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House Off To Quick Start; 56 New Bills Introduced

Five Tax Bills Designed To Help Holmes' Budget

Committees Given Chance To Organize

Salem—UPI—The Oregon House got down to business in a hurry today with introduction of 56 new bills on the second day of the session.

The House met for 40 minutes and then adjourned until afternoon to allow its various committees a chance to organize.

Five of the new bills were tax bills designed to help implement ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes, \$298.6 million budget. They were introduced at the request of the House Committee on Taxation headed by Rep. Clarence Barton, (D-Coquille).

House bill 1 would change corporation excise tax rates on income of public utilities from 7 to 6 per cent. It also changes the manner of computing net income of the utilities from the federal system to a state system used by other corporations.

Provision Cut Out
House bill 2 eliminates a provision allowing personal income tax payments on a quarterly installment basis, except for the tax years ending between July 1 and Dec. 31, 1959.

This bill was suggested by Holmes to allow the state to gather more revenue this biennium rather than next.

House bill 3 permits deferral of a tax lien being filed on a taxpayer's property for nonpayment of personal income or corporation excise or income taxes upon the posting of bond or a deposit securing payment of delinquent taxes.

House bill 4 requires deposit in the general fund of all sums, including sums upon which refunds are claimed and not settled, collected by the state treasurer under the inheritance and gift tax laws.
Tax Court Asked
A tax court of one judge to hear taxpayer appeals that previously have been heard in Circuit Court is called for by House Bill 5.

Most remaining bills introduced today were appropriation bills which came out of the Joint Ways and Means Committee this morning.
The rest of the 104 appropriation bills prepared on the basis of the Holmes budget are expected on the House floor tomorrow.

Telephoned Company 'Shocked' by Action

Portland—UPI—A spokesman for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company said today the firm was "shocked and deeply disappointed" by outgoing Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan's \$4,000,000 cut in the company's rate increase application made last June.

Youth Buried Alive, Girl Escapes as Cliff Falls

San Francisco—UPI—A huge mass of rain-soaked earth plunged down the cliffs here near Lands End Monday, burying a young high school student and seriously injuring his girl companion.

The victim was William Soltero, 16, whose body was not recovered. The girl, Margaret Valentine, 15, was hospitalized with a severe leg cut and in a state of shock.
Works Self Free
The girl worked herself free of the slide and managed to pull her way up a 450-foot cliff to summon aid. However, a desperate four-hour rescue effort by police and firemen was called off when high tide endangered the lives of the rescuers.

Efforts to recover the body resumed early today.
Margaret told authorities she and young Soltero, both students at George Washington High school, had gone down to a beach below the cliffs to photograph the light-house which lies off Lands End.
Heard Rumble
"We were walking about a foot apart, when suddenly I heard a rumble—a terrible, roaring noise," the girl said. "I looked up toward the hill and saw it coming."
Margaret said she was buried in mud and rocks up to her waist, but managed to dig herself out in about five minutes.
"I looked for Bill, but he was gone," she said. "He was completely buried."

"By the Way, Did You Get My Message Of November 4?"



Number of Jobless Mounts 275,000 During December

Washington—UPI—The government reported today that the number of unemployed rose 275,000 in December to a total of 4,108,000 because of winter cutbacks in farming, construction and outdoor jobs.

It was the biggest monthly increase in jobless since last June when 500,000 newly

Hood Announces Stockade Plans

Plans for a stockade at the summit of the Siskiyou on Highway 99 were announced today by Ernie Hood, chairman of the Jackson County Centennial association.

The building will house a welcome booth and service counter in the front section with rest rooms at the rear. It will be a completely enclosed log-type structure.

Timbers on either side of the entrance will be 20 feet high with a 32-foot timber across the top for an arch. Walls of the stockade will be 16 feet high, and two guard stations will be constructed over the counter area.

Hood said construction will be under the direction of Brig. Gen. William Prentice, commanding officer of the Army engineer brigade unit in Medford.

Plans for the stockade were drawn up by Albert W. Gandt, a member of the Centennial association and president of the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation, and surveying was done by Bill Wilson of the California Oregon Power company.

Filibuster Fight Ends in Senate

Washington—UPI—Liberal senators today foresaw only a slim chance for civil rights legislation in the make of the Senate's refusal to make a major change in its anti-filibuster rule.

The four-day filibuster fight ended Monday night when the Senate approved, 72-22, a compromise by Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) providing for a mild rule modification.

The Johnson provision provides that two-thirds of senators present and voting can limit debate. The old requirement was two-thirds, 66, of the Senate's 98 members.

Democratic Committee To Meet Wednesday
The Jackson County Democratic Central committee will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, in the Medford Labor Temple, 24½ South Grape street.

German Peace Treaty Proposals Declared Stupid

Dulles Sees Risk Of War in Europe

Washington—UPI—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today branded as brutal and stupid the Russian proposals for a German peace treaty. He said they would run the risk of plunging Europe into a new war.

Dulles told a news conference that the United States was prepared to guarantee Russia against the possibility of resurgent German militarism if Germany were reunified under free elections.

But, he said, the Russian demand for a neutralized and demilitarized Germany is worse than brutal; it is stupid and unrealistic because it eventually might lead the Germans to try to play the East against the West and thereby again shatter world peace as it did in 1914 and 1939.

Dulles said he and other U.S. officials are not engaged in any specific negotiations with visiting Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan. But he added that he hopes each side is getting a better understanding of what is really in the mind of the other.

Dulles said it was important to have the discussions with Mikoyan because they could lead to avoiding miscalculations which otherwise might plunge the two countries into real trouble with each other. There are enough real difficulties between Moscow and Washington, Dulles said, without adding to the problem by permitting misapprehensions to exist.

Dulles said the Russians and the West has basically different philosophies concerning reunification of Germany and its future place in the European security scheme. The U.S. and its allies, he said, believe that the proper thing to do is to bring a reunified Germany, able to protect itself, into the closest possible relationship with other West European countries. Such a close association, he said, is the best possible guarantee that the German aggression which Russia fears so much would not be practical or possible.

"As usual in December," their report said, "unemployment was less than the drop in employment because most of those leaving farm jobs were housewives and others who withdrew from the labor force instead of seeking other work."

Weekly Earnings Up
The rate of unemployment, after season adjustments, edged up to 6.1 per cent from 5.9 per cent in November. The rate was 7.5 per cent during the depths of last spring's recession.

The report said weekly earnings of factory workers rose to a record \$88.04 in December. He attributed the rise to an 18-minute increase in the work week to 40.2 hours and a two-cent rise in average hourly earnings.

Large Orchard Sold To Crystal Springs

One of the largest recent sales of orchard property in Jackson county occurred late yesterday afternoon when Ralph L. Cook sold 125 acres of pear orchard on the Hillcrest-Phoenix rd. to Crystal Springs Packing company, Inc., Medford fruit packing firm.

The sale was handled by Lane Pitts of Spencer-Bagley Agency, 224 West Sixth st., Medford.
Cook said he will keep his pasture land and name but is selling machinery in the packing house to Crystal Springs. He will concentrate on his polled Hereford herd and his business interests in Portland, he said.

Duncan's Gavel Once McAllister's

The gavel which Robert Duncan Medford, will use as speaker of the House, will not be new to the hands of a local man.

The gavel was presented to Duncan Monday by William McAllister, chief justice of the Oregon Supreme court. It is the same gavel McAllister used when he was speaker of the House in 1943.

McAllister served in the legislature as a Republican. Duncan is a Democrat. They were law partners here before McAllister was appointed to the bench.

High Water Closes Coastal Highway North of Bandon

Marion County Road Also Under Water

By United Press International
High water had one Oregon route closed today but the weather bureau predicted the streams would start falling as a clearing trend brought an end to heavy rainfall in the western part of the state. The weather man warned of foggy conditions tonight on both sides of the Cascades.

Highway 101 between Coquille and Bandon was closed by high water and motorists used the alternate Woodburn-Estacada highway was covered by four inches of water a mile south of the Clackamas county line in Marion county near the Pudding river.

Willamette To Fall
The Willamette river, fed by surging tributary streams, reached 17.2 feet at Albany this morning, less than 3 feet under flood stage. But the weather man predicted that the middle Willamette would start to fall by evening today.

All tributaries to the Willamette and coastal streams will fall slowly for the next 12 days, the weather man said. The Santiam river at Jefferson was 1.2 feet over flood stage this morning but was dropping.

The letup in rainfall was a welcome relief to coastal residents. North Bend had 10 inches of rain in six days. Fog Wednesday
Local areas west of the Cascades may not clear of fog all day Wednesday.

Cooler temperatures were expected with lows of 28-38 in western Oregon and down to 14 in high valley of eastern Oregon forecast tonight. Klamath Falls was low for the state today with 20 above. It was snowing at Government Camp this morning with two inches of snow. Santiam pass had three inches.

Abandoned Car Shows Up Again

A vehicle reported abandoned on East Jackson st. at Bear creek Jan. 2 has reappeared, apparently abandoned again, off West Jackson st., Medford police said today.

Police identified the registered owner the first time as Waldo G. Davis, U.S. Coast Guardsman stationed at Friday Harbor, Wash. Several unopened Christmas packages were observed in the vehicle's trunk at that time. At least one package was observed today.

A check with Washington authorities previously revealed the vehicle was not listed as missing or stolen.

And a Medford patrolman reported a week ago that he had seen someone in a "Navy" uniform driving the vehicle away from the East Jackson st. site.

But the vehicle has reportedly been next to the Rose Grocery, 201 West Jackson st., for a week. It is a 1952 or 1953 grey Ford, with Washington license SJB198.

Deputies Check on Exploding Golf Ball

Jackson county sheriff's deputies are investigating a trick exploding golf ball picked up by a Shady Cove school pupil yesterday.

The 12-year-old Shady Cove elementary school pupil dropped the ball on the school grounds yesterday morning and it exploded, scattering fragments 20 feet, W. A. Shepherd, principal said.

The boy told the principal he picked up the golf ball "down the road." The ball was made of plaster with the charge in the center and had a plastic covering, he said. "It could have been dangerous if the ball had exploded near the boy's face" Shepherd said. "I asked the sheriff's office to check to see where such balls are sold in this county."

Twin Girls Die In House Fire at Redside Landing

Mother Severely Burned in Rescue

Springfield, Ore.—UPI—Twin three-month-old girls burned to death and their mother was severely burned Monday afternoon when their one-story frame home at Redside Landing on the McKenzie river 29 miles east of here was destroyed by fire. Six other children escaped unhurt.

The victims were Tammy Lee and Kammy Dee McKirdy, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Homer R. McKirdy. The family had moved into the rented house only Sunday night from Yoncalla.

The fire occurred about 1 p.m. State police said it appeared Mrs. McKirdy had used gasoline to start a fire in a wood stove in the belief that the fluid was kerosene. Her husband, who was at work at the F. & J. Logging Co. at the time of the tragedy, said later he believed a can containing gasoline for his pick up truck had been brought into the house when they moved in.

A neighbor, Mrs. Henry Parazon, said she looked over from her trailer about 1 p.m. and the house was in flames. Several of the McKirdy children were in front of the house screaming, she said.

Five youngsters fled the house and the mother carried a sixth child, 14-month-old Emily Sue, to safety. The older children are Ruth, 9; John Thomas, 8; Mary Lou, 6; Rose Marie, 4, and James Henry, 3.

Neighbors said Mrs. McKirdy had to be restrained from entering the holocaust for the twin girls. Their bodies were recovered by Harold Mathers, deputy Lane county coroner, in a crib near the stove.

Contract Awarded For Clearing Lake

Contract for clearing the Emigrant reservoir area was awarded this morning to Louis Rogers, Days Creek, Ore., who bid \$13,900 on the work. The engineer's estimate was \$35,000, according to James Callan, project engineer for the bureau of reclamation.

Second low bidder was Leonard R. Ward, Medford, \$26,650, and third was Jackson and Bryant of Grants Pass at \$26,750. The other 16 bids received ranged up to \$145,000 submitted by Hugh L. Rufener, Portland, Callan said.

The clearing work will involve about 300 acres to be completed in 275 days or by late next fall, the project engineer said. The work is scheduled to get under way in 30 days, and includes clearing the area of trees, buildings, fences, and brush.

Meanwhile, work is continuing on a portion of the Talent project, Callan said. This includes both Cascade and Green Springs tunnels, Emigrant outlook works tunnel, the Green Springs power reservoir and the Ashland lateral from the power plant.

Lakeview Man to Appear Wednesday

Elmer Ward, 49-year-old Lakeview man, charged with knifing a 17-year-old Lakeview youth, is to appear before District Court Judge E. Roy Bashaw Wednesday. He also will appear at that time to answer a charge of providing liquor to a minor.

The case was continued to allow Ward to obtain an attorney.

Ward is charged with inflicting an 8-inch gash on the shoulder of Dorsey Lewis, 17, Lakeview, in Jacksonville, Saturday. He also is charged with providing beer for three youths.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fog or low overcast in valley, fair above 3,000 feet through Wednesday. Low tonight 30, high Wednesday 38.
TEMP.
Highest yesterday 53
Lowest this morning 27

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 5:01 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:39 a.m.
Moonset tonight 10:14 p.m.
PROMINENT STARS
Sirius, in the southeast — 8:27 p.m. Regulus in the east at moonset. The light coming to us tonight from Sirius left that star in 1950; the light from Regulus left that more distant star about 1875.

Gov. Hatfield's Inaugural Talk Draws Criticism

Issues Faced Squarely

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield's inaugural address was criticized by Senate President Walter J. Pearson as "full of platitudes and well intentioned remarks, many of which didn't have much meaning."

Pearson, a Portland Democrat, said he was opposed to doing away with the attorney general as an elective office. He also said he favored leaving successions to the office of governor as it now is. Hatfield had suggested having the secretary of state next in line instead of the Senate president.

All-Time Great

Pearson said, "I want to look at the interim committee report on governmental reorganization before considering any other changes."

Rep. Robert L. Elstrom, Salem, House GOP leader, said the speech was one of the "all-time great inaugural addresses in Oregon history."

He said "Gov. Hatfield has announced intention to steer the 'ship of state' on a true course of fiscal responsibility and maximum value received from each tax dollar." He said the address will be worth "re-reading again and again."

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) chairman of the House Tax Committee, said the address covered a lot of good ground "much of which has been recommended by Gov. Robert Holmes and some of which we as the majority party attempted to pass in the 1957 session."

Sen. Francis Ziegler (R-Coquille) said Hatfield "faced some basic issues squarely, ones that have been too long ignored or avoided."

Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) praised Hatfield's recommendations for improvements but added, "unfortunately he advocated a Spartan tax policy which would eat the heart out of his advocates before they could even get under way."

Sen. Harry D. Boivin, (D-Klamath Falls) president of the Senate, said he believed the address carried meritorious suggestions but that he did not agree with all of Hatfield's program.

Medford's planning commission last night recommended to the city council a zoning variance sanctioning standard setbacks of eight apartment units constructed at 825 East Ninth st.

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Supreme Court Test Expected To Decide Issue

Hatfield Advisor Plans Proceeding

Salem—UPI—Oregon had a new governor today—36-year-old Mark Hatfield—but it also had a superfluity of secretaries of state.

Hatfield was expected to bring a proceeding before the State Supreme court in the near future to test whether outgoing Gov. Robert D. Holmes' appointment of Dave O'Hara, 71, as secretary of state is legal or whether the office belongs to his own appointee, Howell Appling, 39, Portland.

Thornton Asks Time

Hatfield's legal advisor, Lamar Tooze, Portland, hoped to get a "quo warranto" proceeding before the court today, but Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton asked for more time to study procedure in the case.

Appling was officially sworn in Monday on the floor of the House just as Hatfield concluded taking the oath of office as governor by saying "so help me God."

The Appling swearing-in, by Tony Nunn, was done so quietly on the floor that no one in the packed chamber house except newsmen realized it was taking place. Nunn, a notary public, is a brother of Warne Nunn, executive assistant to Hatfield.

Appling Confident

Earlier, Holmes had officially appointed O'Hara, a former state elections division chief and a Republican, to the post on the advice of Thornton that Hatfield must resign unconditionally from his office and let Holmes appoint O'Hara.

Hatfield submitted a letter of resignation to the governor but it was not effective until the moment he took the oath of office as governor.

Hatfield believes it is his right to appoint his successor as secretary of state and this is the matter the State Supreme court must decide.

Appling, a farm implement dealer relatively unknown in political circles, said he had "complete confidence" that he would be confirmed secretary of state by the high court.

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