

Choice of Three Taxes Said Likely in Effort To Raise Revenue for State

Lowry Aims Measure at Sewage Problem

Salem — (U.P.) — Sen. Phil Lowry's plan to rescue Oregon suburbia from its burgeoning sewage disposal problems was up for first reading in the Senate today.

The Medford Republican introduced a bill that would permit both cities and unincorporated areas in counties to join forces to provide sewage disposal facilities.

It would allow areas like the mushrooming residential districts on the fringes of nearly every Oregon city to form sanitary authorities. They could then issue general obligation or revenue bonds to finance sewage disposal.

The problem has become acute in several areas, even to the extent that further home construction has been banned until adequate sewage disposal works are available. In some areas, county health officials have reported increasing alarm for the state of public health.

Lowry said "It is contemplated that considerable savings will be accomplished through low cost financing and utilization of an experienced central agency in the county to administer sewage systems in various parts of the authority."

Lowry's bill provides for organization of such authorities by a procedure similar to that for other districts—petitions, public hearings, and election.

Authorities would have the power of eminent domain; could compel connection with the sewage facilities, and could operate garbage dumps and garbage collection systems.

Shady Cove Man Hurt In Automobile Crash

Jesse Lawrence Smith, 28, Shady Cove, suffered a broken leg and head injuries shortly before 6 p.m. yesterday, when the car he was driving left the Crater Lake highway near the Butte Falls junction.

He was taken to Community hospital by Peri ambulance. State police said the car was southbound coming down the Reese Creek hill and skidded on wet pavement, hit a rock, then struck a tree off the right side of the highway, and rolled over down the bank, pinning the driver under it.

The car was a total loss, officers reported.



RELEASED—Vincent Hallinan, Independent Progressive Party candidate for President in 1952, shown as he arrived in San Francisco from McNeil Federal Prison, where he served 14½ months for income tax evasion. He carried book "False Witness," by Harvey Matusow, and said, "I don't have to read this—I saw three false witnesses perjure themselves in the last Bridges trial and walk out free."

Spanish Painting, Lost 150 Years, Found in Chicago

Chicago — (U.P.) — A 17th century Spanish masterpiece, "lost" for nearly 150 years, has been recovered by the Chicago Art Institute.

The painting, "Crucifixion," by Francisco de Zurbaran, is one of the most remarkable recoveries in art history, curators of the institute said.

Twist of Fate
They told yesterday how an ironic twist of fate enabled Daniel C. Rich, director of the institute, to arrange for its purchase. The painting, retouched after being hidden in an English theological seminary since 1880, was offered for sale to the world famous Louvre art galleries in Paris in 1950.

But Louvre connoisseurs, unconvinced of the painting's value and identity, declined to buy it. It was sold to a French dealer in 1953, and from there the acquisition of the masterpiece moved to a climax.

Rich came across a relative of the dealer trying to sell it by photograph to the Archbishop of Mexico.

Impressed by Original
Impressed with the photo, he cabled Carl Schiewind, curator of the institute's prints and drawings, who was then in Switzerland. Schiewind checked the original, which had been taken to Switzerland by the dealer for cleaning, and was also impressed.

He arranged for experts on Zurbaran in Chicago and Spain to study the painting. When they agreed on its significance, the purchase was made.

Sculptural Realism
Zurbaran was considered one of Spain's four great painters and "Crucifixion" was noted in the 18th century for its "stupendous" effect on sculptural realism.

The simple 10-by-5 1/2 foot canvas, painted in 1627, depicts a cross rising against a black background. The powerfully modeled body of the dead Christ is revealed on it in clear, dramatic lighting. A sparkling white loin-cloth is draped over the body.

Trash Can Mailing Doesn't Assure Delivery
Kearney, Neb. — (U.P.) — The Kearney Daily Hub warned citizens that the city does not guarantee delivery of letters "mailed" in the city's new trash cans.

The city placed 16 of the new cans on Central avenue to help keep the city clean. But the newspaper reported that "because the containers are about the same color of letter drop boxes, some persons have been putting in mail."

Vote on Sales Tax In May or June Seen Possibility

Salem — (U.P.) — Which do you prefer: An increase in your property tax, an increase in your income tax, or a sales tax?

Rep. Earl Hill (R-Cushman) says the choice is just about that blunt. If his sales tax measure gets through the Legislature you will have your chance to vote your preference, probably late in May or early in June.

In one manner or another the Legislature has to raise some \$30,000,000 a year in additional revenues to meet an estimated deficit of \$60,000,000 in the biennium starting next July 1. Hill thinks the sales tax is the solution to the problem. And a growing number of legislators agree with him.

Money for Schools
Oregon voters have rejected the sales tax five times. But Hill said today that he has found increasing sentiment in favor of the sales tax to halt the upward trend of property taxes and to fend off a new bulge in state income taxes.

A 3 per cent sales tax provided in the Cushman Republican's bill would raise some \$75,000,000 a year, experts have estimated. He proposes to use up to \$50,000,000 a year of this as a property tax offset at the county level for schools. Some 75 per cent of county taxes now go for school purposes.

The balance would go into the basic school fund, which must be raised by a state property tax if other funds are not available. Basic school support may amount to some \$35,000,000 a year, and the estimated \$25,000,000 a year that would go into the fund would replace money that could go for other state purposes and thus obviate the necessity of a state property tax.

Voters Decide Anyway
A proposal to raise part of the needed money by increasing state income taxes together with a tax of 3 cents a pack on cigarettes, would almost certainly be referred to the voters, Hill said. That would mean Oregon would be without the benefit of these funds for at least until the 1956 November general election. That, he said, could force the state onto a warrant basis, which would impair the state's credit and raise the interest rates on bonds it sells.

Because he does not want to see the state forced onto a warrant basis, Hill said he proposes a special election in late May or early June, so that the people may vote on it before the next fiscal year starts July 1. Should it then be rejected, a special session of the Legislature might be called to try again to strike a balance.

But Hill is convinced the people now are in a mood to accept the sales tax. He thinks you would prefer it to an increase in either property or income taxes.

Radar Speed Law Bill Amended To Require Use of Warning Signs

Salem — (U.P.) — The bill to clarify the law on radar speed detection devices was kept alive in the House Highways Committee yesterday by adoption of an amendment to require cities using the devices to post warning signs.

The controversial radar bill was sent back to committee Saturday when lawyers on the floor attacked it on constitutional grounds.

Truck Speed Bill Returned
At the end of a four-hour hearing yesterday, the committee also voted to send back to the floor of the House a bill increasing the speed limit on trucks from 45 to 55 miles an hour. That bill was also returned to committee Saturday by members who felt 55 was too fast for log trucks.

The committee disagreed and sent the bill back without change.

Another speed issue before the committee was the proposal to establish a maximum speed law for state highways within city limits. At present, those highways come under the basic rule provisions that apply on all state highways in Oregon.

Seen As Lifesaver
Rep. Al Loucks (R-Salem) told the committee that a hard and fast speed limit within cities would be a lifesaver and would do more to slow down speeding teenagers than any other move the Legislature could make. He asserted that police now hesitate to make arrests for speed violations because of all the considerations and items of proof that are required to obtain a conviction for violation of the basic rule.

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, opposed the bill, saying that there was a danger in having two types of speed laws apply to different parts of state highways.

TIME TURNED BACK
Flint, Mich. — (U.P.) — Strong winds turned back the hands of time here Tuesday. The winds pushed back the hands of an outdoor clock at a rate of several revolution per minute.

Oregon Highway Lifesavers the organization was opposed to supported the bill but their spokesman, Marshall Dana, said elimination of the basic rule for the open highways.

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Correct Answers Not Enough at Dartmouth
Hanover, N.H. — (U.P.) — Students in many courses at Dartmouth must do more than write the correct answers to examination questions to get high marks.

The college has declared that grades will be lowered if answers are marred "grossly by faulty composition and grammar."

"All this," said a Dartmouth announcement, "is partly in response to grumbling from the business world that students today are leaving educational institutions without a proper command if their own language."

LUCKY TO APPEAR
Princeton, Ind. — (U.P.) — M. H. Hall of Birmingham, Ala., should consider himself lucky to appear in court today on speeding charges. Hall was charged by state police with speeding in a truck loaded with 21,000 pounds of dynamite. Hall's truck overturned in a ditch and the dynamite didn't explode.

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