

Morse Sponsored Bill Aids Oregon Truckers

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Washington (Special) — Oregon truckers benefited by a change in the new federal highway aid bill passed by the Senate last week when Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) successfully put through an amendment to relax somewhat restrictions in the bill on weights and measurement requirements imposed on the trucking industry.

Morse told the Senate he offered the amendment because the trucking industry had told him otherwise it would suffer financially if some of its equipment that exceeded the weight and dimension limits was made obsolete by the tighter ban proposed in the bill.

As the bill came from the Senate Public Works Committee, where Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) helped draft it, it would have denied federal highway aid (1) to any state which increased its weight and dimension limits beyond those it currently had in effect, or (2) to states which do not have a complete set of truck regulations and permit operation of trucks that exceed the recommended restrictions of the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO).

The first restriction would have cracked down on states which the committee noted "have continued to increase the permissible size and weight of trucks and buses on the highways." The legislature of New Mexico at its recent session enacted such a bill, as did the Idaho assembly. Pennsylvania's legislature, now in session, is working on such a proposal. The second restriction would have hit states that have no bans on certain weights or dimensions, such as Nevada and Michigan which fail to limit the height of trucks and Vermont which imposes no limit on the axle load of single tandem vehicles.

"Use of our highways by vehicles heavier than those for which the highway is designed inevitably results in deterioration of the highway, excessive accidents and impairment of taxpayers' investment," the committee reported.

Oregon's weight and dimension limitations conform precisely with those recommended by the AASHO, with the exception of its more generous limit on the gross maximum weight of truck combinations, 76,000 pounds. AASHO recommended 71,900.

Morse pointed out in debate, however, that in Oregon "the legal limit for tractor-trailer combinations is 50 feet in length by law, but the state highway commission is authorized to designate specific highways which, in their opinion, are capable of handling longer vehicles and they have so designated several interstate routes which would be on the interstate system, permitting 60 feet instead of 50 feet."

Under the committee bill, Morse said Oregon would probably have been denied funds if it continued to allow this exception to its 50-foot limit. Likewise, he said Nevada would have been in trouble for allowing 13½ foot high trucks to use its interstate routes, inasmuch as the AASHO recommended limit is 12½ feet and Nevada has no legal limit on height.

Morse's amendment, adopted by the Senate by acclamation, would require only that truckers continue to comply with the laws that are in effect in each state on July 1. If the state increased its limits after that date, it would be ineligible for federal highway aid.

"The representatives of the trucking industry seemed to think," Morse told the Senate, "that the amendment I have offered—and they wrote it; I did not write it—will, in their judgment, make the clarification which they feel is needed because there is no doubt about their sincerity and very great concern that section 2d in its present form will result in making obsolete tens of thousands of dollars worth of equipment, so they have said to me."

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), joining Morse, pointed out that the bill would have conflicted with Washington's tolerance of 10 per cent on logging trucks using specified roads. He agreed truck regulations should be left to the states.

Klamath Indians Set Amendment Studies

Klamath Falls —(U.P.)—Amendments to a federal law providing for termination of the Klamath Indian Reservation will be considered by the tribe's executive committee at a business session Monday.

The meeting, to be held in the tribal council house at the Klamath Agency, is also for the purpose of reviewing Indian hunting and fishing rights on the reservation.

Attending the meeting, in addition to the 19-man council, will be Glen Wilkinson, attorney representing the Washington, D. C. general counsel for the tribe, and Klamath Falls attorney, J. C. O'Neill, local general counsel.



TELL OF ORDEAL—Four American airmen released by Chinese Reds after two years in captivity, tell their story to newsmen upon their arrival in Honolulu where they were to be reunited with their families. From left, Lt. Col. Edwin Heller; Capt. Harold Fischer, 1st Lt. Lyle Cameron and 1st Lt. Roland Parks.

Water Supply Outlook In Basin Said Better

Portland —(U.P.)—The water supply outlook for the Columbia Basin has continued to improve slightly throughout the entire basin as a result of delayed snow melt and snowfall at high altitudes, weather bureau river forecasters reported Saturday.

A joint statement released by Anthony J. Polos of the Portland weather bureau river forecast center, and Marlin W. Nelson of the Soil Conservation Service in Boise, Ida., said precipitation was generally close to normal but temperatures were very low for May. Combined with the record low temperatures of April, the two-month period was the coldest in 30 years, the forecasters said.

A few key snow courses measured in Canada and the United States indicate a heavy snow cover for the first of June, but as the snow has not melted as usual, an increase in the rate of snow melt may result in slightly higher water on the Columbia and Kootenai rivers, according to the forecasters.

Dr. Byrne Attacks Infringement Upon Education Boards

La Grande —(U.P.)—Dr. Charles Byrne, retiring chancellor of the Oregon state system of higher education, Friday criticized what he called the "creeping infringement upon the authority of state boards of education in Oregon and over the nation."

Dr. Byrne, speaking before the members and guests of the Eastern Oregon College Advancement, said he could speak freely because he was retiring from the chancellorship.

He said some of the infringements in Oregon had come from the Legislature, some from other departments of the state government, and some from other organizations.

Byrne mentioned specifically restrictions on Board of Higher Education publications and purchase of equipment. He told his La Grande audience that he thought the state system of higher education should be established as a constitutional entity rather than as a statutory body as it is now.

He added that the Legislature should appropriate funds for education and the educational system should be free to spend them as it sees fit.

"Educators are the experts and they know how the money should be spent," he said.

Byrne was commencement speaker at the college Saturday morning.

Governor Patterson Lists Appointees

Salem —(U.P.)—Gov. Paul Patterson has reappointed Samuel M. Bove of Grants Pass as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Director of Veterans' Affairs, representing the American Legion.

Salem —(U.P.)—Gov. Paul L. Patterson has appointed Cleo H. Jenkins of Corvallis as a member of the State Board of Architect Examiners, succeeding Howard R. Perrin of Klamath Falls whose term has expired.

Salem —(U.P.)—Gov. Paul L. Patterson has appointed Dr. George W. Redpath of Portland as a member of the Dental School Advisory Council to the State Board of Higher Education. Dr. Redpath succeeds Dr. J. H. Rosman of Portland, whose term has expired.

Gov. Patterson reappointed P. D. Quisenberry of Salem as a member of the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy.

Most Highway Fatalities Occur on 'Open Roads'

Salem —(U.P.)—About 80 per cent of the 420 traffic fatalities in Oregon last year occurred in "open road" smash-ups outside the limits of any city or town, the State Traffic Safety Division said Saturday.

This percentage, which holds fairly constant from year to year, is due to the higher speeds on the "open road," traffic safety men said.

Car Dealer Found Guilty in Portland

Portland —(U.P.)—A municipal court jury here Friday found M. Dee Warren guilty of violating Portland's city ordinance against offering automobiles for sale on Sunday. He was arrested April 17.

The jury took only 20 minutes to return the guilty verdict and Warren's associates indicated it would be appealed to a higher court.

Defense Attorney John Reynolds said there were several similar cases pending and that he would demand a jury trial for each. The case was part of the used car dealers' current attack on the city ordinance. Reynolds contended in his argument to the jury that the ordinance discriminates against used car dealers.

Deputy City Attorney Frank M. Ierulli said the ordinance refers to "... anyone engaged in purchasing or selling or offering for sale a motor vehicle on Sunday."

Date for sentencing Warren on the conviction was not set by Judge John J. Murrton.

Milk Price Fight On at Prineville

Prineville —(U.P.)—A milk price war has broken out in this central Oregon section.

Hostilities began Thursday when Tab Allen, manager of the Sunrise dairy in Prineville, cut prices of raw milk from 90 cents a gallon to 60 cents.

Jim Vickers, an independent raw milk distributor, said the slash was an attempt to drive him out of business. Another large independent, the Bend Dairy, agreed to help Vickers out by furnishing him with both homogenized and pasteurized milk.

Vickers, who sold raw milk at 80 cents a gallon, said he would be able to sell homogenized and pasteurized supplies at the same price. The same quality of milk was sold at 88 to 90 cents by Allen.

Allen denied the price cut was an attempt to close down his competitor. He said the cut was caused by a surplus of raw milk.

Producers Offer Three-Point Plan To End Dispute

Portland —(U.P.)—A three-point proposal which seeks to end Portland's four-day milk strike and lockout has been offered by the Oregon Milk Producers Association.

Lester Adams, manager of the association, said the proposal calls for immediate removal of pickets, immediate resumption of milk deliveries and resumption of negotiations by labor and management.

Milk deliveries in the metropolitan area ceased Wednesday after AFL Teamsters Union pickets appeared at Mayflower Milk Distributors plant. Other distributors shut down in sympathy.

Adams said the milk producers association, which represents 1606 of the state's 2040 grade A dairymen, felt they were the victims of the dispute, and resented the fact that it came in June, which is Dairy Month. A large-scale public relations campaign had been planned for the month.

Adams said the dispute was costing dairymen a total of \$25,000 a day, since powdered milk manufacturers bought the product at a lower price.

Teamsters Friday night said they would not return to work until management agreed to pay them for time lost because of the lockout. The Mayflower strike was called over union demands for changed work schedules.

Destructive Insect Discovered in State

Salem —(U.P.)—The holly leaf miner, a highly destructive insect pest of holly plantings, has been found in Oregon for the first time, F. P. Larson, plant pest survey entomologist with the State Department of Agriculture, said Saturday.

The pest was found last week near the eastern edge of the Eastmoreland Municipal Golf Links in Portland. Three men have been working on surveys since that time in an effort to determine the limits of the Leaf Miner's spread.

Larson said several infested trees were found on the Reed college campus and that numerous backyard ornamental plantings in this Portland area are infested.

The pest has been in the state of Washington for several years and as close to Oregon as Vancouver. It is a major pest in the eastern United States.



WINS AWARD—Daniel Kellington, above, a Medford High school graduating senior and son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kellington, has been awarded a \$180 scholarship by Radio Medford, Inc. The award is based on scholastic ability, character and competency, according to Ray Johnson, manager of KMED. (Lands-Shangle photo).

Today Banner Day For Dad, Daughter

Portland —(U.P.)—Today will be a banner day in the lives of Thomas Joseph Massey, 48, of Portland, and his daughter Maryanne, 17.

Miss Massey will be graduated from Holy Child Academy. At the same time, her father will receive a degree from the University of Portland.

Massey quit school at the age of 15 to enter the Army and has been trying for 30 years to complete his education. He said he would enter the teaching field because "I believe education will turn the tide of delinquency."



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