

Legislature Strides Toward Adjournment As House Studies Tax Bill Amendments

Salem—The Oregon legislature was making big strides toward adjournment today with both major Democratic tax bills back in the House for concurrence in Senate amendments.

House Democrats said they expected little trouble repassing the income tax and corporation excise tax bills. Speaker Pat

Dooley said the final vote might be taken Thursday.

If changes are suggested by the House, a conference committee of House and Senate members will be appointed to iron out the differences.

Other major progress was made by the Joint Ways and Means committee which voted 8-6 to increase basic school support from \$80 to \$95 per census school child and distribute it on the basis of a formula developed by Rep. Allen Tom, Rufus Republican.

Ohmart 'Designated'

House bill 1, repealing the surtax, raising exemptions and establishing new income tax rates slightly higher than the old rates including the surtax, passed the Senate Tuesday after an hour and a half of bitter debate. A last-minute vote switch by Republican Sen. Lee Ohmart, Salem, broke a 15-15 tie in which two other senators crossed party lines. Democrat Ben Musa, The Dalles, voted against his party's bill and Sen. Francis W. Ziegler, Corvallis Republican, voted for it.

Sen. Ohmart explained his vote switch by saying: "I have been designated. I repeat designated, to change my vote to aye so that this program, which is entirely the responsibility of the Democrats may pass."

Sen. Walter J. Pearson, Portland Democrat, said the income tax bill was fair and equitable and that it made no substantive change in the House version of the bill.

The second major Democratic tax bill, as amended by the Senate, sets corporation excise taxes on manufacturing corpo-

rations at an effective rate of 4 per cent. Other business corporations would be taxed at 6 per cent with repeal of their present property tax offset. Utilities would be taxed at 7 per cent and banks at 9 per cent.

Rates Listed

The excise tax bill, which passed the Senate 20-10 Monday night, was expected to raise some \$5 million a biennium more than the \$35 million raised now by the tax. The personal income tax will raise some \$151 million a biennium.

Rates under the personal income tax bill would be: 4 per cent up to \$500, 5 per cent, \$500 to \$1,000, 6 per cent, \$1,000 to \$1,500, 7 per cent, \$1,500 to

\$2,000, 8 per cent \$2,000 to \$3,000, 9 per cent \$3,000 to \$4,000, 10.6 per cent, \$4,000 to \$8,000, And 11.6 per cent on all income over \$8,000.

Ohmart said the income tax bill "made the surtax permanent" and was foolish in raising exemptions from \$500 to \$600. After Sen. Ohmart changed his vote, Pearson thanked him and said "the Democratic party is glad to assume full responsibility for this measure."

Democrat Musa, whose tax rates of 2 to 8 per cent were killed in committee, said choosing between the surtax and the Democrat bill was like making a "poor choice between rotten apples."

House Hears Story Of Farmer's Daughter

Washington—Rep. Jamie L. Whitten (D-Miss.) told the House a story about a farmer's daughter but the punch line had an unusual twist.

Whitten was attacking the Agriculture Department's rural development program Tuesday. Suddenly he said:

"Some farmers may have attractive daughters. Some agents may be handsome. The program may lead to romance. It may lead to many things."

But he said it's not going to lead to farm prosperity as long as Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson persists in reducing price supports and planting allotments.

Several Republicans accused Whitten of being "partisan."

OSC Receives Grant From Signal Corps

Corvallis — The signal corps of the United States Army has announced a \$29,000 grant to Oregon State College for a study of the use of radar and other new electronic devices for forecasting and observing weather.

Dr. Fred W. Decker, assistant professor of physics, will be in charge of the project.

Weather radar, radio positioning of lightning discharges, high altitude photographs and cloud base and top equipment data all will be surveyed in research on precision forecasting of onset of severe storms.

About 2 million young Americans become available for jobs each year as 1.5 million workers retire or die.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Memphis, Tenn.—Wayne E. Baker, from his hospital bed after being stung on the head 20 times by a swarm of honey bees: "I don't blame them for being mad. I was breaking up their home, and I guess I'd have done the same thing."

Hollywood—Jack Webb, the Sgt. Friday of TV fame, on divorcing his second wife, actress Dorothy Towne: "She insisted on more social life and leisure time than I was able to take from my business."

Washington—Army Assistant Secretary Hugh M. Milton on the temporary suspension of six-month enlistments for active reserve training: "The program has really snowballed . . . we have achieved in four months what was expected in 15 months."

Baghdad, Iraq—King Saud of Saudi Arabia on his formal visit to King Feisal of Iraq: "My feelings are that should anything happen to harm Iraq, it would have repercussions in all other Arab countries, especially Saudi Arabia."

Washington—President Eisenhower on warning that material cuts in defense spending would be a fearful gamble: "I have seen unwise military cuts before. I have seen their terrible consequences. I am determined to do all I can to see that we do not follow that foolhardy road again."

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
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Hollywood — Thanks to one half-hour television comedy show four months ago, Ernie Kovacs is making his debut as a movie star, novelist, dramatic TV actor and nightclub performer.



Ernie has been the unsung comedy genius of TV with a spotty career. He has been under contract to NBC for so long he hems and haws over the exact number of years.

His offbeat humor, wide mustache and \$2 cigars were seen mainly as a summer replacement or on the "Tonight" show until he finally was starred on one program following Jerry Lewis debut as a TV single.

NBC executives plead when they heard he was writing, directing and starring in an all-silent comedy program, he recalled over lunch the other day. But the final result brought him magazine covers, happy reviews and a zooming career—in every field but TV comedy.

Signed for Film Job

Kovacs quickly was signed for his first film job as a comedy heavy vs. Jack Lemmon in Columbia Studio's "Operation Mad Bull." His first novel, "Zommar," about the TV industry, was snapped up for publication. He plans to turn it into a screenplay and direct same for his own independent movie firm.

CBS sent him offers of dramatic roles on "Playhouse 90" and "Climax." He is ready to sign a contract for big money at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev., marking the first time he will entertain in a club. But Ernie Kovacs still isn't scheduled for a regular comedy show on TV.

"NBC offered me a show for next year on a budget of \$35,000 and that's like trying to run a restaurant on \$8," said Ernie in his usual casual way.

Homesick for Wife
Kovacs made it plain that he cares about little except working the way he wants to and is desperately homesick for his wife, Broadway star Eddie Adams.

"I'd like to work with my

Fisheries Director To Resign on Friday

Portland — M. C. James will resign Friday as state fisheries director, it was announced today.

James will return to the position of research coordinator of the Pacific Fisheries Commission which he held before his appointment as administrative head of the fish commission last August.

John I. Hodges, who has been assistant fisheries director since last September, will assume duties as state fish director.

Hodges, who has been with the commission since 1947, has been closely associated in the past three years with fishery problems involved in various power projects.

Coast Electricians Meet in San Francisco

San Francisco — The 40th annual Pacific Coast Electrical Association convention opened here today with more than 1,000 delegates from the West Coast, Hawaii and the Philippines attending the three-day meeting.

A highlight of the convention will be a panel discussion by executives of eight electric utility companies on "The Job Ahead."

Los Angeles — Pianist Liberace has filed a \$25 million libel suit in Superior court over an article about him in the current issue of Confidential magazine.

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wife again," reflected Ernie, sadly flicking his cigar (he smokes 15 or 20 of those foot-long things a day).

"It's ideal, writing for her. I've been seven weeks away from our New York home and we've never been apart that long before. She's flown out to see me twice on the days off from her show."

His next chore is to narrate a "Producers' Showcase" on NBC called "Festival of Magic." He wrote the script in 45 minutes in his Columbia dressing room between scenes.

Community College Bill Unanimously Voted by Senate

Salem — The Oregon Senate late Tuesday unanimously passed House bill 594 authorizing the establishment of community colleges, or junior colleges, in various parts of Oregon, such as the Central Oregon Community College already in operation at Bend.

Boon To Education
The measure allows areas to set up community colleges in districts with at least 500 students in the grades from 9 to 12, with an assessed valuation of \$20 million, and with sufficient facilities such as buildings.

Sen. Jean Lewis, Portland Democrat, said she considered the bill a boon to higher education and one of the most important measures to come before the 1957 Legislature. She said it would relieve the population load of colleges and universities, by enabling the students to take their first two years of higher education in their own or nearby communities.

Sen. Lewis said the state's contribution in the next biennium would be only \$90,000. The state pays \$150 per full time student per year. The student pays \$195 in tuition, and the district pays the balance. In any case, state aid is limited to 25 per cent of the total costs.

Sessions at Night
As an indication of how such colleges might function elsewhere, the Central Oregon Community College holds its sessions at night, in the Bend high school building.

House bill 594, already approved by the House, now goes to the desk of Gov. Robert D. Holmes, who has indicated that he would sign it.

BOW AND ARROW FISHING

Pierre, S. D. — Atty. Gen. Phil Saunders, in an official memorandum to Gov. Joe Foss, ruled that the portion of the law that allows suckers, red horse, buffalo and carp to be taken by spear is "sufficiently broad" to permit bow and arrow to be used in capturing such fish.

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