

State Sales Tax Bills May Not Come Before Present Legislature Session

Legislators Determined To Complete Task

Salem—(U.P.)—Lawmakers in the 1955 Legislature are the most serious-minded and hard-working group in several sessions, Senate President Elmo E. Smith and House Speaker Edward A. G. try agreed today.

And, they said, the lawmakers are determined to stay here until the job is done and the tax problem, most serious to face the state of Oregon in many years, is solved.

Observing that this is the second longest session in the history of the Oregon Legislature, President Smith said:

"Our objective is not a calendar goal. But we think the people of Oregon are entitled to the best possible development of a tax program that this legislature can produce."

Smith had high praise for the Senate Tax Committee headed by Sen. Rudie Wilhelm of Portland.

Speaker Geary likewise had high praise for the House Tax Committee headed by Rep.

BILL REJECTED

Salem—(U.P.)—The House, by a 30-28 vote, has rejected a bill to allow state departments to appoint their own attorneys. Present law requires department attorneys to be appointed by the Attorney General.

John Muir, founder of the Sierra Club in 1892, was born in Dunbar, Scotland, April 21, 1838. California has two cities of more than 750,000 population.

Loran L. Stewart of Cottage Grove.

Concerning the length of the session, Geary said:

"Our job is to raise \$60,000,000 for services which the people largely have voted on themselves. This work has to be

taken slowly and seriously, if an orderly and workable tax program is to result.

"We are going home only after we balance the budget and we probably will give the people an opportunity to vote on a substitute program, so that they will have a choice."

Decision Hinges On Senate Action On Income Tax

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Salem—(U.P.)—A package of sales tax bills now before the House Taxation Committee may never go before the full Legislature at this session.

Although the committee's final decision on its sales tax program hinges on Senate action on an income tax plan, there was a tentative agreement today to let the sales tax stay in committee.

It would stay there unless the voters overturned the higher income tax rates. If that happened, then the Legislature would be called into special session to pass the sales tax package out for voter approval at still another special election.

The committee agreed its plan was "iffy," depending both on Senate and House approval of a higher income tax plan and on voter acceptance of it.

The committee ordered a bill drafted that would provide that a special income tax election be called within 45 days after referendum petitions were certified with the secretary of state.

Meanwhile, Rep. Loran J. Stewart (R-Cottage Grove), chairman of the House Tax Committee, ordered a full schedule of work on the sales tax package. He said the five bills would be perfected and put in finished form so that, if a special sales tax Legislature had to be called, its work would be short and the bills would be ready for quick action.

Stewart set a public hearing on the sales tax bills for next Monday at 1 p.m. and he appointed a subcommittee to perfect details of the portion of the package dealing with aid to distressed school districts.

Another agreement reached in committee today called for a request to the joint ways and means committee to take the emergency clause off the \$15,000,000 building program that will go to the floor of the House shortly for approval. That would make construction starts impossible until 90 days after the end of the 1955 legislative session. If the revenue measures came under referendum attack, it would happen within those 90 days.

The proposed cigarette tax of three cents a pack was not included in the committee plans for a special election. Should it be referred by the voters and rejected, its revenue would be within the capacity of a state property tax to handle.

The property tax would not raise more than \$30,000,000 and would not make up the loss that would occur from rejection of the income tax.

Defeat of the income tax would leave only two alternatives—a sales tax or drastic reductions in all state budgets to an austerity level.

Farm Responsibility Urged in Speech By FFA President

Farmers must be more responsible to themselves, must go along with the government instead of thwarting it, must stop the practice of producing merely for government buying, and should expand their merchandising and research program.

Those points were brought out yesterday by Donn Johnson, Central Point, in a talk before Medford Kiwanis club. Johnson, a Crater High school student, is state president of the Future Farmers of America. His topic was "Let's Put Our House in Order."

Kiwanians were a "practice audience" for Johnson at their luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club. The vocational agriculture student will deliver the talk at the western regional contest at Phoenix, Ariz., next Monday.

Johnson pointed out that if farmers do not clean their own house, taxpayers will, and farmers might lose essential help.

He reminded his audience that taxpayers pay to build more storage space and to buy more products to fill it. They pay higher prices as consumers by these programs financed with their own tax money. He warned farmers by mentioning the legislation which curbed industry and labor as the result of abuses.

Johnson also will have to answer questions of judges on his talk at Phoenix. To give him practice, Kiwanians questioned him.

Leonard Kunzman, vocational agriculture instructor at Crater high school, discussed the agriculture and FFA programs at the school. Leon Branson, another ag student, played accordion numbers.

Election One Week From Today on 6C School Bond Issue

Central Point—An election on a \$350,000 bond issue to provide funds for construction of elementary school buildings in Central Point and Gold Hill will be held Thursday, April 28.

The proposed buildings are a 12-room unit in Central Point, and a 4-room unit at Gold Hill. Hours for the election will be 2 to 8 p.m. Polling places will be the gymnasiums at Central Point Junior High school and Gold Hill school. All registered voters living within School District 6C will be eligible to cast ballots.

The site for the Gold Hill school has been owned by the district for several years. It is located south of the Old Pacific highway next to Lazy Acres motel.

The Central Point school site was purchased by the district about two months ago. It is east of 10th st., on the east side of town.

Both buildings are needed to take care of increased enroll-

ments, school officials said. They now has several substandard added that the school district units which must be improved.

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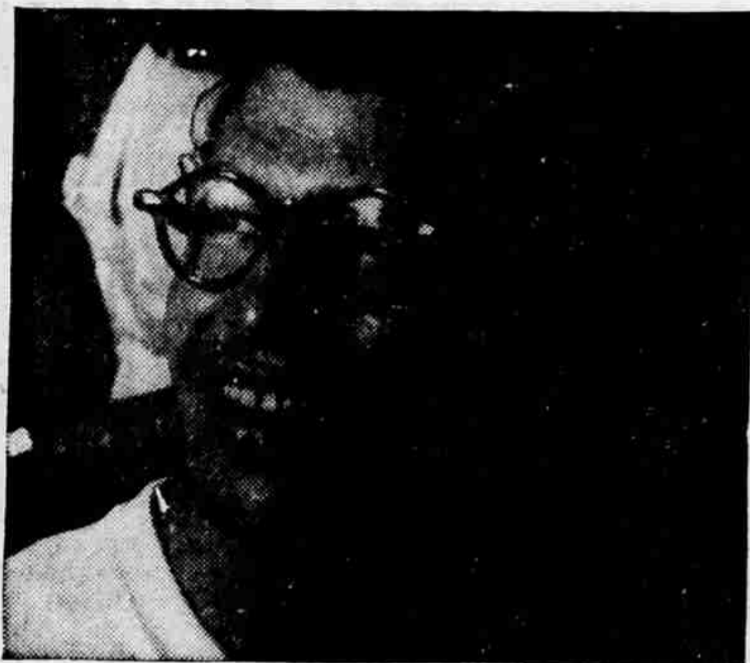
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