zon Johnson, Klamath Falls.

The Willamette university winners are: Stanley Palmer Culy, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Culy, 21 Washington st., Medford; Edward Everett Manley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Manley, 416 King st., Medford; Mary Matherine White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. White, 3654 Pacific Highway South, Medford, and Barbara Patricia Roach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Roach, 350 Delta Waters rd., Medford.

Truck Overturns, None Reported Hurt

A Ford pickup truck registered to Robert M. Kuhl, Ashland, was reported to have overturned in a ditch near the intersection of Ross lane and Sage rd. at about 7:15 p.m. yesterday.

Medford Ambulance service was called by someone who did not identify himself, and ambulance attendants called the state police.

When the ambulance and police officers arrived, no one was around the overturned pickup, and police assumed that no one was injured. Medford hospitals have no record of treating anyone involved in such an accident.

Little Tootache Gives Mexico Big Headache

Mexico City—(U.P.)—A little toothache gave Mexico a big headache recently.

Arturo Medina Salinas told police Tuesday he stole 10 feet of cable wire and sold it for \$5 to buy medicine for his mother's aching tooth.

The cable was the property of Radiomax, part of the government's communications facilities. Radio-cable communications with the rest of the world were out for 12 hours until the break could be located and repaired.

Salem—(U.P.)—No new snow was reported on any routes overnight, but the State Highway Department advised motorists today to carry chains at Government Camp, Timberline, and Santiam pass.

Daily's U-Drive
Medford Airport

ACME'S 10th ANNIVERSARY

Outdoor Needs



WHEEL-BARROW

Rubber-tired, yellow steel body, reinforced rim, unassembled, regular \$14 value A REAL BARGAIN!

SPECIAL \$9.88

\$ 2.98 SHOVEL, long handle, round point	1.98 Special
2.98 SPADING FORK, long handle	1.98 Special
2.49 BOW RAKE, extra good quality	1.98 Special
1.49 GRASS WHIP or WEED CUTTER	.98 Special
1.15 HOSE NOZZLE	
Solid brass, U.S. brand	.89 Special
3.49 HEDGE SHEARS, Sta-sharp	2.49 Special
74.95 HUFFY ROTARY GAS POWER MOWER	64.95 Terms
.87 Set of TROWEL, WEEDER, TRANSPLANTER	.59 Set
1.98 Allen LAWN SPRINKLER revolving	1.39 Special

HARDWARE BUDGET TERMS ON POWER MOWERS!

Free Gifts To All • Come In Today!

ACME **HARDWARE CO.**

SPECIALISTS IN HOMEWARES!
MEDFORD • CENTRAL POINT

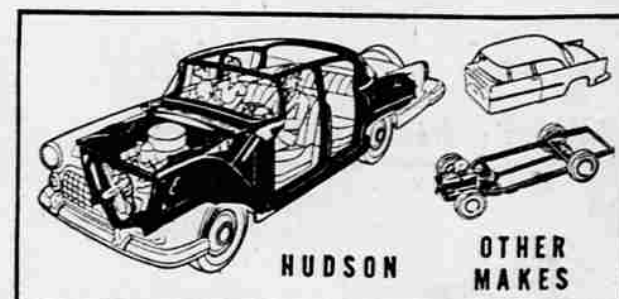


Beautiful Performers... the brilliant, new, years-ahead Hornet and the flashing stars of the 1953 Shiptads and Johnson Ice Follies.

American Motors goes all out with New Hudson Hornets and Wasps
— new high style, new power, twice-as-safe bodies, three times better ride



Quick, rugged power—new Hornet V-8, latest, greatest of them all—low friction, quick action. Or choose the Championship Six, winner of over 150 stock-car events—fully automatic drives offered with both engines.



Twice as strong, twice as safe—Double Strength Single Unit Body—one-piece, rattleproof. This structure makes possible new Deep Coil Ride—extra-long coil springs with three times ordinary cushioning power—three times better ride.

Hudson Hornets • Wasps • Ramblers • Metropolitans
are products of American Motors

Medford Hudson, Inc.

Front & Jackson Streets

Phone 2-6281