

Senators Vote Alike on Major Issues; GOP Congressmen Vary

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Washington — Oregon's Republican congressmen are at odds with one another just as often as they were in agreement in the way they voted on the big issues during the last session of Congress, whereas the state's two Democratic senators voted alike on all the major votes.

Here are the key issues of the 1956 congressional session and the way Oregon's senators and representatives voted:

1. Farm price supports—After the House had passed a Democratic bill to restore fixed supports at 90 per cent, the Senate took it up this year and killed the fixed support provision. Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger both supported high supports.

2. Social security — Congress liberalized this law somewhat for women but the major vote came in the Senate on lowering the retirement age for disabled workers from 65 to 50. This was approved, over administration opposition, with Morse and Neuberger supporting it. There was no record vote in the House.

3. Schools — An aid to education bill was defeated by the House and never came to a Senate vote. One reason for its defeat was that it got ensnared with the Powell amendment, which would have barred use of federal funds in school districts which do not comply with the Supreme Court's anti-segregation decision. All of Oregon's representatives supported the Powell amendment; but Rep. Sam Coon then voted against the school aid bill, while Reps. Harris Ellsworth, Walter Norblad and Edith Green supported the bill.

4. Postal rates — Ellsworth, Norblad and Coon all supported a bill to raise postal rates, but Mrs. Green opposed it. It passed the House but Senate didn't act on it.

5. Civil rights — An administration bill to set up a civil rights commission and strengthen procedures for legal action against rights violations passed the House but was not brought up the Senate. All Oregon congressmen voted for it except Congressman Ellsworth.

6. Hells Canyon dam — The Senate defeated the Morse-Neuberger bill to authorize this project, so it never came up in the House. But the three GOP mem-

bers — Coon, Ellsworth and Norblad — had indicated their opposition to it, while Mrs. Green was a supporter of the project. Morse and Neuberger, of course, voted for it.

7. Upper Colorado reclamation project — The biggest resource project approved by the 84th Congress had the voting support of the three Oregon Republicans when it passed the House. Mrs. Green opposed it. Morse and Neuberger had voted for it the previous year when it passed Senate, although Neuberger had led a fight against the Echo Park dam feature which was subsequently knocked out.

8. Atomic power—The Senate first passed a bill to have the government finance a string of experimental atomic reactors for electric power development. Morse and Neuberger support this. But, with the administration opposing it, the House killed the bill. Coon, Norblad and Ellsworth all voted to kill it, and Mrs. Green supported the proposal.

9. Natural gas regulation — The Senate passed a bill to exempt from federal rate regulation all independent natural gas produc-

ers. Morse and Neuberger opposed the bill. President Eisenhower later vetoed it amid disclosures of extensive lobbying for the bill by gas interests, but he said he still favored the idea.

10. Housing — An omnibus housing bill became an issue when Democrats wanted to have 135,000 units annually of public housing built, the Republicans wanted 35,000. The Senate upheld the Democratic view, with Morse and Neuberger supporting it.

11. Defense funds — Congress voted \$800 million more for the air force than the administration wanted in order to increase heavy bomber production. Morse and Neuberger voted for the increase.

12. Labor — In the highway aid bill, labor organizations wanted the secretary of labor to have the authority to fix wage rates in areas where interstate roads were being built. Contractors wanted state agencies to have this authority. The Senate, with Morse, Neuberger supporting it, gave it to the secretary.

13. Highway aid — After a long dispute over terms, the House finally followed the Senate in passing an aid bill which increased taxes to finance it. All Oregon congressmen supported the final bill.

14. Veterans pensions — A catch-all veterans benefits bill that went to the House floor was chopped up on the floor until finally the only remaining provisions covered non-service-connected pensions and presumed total disability for World War I vets at age 65. On a move to then kill the bill, Ellsworth and Norblad supported this move, and Coon and Mrs. Green opposed it. The Senate failed to act.

15. Foreign aid — The House started a fight with the president by trimming his aid bill by \$1.4 billion and sending it to the Senate with a total figure of \$3.4 billion. Ellsworth, Noblad and Mrs. Green voted for the bill, Coon against it. In the Senate, the amount was increased to \$4.1 billion, with both senators supporting this amount.

One other point under foreign aid became an issue — aid to Yugoslavia, where Tito was acting more friendly to the Soviets once again. A Knowland amendment to bar the President from using funds for military equipment for Tito, except spare parts for equipment previously furnished, was adopted by the Senate over the opposition of Eisenhower, Morse and Neuberger opposed the Knowland amendment.

Chapel Bells To Call Airmen To Services

Rochester, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The sonorous notes of chapel bells soon will call airmen to religious services at 43 U. S. Air Force bases around the world.

The tones will be produced by specially designed electronic carillons now under construction at the special products division of Stromberg-Carlson, a division of General Dynamics Corp. The carillons, will also play familiar hymns at appropriate times, are to be installed in chapels at 32 Air Force bases in this country and at 11 overseas from Puerto Rico to Okinawa.

In carillons of this type, bell sounds are produced by striking small metal tone bars with tiny plastic hammers, electronically controlled, and amplifying the sounds they make through special magnetic pickup and loud-speaking systems. Although the carillons weigh only a few hundred pounds, the sounds duplicate exactly the tones of large cast bells weighing as much as several tons.

Those destined for the Air Force chapels will be especially made to sound the liturgical bells used in worship services of all faiths.



Eight Prisoners Flee Reno Jail by Digging Through Brick Wall

Reno, Nev. — (U.P.) — Nevada and California authorities watched trans-Sierra highways today for eight fugitives who escaped from Washoe county jail here by burrowing through a crumbling brick wall with broken shower pipes.

The fugitives were all awaiting trial on federal or state offenses. Eight other prisoners chose to remain in jail while the escape took place before dawn Sunday.

Cold Outside
Prison guards discovered the break at the 7 a.m. breakfast checkup. However, it took place around 4 a.m., when the temperature outside was 19 degrees.

Woodrow R. Caldwell, 24, Napa, Calif., and Ravenna, Tex., accused of obtaining money under false pretenses; Edward J. Jennings, 21, Peoria, Ill., accused of obtaining money under false pretenses; Owen Burkhardt, 27, McMinnville, Ore., armed robbery; Charles E. Thomas, alias Chester Sizemore, 20, Auburn, Wash., and Alex Robert Kessack, 19, Seattle, auto theft across a state line.

Also Jimmy D. Parker, 21, Charles B. Russell, 23, and Wilber E. Montgomery, 25, all of Pinedale, Calif., accused of violating the national firearms act. Sheriff C. W. Young said the inmates broke shower pipes

from the wall and used them to dig a hole about 14 inches square through a brick wall at the rear of the jail.

"It's old time mortar with no cement," Young said. "You could dig it out with a spoon."

Ropes From Blanket
Using ropes made from their blankets, the eight lowered themselves to an exercise yard, then tossed the blankets over the outside wall for a ladder-way.

Young said he believed the fugitives scattered almost immediately. Later, a car stolen in Reno turned up in Carson City, where some of the jailbreakers apparently stole another car.

He ordered a check of all highways leading across the Sierras into California in belief the Californians at least might try to head for home.

Scholarships Replace Gifts To Customers

Lawrence, Kan. — (U.P.) — The firms of Stoops and Wilson Brokerage Company, Inc., Kansas City, Kan., and the L. E. Whitlock Truck Service Company, Inc., Stafford, Kan., have established two Christmas gift scholarships of \$1,000 each over a four-year period at the University of Kansas.

In place of the usual business practice of sending presents to customers, the firms mail out greeting cards explaining the money formerly used for gifts now is being used for the scholarships.

Irvin Youngberg, secretary of the K. U. endowment association, says this type of scholarship is becoming popular in many parts of the nation as a "method of investing in the future."

Kansas ranks fifth in the U. S. in petroleum production and has part of the largest known gas fields in the world in its southwest.

Race War Threatens Deserted Singapore

Singapore. — (U.P.) — Mobs continued to rove the deserted streets of Singapore in Communist-inspired rioting that threatened to turn into an all-out Chinese-Malay race war Saturday. Most of the clashes thus far have been between Communists and police and British soldiers. At least 14 persons were reported killed and 100 injured. It was feared the conflict might spread into a community battle between the Malay and Chinese populations of this British crown colony.

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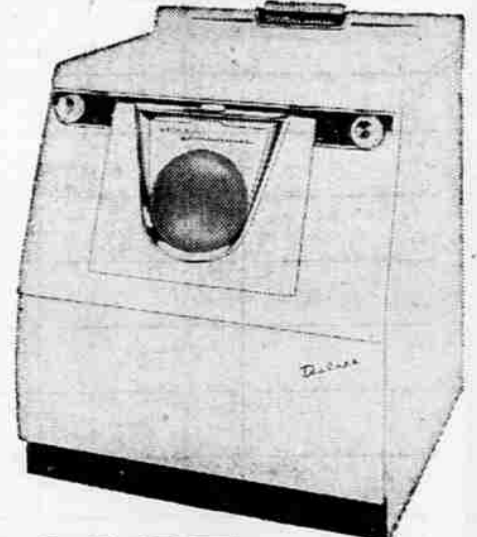
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