

Plan Segregates Critical Patients

Chicago — (U.P.) — Three Providence, R.I., physicians, writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association, outlined a plan for segregating in one area of a hospital, surgical patients in critical condition.

The plan was revealed by Drs. J. Murray Beardsley, J. Robert Bowen and Carmine J. Capalbo who have been using it in Rhode Island hospital in Providence as a solution to the shortage of graduate nurses and to channel expert attention to patients with the most need for it.

The doctors said the plan enables the use of more nurses' aides and practical nurses in other areas of the hospital to relieve the pressure on graduate nurses.

The plan also eases the demand for private nursing for individual patients, yet it still provides specialized care for the critically ill.

The Providence special care unit embraces two adjacent wings containing 28 beds. Most of the patients in them are readily visible through glass partitions from the nursing station in the center of each wing, and each bed is equipped with all necessary emergency equipment including an oxygen unit.

In addition, the unit provides private rooms for patients who might disturb their fellows.

There are also sleeping quarters for a full-time resident physician nearby, a minor surgery room and all necessary emergency gear.

Salem — (U.P.) — Red-faced editors of Oregon's official Blue Book are at a loss to explain how Republican Rep. Sam Wilderman of Portland came to be listed in the book's legislative directory as a Democrat. Wilderman claimed to be mortified but resigned to his fate. He doubted that he would sue.

Path of Bills in Oregon Legislature

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Salem—(U.P.)—When the Oregon Legislature meets here Monday its primary function will be to consider and enact laws. This will be done by members of either House introducing bills which will have the force of statutory law when they clear all hurdles from rough plans to the governor's desk. There are several hurdles.

It all starts with an idea. The idea can come from anyone or anywhere, but it can only be introduced by a legislator. Say Rep. Sockum of Stubble, Ore., wants to prohibit yellow bellied sapsuckers from sucking sap in Oregon forests. What must he do?

First he must prepare a bill in proper form for introduction. He can do this himself, get interested persons or organizations to do it, get help from the Oregon State Bar legislative service, or he can call on the two agencies which have the legal duty to draft bills—the legislative council and the attorney general.

Long Process
After that technical matter has been accomplished, Rep. Sockum submits his bill in several typed copies to the House Rules and Regulations committee where it is checked for form and style. It is then filed with the chief clerk of the House for introduction and copies sent to the state printer for printing.

A bill is introduced simply by reading its title for the in-

formation of members. On another day it is given a second reading by title and, if there are no objections, it is then referred to a standing committee by the speaker of the House.

The standing committee which deals with sapsuckers and like creatures may hold meetings or hearings with wildlife experts, ornithologists, foresters, bird lovers or anyone else interested. The committee may then table the bill, report it out or hold it and report a substitute bill.

By a two-thirds vote, the House can require a bill to be reported.

Cycle Repeated
The report on the bill may be unanimously favorable, unanimously unfavorable with amendment, or without recommendation.

The House then votes on the committee report. If a "unanimously adverse" report is adopted, it usually has the effect of postponing the bill indefinitely. If amendments are involved, the bill is sent to a committee for "engrossing" that is, inserting amendments in their proper place.

If committee reports are favorable or without recommendation, the bill automatically comes up for third reading, section by section. Then the House may debate it, decide to reject or pass it, refer it to a committee for some special purpose or make it a special order of business at a later date.

it is sent to the Senate where it goes through the same cycle of reading, committee work and final consideration. Either House may author any bills but appropriation bills which must originate in the House.

Conferences Are Help
When either House won't accept amendments to a bill by the other, the presiding officers appoint a conference committee to try to iron out the differences. If several conference committees fail to reach agreement, the bill dies.

However, if both Houses pass the bill with the same wording, the bill is "enrolled" that is, prepared in final form for printing. It is then sent to the governor over the signatures of both presiding officers and the chief clerk of the House of origin.

If the governor approves and signs the bill it becomes law the 31st day after the session ends, at a time prescribed by the bill or immediately if it contains the emergency clause.

If the governor vetoes the bill he returns it with a message to the House of origin, a two-thirds

vote of both Houses is then required to pass it.

During the session the governor must sign or veto a bill within five days or it becomes law without his signature. If the session ends during the five day period on some bill, the governor has 20 days from adjournment to sign or veto the bill or the bill becomes law.

The Legislature may refer its acts for a vote of the people or the people (five per cent of the legal voters) may petition for referral within 90 days after adjournment.

The governor may not veto a referred bill. It is voted on at the next regular biennial election, unless a special election is ordered by the Legislature.

You can see that this complex system, while admirable, is the hard way to get at sapsuckers. That's why most bills introduced in the Oregon Legislature are the thoughtful work of genuinely public-minded men.

Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. A. A. Knowlton, nationally known professor of physics at Reed college here for 33 years, died Wednesday.

Three Planes Collide In Air Over Panama

Panama City, Fla. — (U.P.) — Officials at nearby Tyndall Air Force Base said yesterday a B29 bomber and two T33 jet trainers collided near Tyndall Field. Witnesses said the crash occurred about a quarter of a mile from the base, which is 10 miles southeast of Panama City.

Tyndall is a Strategic Air Command base. B29s are used to tow targets in training.

Base officials refused at first to confirm or deny the crash, then said that "so-called eyewitness reports of the incident were inaccurate."

The public information office at the base said it was "compiling information" to be released later.

From 1920 to 1935 about 700,000 miles of rural highways in the U.S. were treated by some form of surfacing.

Poland Makes Sweeping Concessions To Farmers

Warsaw, Poland — (U.P.) — Poland has announced sweeping concessions to its farmers and replaced the minister of agriculture with Edward Ochab, former head of the Polish Communist party.

The Central Committee of the Communist party announced the concessions to farmers, in-

Concessions To Farmers

cluding a partial return to free enterprise.

The first survey of the animals found in New Mexico was made in 1340 by the chronicler of the Coronado expedition. He mentioned "cocks with great hanging chins" (turkeys), "tame eagles" and "cows covered with frizzled hair which resembles wool" (buffaloes).

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