

Bill To Abolish Oregon Control Board, Transfer Functions Goes Before House

Salem—UP—A bill to abolish the State Board of Control and transfer all its functions to the governor and other agencies was introduced in the Oregon House today.

The bill, sponsored by 11 Democratic representatives and Sen. Alfred Corbett, Portland, and Dan Dimick, Roseburg, also would establish a director of public institutions to perform some functions now taken care of by the board.

The Board of Control, responsible for running Oregon institutions, is composed of the governor, state treasurer and secretary of state.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes expressed opposition to the board system in his inaugural address and suggested a director of institutions.

Forty-six bills, two joint memorials and two joint resolutions were introduced.

Included was an important

Ashland Resident Plans Innocent Plea On Timber Charge

Ashland — R. Drew Lamb, prominent Ashland lumberman, will appear voluntarily in federal court in Sacramento this week to post \$1,000 bond on a charge of theft of government timber, his attorney reported today.

Lamb will plead innocent to the charge, it was stated.

Timber Logged

The charge arose from the logging of timber in Humboldt county, according to Lamb's lawyer. He stated that the timber in question was cut in good faith, based on old surveys of the area, and before a new government survey was made of the timberland.

The land on which the timber was cut lies in an area which the original surveys showed lay between two townships, with timber owned by Lamb on both sides. "Old surveys, however, showed the townships to be contiguous, and the decision to cut the timber was based on the discovery of two supporting section corners," the attorney reported. Logging was done by a contractor.

He stated that no timber has been cut in the area since the government started its survey, and that he has made repeated attempts to settle the case through civil procedures with the government. The criminal charge was filed without prior notice, he declared.

The government named Magnolia Motor and Logging company, of which Lamb is president, and co-defendant. It alleges the timber involved is worth \$25,000.

Federal Employees Slate Legislative Rally Wednesday

Postal and other federal employees of southern Oregon will hold a legislative rally Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Labor temple in Roseburg.

Larry M. Rose, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, said purpose of the rally is to focus public attention on the pay situation of federal employees and to stimulate public support of legislation giving official recognition to federal employee organizations.

"Postal and other federal workers, who have no way of negotiating directly with their employers and who do not have the right to strike, must depend entirely on public understanding of their problems and support for their objectives," Rose said. He added that the public is invited to the rally.

Southern Oregon Congressional leaders participating in the legislative rally will include Charles W. Brooks of Eugene, executive assistant to Sen. Wayne Morse, and Keith Skelton, Oregon representative for Congressman Charles O. Porter.

Rose said the meeting Wednesday in Roseburg is one of an estimated 500 being held by federal employees across the country during the week of Feb. 10-16, to spotlight the pay and personnel management issues on which legislative action is being sought this year.

Effort Made To Check Longshoreman Strike

New York — (UP) — The head of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service came to New York from Washington today in a last minute effort to prevent a resumption of a coastwise longshore strike set for Tuesday afternoon.

Mediation Service Director Joseph F. Finnegan was scheduled to meet with the entire membership of the New York Shipping Association, the employer bargaining group.

A joint meeting of employer bargainers and representatives of the International Longshoremen's Association was scheduled later.

The union announced Sunday night that mediation efforts had failed and said the strike, interrupted 80 days ago by a Taft-Hartley law injunction, would resume Tuesday.

It would close the nation's largest port, already suffering from a 10-day-old tugboat strike which threatens the city with a critical fuel shortage.

Coquille River Power Work Waits Weather

Portland — (UP) — A spokesman for Pacific Power & Light company said today that exploration work on the firm's proposed Eden Ridge hydroelectric project on the south fork of the Coquille river will get under way as soon as weather permits.

The Federal Power Commission issued a preliminary permit last Friday for exploration work on the project which PP&L has indicated it may want to build in connection with a steam-electric plant proposed for erection near coal deposits in the southwest Oregon area.

The FPC permit gave the company 36 months to complete the preliminary engineering studies of the site and explore the geology of the ridge through which a tunnel would be driven to drop water from the reservoir.

Location of the proposed dam is about 24 miles south of Powers above a series of waterfalls which form a natural barrier to migrating fish from the Pacific.

school bill appropriating \$7 million for construction in distressed districts. The bill, requested by the Interim Committee on Education, would allow the money to be used in matching federal funds.

Rep. Grace Peck, Portland, and others introduced legislation to establish a correctional institution for women separate from the penitentiary and Hillcrest school for girls. The bill would appropriate \$1 million to purchase land, construct and equip the institution.

House joint memorial No. 7, read for the first time, asks Congress to include U.S. Highway 30 from Portland to Astoria, in the federal road building program.

Removal Clause Sought

The committee on judiciary introduced a resolution amending the constitution to provide for removal or disqualification of public officers who refuse to testify or fail to waive immunity in criminal proceedings.

Other legislation would provide for licensing of milk dealers by the Department of Agriculture, collection of fees on the basis of one cent per hundred weight of grade A milk and would prohibit the sale of adulterated milk or cream.

Final action was scheduled today on only three bills in the House and one Senate bill as the legislature entered its fifth week.

Up for a House vote were bills exempting fraternity and sorority furniture and goods from property taxation, clarifying of methods of notification in school elections and meetings and amending the law relative to

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public scales and weighing devices.

Tax Hearing Scheduled

However, the lawmakers were coming to grips with some of their major problems of taxation and education in committees and public hearings.

A total of 577 bills had been introduced in both Houses, 462 of them in the House and 115 in the Senate. House measures included some \$335 million in appropriations bills, including \$38-\$40 million for doubling basic school support.

The House Taxation committee has before it this week two bills designed to raise the bonded indebtedness limit of school districts while the education committee was analyzing the

Postal Rate Hike Said Badly Needed

Washington — (UP) — Deputy Postmaster General Maurice H. Stans has warned that the Post Office may go into the red \$1 billion annually unless postal rates are hiked.

Stans recommended to a House Appropriations Subcommittee that the cost of mailing a first class letter be raised from three to five cents to help overcome the postal deficit. The subcommittee made Stans' testimony public Sunday night.

Stans said the Post Office will operate at a deficit of \$651 million next year. He said that with a pay raise for postal workers likely, and the costs of improving the service expected to mount, the deficit will jump to between \$750 million to \$1 billion annually "in the very near future."

Any increase in first class mailing rates probably will run into stiff congressional opposition. A bill for a one-cent rate increase died in the Senate last year.

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school district reorganization act.

On the tax front, a preliminary hearing was set this afternoon on a Republican sponsored bill which would bar a state property tax. Republicans were predicting bipartisan support for the bill.

\$40 Million Said High

The bill would require specific authorization of the legislature before a state property tax could be levied. As the law now reads, a property tax up to 6 mills would be levied automatically if other taxes and revenues do not meet state expenditures.

Public health and welfare committees of both Houses also met today. They have been con-

sidering revising or repealing the state's relative responsibility act to relieve the burden on lower income persons of caring for relatives on welfare.

Senate President Boyd Overhulse, of Madras, meanwhile, said that the \$40 million called for by Governor Holmes to increase school support might be a little high. House Speaker Pat

Dooley said it might be difficult to raise that amount but that efforts would be made to do it.

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