

Senate Group May Seek New Laws Governing Elections in November

Washington — (U.P.) — The special Senate committee created to investigate lobbying may try to get some reforms written into law before the November elections, an authoritative source said today.

One prospective committee member who would not be identified said the group would try to report on some features of its investigation in time for Congress to pass new laws governing the fall campaign.

Both Democrats and Republicans were expected to have their choices for the eight-man committee ready for submission to the Senate today. The Senate set up the special committee by a 79-1 vote Wednesday, giving it broad powers to investigate any and all attempts to influence the Senate, any senator, Senate candidate or government employee "improperly or illegally."

Leaders Accept Changes

The resolution creating the committee reached the floor covered only attempts to influence senators. But Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Texas) and Republican Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.),

both of whom backed the measure, quickly accepted amendments expanding the field of inquiry to cover candidates for the Senate and any officials or employees of the executive branch.

Sen. William Langer (R-ND), cast the only vote against the resolution. He said he thought some existing Senate committee should do the job.

Informed sources told the United Press Democrats had already selected for committee membership Sens. Albert Gore, (Tenn.), John F. Kennedy, (Mass.), John L. McClellan, (Ark.), and Clinton P. Anderson, (N.M.). Gore was regarded as the likely chairman.

Nixon Not Available

There was a delay in select-

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Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon State Highway commission will meet in Portland March 1 and 2 to receive bids on 31 highway, bridge, illumination, traffic signal, aerial photography and rock production projects.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

ing Republican members which stemmed in part from difficulty in locating Vice-President Richard M. Nixon for his concurrence, since Nixon must officially appoint the committee from the party leaders' choices. Nixon was out of town at an undisclosed spot Wednesday and was not available.

Among the GOP senators regarded as possibilities were Edward J. Thye (Minn.), Styles Bridges (N.H.), Leverett Saltonstall (Mass.), Gordon Allott (Colo.), William A. Purtell (Conn.), Barry M. Goldwater, (Ariz.), Arthur V. Watkins, (Utah) and Karl E. Mundt (S.D.). However, Watkins and Mundt told reporters they were unavailable.

Creation of the special committee was an outgrowth of Senate consideration of the bill to exempt independent natural gas producers from direct federal price regulation. Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.), touched off a furor by announcing Feb. 3 that he was switching his vote to oppose the bill because a lawyer offered \$2,500 to his campaign fund on the supposition that he would vote for the measure.

THEFTS CLEARED UP

Portland — (U.P.) — Police said they cleared up the theft of several thousand dollars worth of tires, parts, and tools from several Portland automotive businesses yesterday with the arrest of two 16-year-old boys.

'Nightmare Sickness' Continues To Stump Medical Authorities

Manila — (U.P.) — Rodrigo C. Doles, principal of an agricultural school on Negros Island, ate a hearty meal the other night and went to bed feeling fit as a fiddle.

During the night, his family reported, he began thrashing in bed as if he were having a nightmare.

He never woke up. Doles went down in medical records as the most recent victim of the "nightmare sickness" that kills apparently healthy Filipino men with fateful regularity here and in

Meeting Scheduled For Heart Workers

Volunteers who will participate in the Heart Sunday campaign Feb. 26 will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. in the American Legion home on South Riverside ave., Mrs. Earl Bigalow, chairman, has announced.

Almost 200 workers have volunteered, and more are needed, she said.

Anyone wishing to contribute an hour's work is urged to contact the chairman, 2-6877, or attend the Thursday meeting.

Plastic heart collection boxes have been placed in various public places but are expected to bring only a small portion of the money needed from the Medford area, Mrs. Bigalow said.

Contributions are used to support research, education and community service programs for the Oregon Heart association, an affiliate of the American Heart association. Among recent benefits of scientific research by the American association has been the development of new knowledge on the use of "strep"-killing drugs to knock out throat infections which may cause rheumatic fever, an ailment that sometimes develops into rheumatic heart disease.

The disease has become one of childhood's greatest enemies, and children can be guarded by prompt attention to control strep infection, she said.

Bigham Relected Head of Loan Group

J. W. Bigham, Eagle Point, was relected president of the Southern Oregon National Farm Loan association at an annual meeting recently in Gold Hill.

Oliver H. Roundtree, Williams, was relected vice-president. Other board members are A. E. Stevens, Phoenix; W. C. Higginbotham, Central Point; and Albert Straus, Sams Valley.

Guest speakers at the meeting were Fred A. Knutsen, president of the federal land bank of Spokane, and C. D. Putz, regional manager of the Spokane bank.

Knutsen told members at the meeting that 1955 was a record year for the use of land bank services. He outlined the program in which the bank pays dividends to borrower members. Under the farm credit act of 1955 loan limits were extended from \$100,000 to \$200,000; family corporations were made eligible to borrow; and the base upon which credit may be extended to part-time farmers was broadened, Knutsen said.

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