

Sam Rayburn Biggest Democratic Thorn For Administration in 84th Congress

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Washington — (U.P.) — Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas, now well beyond the classical three score and ten years, is the talk-up guy of the Democratic offensive team in this Congress. The spark plug will be 74 years old next January.

Mr. Sam is addressed, mostly, by Mr. Democrat would be more fitting. Rayburn is the man who has been setting the bear trap for President Eisenhower in the 84th Congress. He hasn't caught the

President yet. But Mr. Eisenhower has had to be alert and nimble to escape some of Rayburn's deadfalls.

The speaker led off with his own special project when the session began. It was to ram through a Democratic tax reduction right now, whereas the Republicans were planning to toss the bait to the voters next year just before the presidential campaign. Rayburn's bill got through the House, was licked in the Senate. But the Democratic party is on record as having tried.

That began the development of the Democratic Party's domestic legislative program aimed at next year's political campaign. It was a Rayburn's strategy, largely, that Democrats in control of the 84th Congress should come up with a program of their own rather than merely voting down or amending the legislative measures submitted by the Eisenhower administration.

Democratic bills have come hard, fast and often, by surprise, like bullets. That's the way Rayburn fights. He was a real actor in passing the high and rigid farm support bill through the House at this session. The Senate probably will not take it.

But Senate Democrats participate in party strategy. They are giving the administration's road building bill a hard time this week. A Senate committee already has rejected Mr. Eisenhower's ideas on road building finance. Senate Democrats hope to get a vote Wednesday on their own substitute.

Last week end Rayburn's forces in the House popped up with a surprise Social Security program, increasing benefits for women, widows and disabled persons. The Republicans made some narrow changes in Social Security in the 83rd Congress. It was nothing comparable to that now proposed by House Democrats as part of the Rayburn plan to make a party record of domestic policies in the

present Congress. The Democrats have not yet moved to legislate generally on the angry waterpower front. But a subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee is making a record for campaign purposes. It is making of itself a sounding board before which Roosevelt and Truman administration officials may appear to analyze and condemn Eisenhower administration public power policies. And there is, of course, the dispute over the Dixon-Yates contract to provide power for the Atomic Energy Commission.

Skillful Democratic propaganda made it necessary last week for the White House to announce that TVA was here to stay—that Mr. Eisenhower was not planning to abolish it.

The Democrats hope to win next year's election on anticipated Republican mistakes and the Democratic congressional record. Insofar as the party's record pulls votes in 1956, Democratic candidates will owe considerable gratitude to Mr. Sam, the political maestro.

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Scholarships Awarded At Talent High School

Talent — Four scholarships were awarded Talent High school seniors in an awards assembly today.

Jay Wood and Dale Walter received one year tuition scholarships at Southern Oregon college, and George Zickefoose received a full tuition scholarship to Nampa, Idaho, college. Irene Johnson, Talent's outstanding senior award winner, received a University of Oregon Mothers scholarship.

In National Contest
Gordon Thoreson and Maxine Johnson won first and second places in shorthand in the national commercial contest among first year students Valerie Carmen was second nationally among second year students. Bonnie Leeper was fourth and Joanne Seaver was sixth.

More than 6,000 students from 250 schools and 42 states competed in the national contest. Talent has entered the contest the past eight years and had placed nationally five times.

Other awards were:
All school awards, undergraduate scholarship, Maxine Johnson; activities, Ray Weinhold; citizenship, Dorothy Long; graduate scholarship, Susan Barnes; activities, George Zickefoose; citizenship, Don Coghill.

Drama, girls undergraduate, Maudalene Marshall; boys, Russell Lindner; girls graduate, Doreen Burnette; boys, George Zickefoose.

Journalism Awards
Journalism, THS undergraduate, Christene Knudsen; THS graduate, Susan Barnes; University of Oregon Eric Allen undergraduate, Kent Hawley, Priscilla Welch, William Grant; Eric Allen graduate, Susan Barnes, Irene Johnson; University of Oregon George Turnbull undergraduate, Maxine Johnson, Christene Knudsen; George Turnbull graduate, Marie Ross, George Zickefoose.

Among other awards were:
Chess award, Leon Pittman; competitive speech, Ethel Culver, Russell Lindner; perfect attendance, Beverly Murray Joanne Seaver; outstanding commercial student, Bonnie Leeper; girls league, Irene Johnson; DAR Katherine Long; Danforth award George Zickefoose, Irene Johnson.

Awards also were given cheer leaders, Hi-Life staff, and D'Anjou staff.

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SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT
For the year ended December 31, 1954

NEW YORK UNDERWRITERS INSURANCE COMPANY
of New York, in the State of New York, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

ADMITTED ASSETS
Bonds \$ 7,100,758.75
Stocks 8,199,234.67
Mortgage loans on real estate 7,150.00
Real estate None
Cash and bank deposits 1,371,529.27
Agents' balances of uncollected premiums 1,606,968.27
Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued 43,526.49
Other assets 1,890,659.43

Total admitted assets \$20,218,946.88
Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds
Losses \$ 1,396,376.02
Loss adjustment expenses 148,778.99
Unearned premiums 6,123,090.59
All other liabilities 1,108,764.77

Total liabilities, except capital \$ 8,777,010.37
Capital paid up \$2,000,000.00
Special surplus funds Voluntary 400,000.00
U n assigned funds (surplus) 9,041,936.51
Surplus as regards policyholders \$11,441,936.51

Total \$20,218,946.88
STATEMENT OF INCOME
Premiums earned \$ 3,854,422.37
Losses incurred \$ 1,396,376.02
Loss expenses incurred 291,618.54
Other underwriting expenses incurred 2,574,728.72

Total underwriting deductions 6,011,810.04
Net underwriting gain or loss -157,387.67
Investment income 562,749.56
Other income -373.31
Total, before federal income taxes 404,988.58
Federal income taxes incurred 27,716.66

Net income \$ 377,271.92
Dividends to stockholders 200,000.00
Dividends to policyholders None
Capital changes (net) None
Other items affecting surplus (net) 1,169,070.76

Total capital and surplus items (net) \$ 969,070.76
Increase in surplus as regards policyholders \$ 1,346,342.68
Business in Oregon for the Year
Net premiums received \$200,203.51
Net losses paid 143,604.12
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders None
Principal office in Oregon, 518 Board of Trade Building, Portland 4, Pacific Coast Department
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SAINT PAUL MERCURY INDEMNITY COMPANY
of Saint Paul, in the State of Minnesota, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

ADMITTED ASSETS
Bonds \$5,887,743.77
Stocks 13,698,402.00
Mortgage loans on real estate 0
Real estate, less \$ 0 encumbrances 0
Cash and bank deposits 2,404,613.77
Agents' balances of uncollected premiums 8,023,729.92
Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued 567,773.14
Other assets 594,185.06

Total admitted assets \$81,576,447.66
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS
Losses \$28,681,200.93
Loss adjustment expenses 4,202,518.61
Unearned premiums 23,878,246.23
All other liabilities 3,721,180.84
Total liabilities, except capital \$62,588,147.61

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Special surplus funds 0
U n assigned funds (surplus) 15,993,300.05
Surplus as regards policyholders \$18,993,300.05

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STATEMENT OF INCOME
Premiums earned \$43,900,844.02
Losses incurred \$18,928,345.76
Loss expenses incurred 4,330,101.43
Other underwriting expenses incurred 16,704,374.85

Total underwriting deductions 39,963,022.04
Net underwriting gain or loss 3,937,821.98
Investment income 2,259,894.94
Other income 40,924.14
Total, before federal income taxes 6,156,792.78
Federal income taxes incurred 2,019,811.88
Net income 4,136,980.90
Dividends to stockholders \$ 600,000.00
Dividends to policyholders 0
Capital changes (net) 958,557.16
Total capital and surplus items (net) 358,557.16
Increase in surplus as regards policyholders 4,495,538.06

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR
Net premiums received \$ 912,170.78
Net losses paid 317,239.49
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders 0
Principal office in Oregon: 1012 Failing Building, Portland 4, Oregon
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Judge To Decide On Fong Retrial

Portland — (U.P.) — Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson said today he would decide in a few days whether Wey Him and Sherry Fong should be given a new trial.

The Fongs were convicted last month of first degree murder of 16-year-old Diane Hank and face life imprisonment.

Defense Attorney Irvin Goodman argued for a new trial before the judge yesterday, charging the case was "steeped in politics" and that there was insufficient evidence. He also showed an affidavit from a juror who said he believed some jurors had made up their minds how to vote before going into the jury room.

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