

# Bill To Increase Higher Education Bonding Capacity Would Benefit SOC

Salem —(UPI)— The House has passed and sent to the Senate a bill to increase the State Board of Higher Education's bonding capacity by \$9 million to permit self-financing

building construction on state college campuses. The measure increases the Board's bonding capacity to \$24 million. Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) said the proposed bonding program would allow a student center and commons at Oregon College of Education, Monmouth; additions to the Memorial Union building; two dormitories, a cafeteria and addition to the health

building at Oregon State; completion of the Britt Student Center, remodeling of the Susanne Holmes hall, and a new dormitory at Southern Oregon; a 48-unit housing facility for married students and an addition to the Erb Student Union building at University of Oregon, and addition to the college center at Portland State.

A bill providing for audits by the secretary of state's office of all municipal corporations passed with only eight dissenting votes and went to the Senate. The bill would just about triple the work of the audits division of the secretary of state's office.

Rep. Vernon Cook (D-Troutdale) said the bill should save the state "thousands of dollars."

Cook said many communities are now audited so poorly that they can't tell exactly where their money has gone. Cities pay for the auditing service by the secretary of state's office so no general fund money would be spent to implement the bill.

Auditing standards for cities also would be set up by the bill.

A bill providing for private hunting preserves for shooting of game birds, which passed the Senate 18-11, after a long

argument, has been reconsidered and referred to the Game Committee for further study. Sen. Dan Dimick (D-Roseburg), a strong opponent of the bill, made the motion to reconsider. There was no oppo-

sition to the motion. Dimick changed his vote of no to aye in order to be on the prevailing side so he could ask for reconsideration.

Barton indicated that a variable ratio tax assessment bill will not have smooth sailing through the House Taxation Committee. Barton is chairman of the committee. The bill would tax utilities at a ratio 30 per cent above and homes 10 per cent below the ratio applied to all other property.

Waldemar Seton, vice president of Portland General Electric, told the Committee that the variable ratio bill was one utility firms must consider in estimating what future costs might be. Barton commented, "don't worry about variable ratios."

A bill permitting counties to provide health insurance for their employees went back to committee for further study.

Discussion brought out the fact that some members wanted the committee to provide that a county employee representative have a voice in de-

termining on the insurance. Cook at the request of the multnomah county clerk.

The House voted to clarify the ban on motor boats traveling more than 10 miles an hour on Lake Simtustus behind Pelton dam in central Oregon. The measure would set the speed limit at .85 mile upstream from the dam.

The Alcohol Control Committee has approved a bill to allow singing in taverns. There was no opposition to the measure which was introduced by Rep. Shirley

Field (R-Portland). The House unanimously passed and sent to Gov. Mark Hatfield a resolution providing for a meeting of the Oregon City March 18 to reenact the first session of the Legislature there 100 years ago.

A bill to increase court witness fees from \$2 to \$5 a day was passed. It now goes to the Senate.

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## Localized Flu Outbreaks Seen In Coming Weeks

Washington —(Science Service)— Localized outbreaks of influenza that will spread across the country are expected for the next few weeks.

This prediction was based upon additional reports now in the offices of the U.S. Public Health Service. Several new cases of flu caused by virus B and C have been added to the previously reported cases, a PHS official said. School absenteeism is also on the rise.

Still no Asian flu virus strain A has been reported to the PHS, but virus B and C are definitely within the continent. No persons examined at ports of entry have been found to be harboring the Asian A strain that is gripping Europe, the official said.

**Not Serious Threat**  
The European public health services have not sent reports of outbreaks to the U.S. PHS. Thus, officials here believe the flu storms are local outbreaks in Europe and not a serious threat.

Any flu outbreak in the U.S. is not expected to be as severe as the last Asian wave that swept across this country last year. Although influenza usually favors the months between December and March, the first confirmed case was reported in January of this year.

Thus, the flu season may be a little late this year and may extend for the next six weeks.

## Transfer of TB Hospital Given Senate Approval

Salem —(UPI)— The Oregon Senate has approved the transfer of administration of the State Tuberculosis hospital in Portland from the State Board of Control to the Board of Higher Education.

It was explained that the TB hospital located in Portland medical center is now actually being administered by the Board of Higher Education and the legal transfer of administration was requested by members of the Board of Control.

**Bill Re-referred**  
A bill requiring every county to purchase liability insurance for employees ran into opposition in the Senate and was re-referred to the Committee on Local Government at request of Sen. Harry Boivin (D-Klamath Falls). "Before passing this bill," Boivin said, "we should know just what the cost of the insurance will be to the counties."

A bill to make non-profit hospitals and rest homes where medical or nursing services are performed liable for damage for personal injuries was tabled by the Judiciary Committee.

## Quotes From the News

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Hollywood-Comedian Bob Hope, on reports he was told by doctors to take a year's vacation because of an eye blood clot.

"It would be impossible for me to take a year off. I'm just going to have to throttle down my cruising speed."

New York-Chairman William Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, claiming the United States negotiations with the Russians must be handled by professionals, not amateurs:

"Mr. Khrushchev hasn't just left his private corporation to come to Moscow for a couple of years."

Boston-Adlai E. Stevenson, reporting that the Russians should have no illusions about the unity of the American people on the Berlin question:

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