

House Committee Approves Bill To Drop State Board of Control

Salem — A bill to abolish the state board of control and transfer most of its powers to the governor was approved by the House State and Federal Affairs committee here Friday.

It will come up for a vote in the House early this week. Committee vote on the measure was along party lines with Democrats favoring it and Republicans opposing it.

The bill, HB 455, would give the state finance department power to approve and supervise all state construction, a power now held by the board. There would be some exceptions.

It also provides for a director of public institutions to be appointed by the governor to unify development of major state institutions.

The board of control, which runs the state institutions, is made up of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer.

Skeleton Sponsor
Rep. Keith Skelton (D-Eugene) sponsored the bill.

Also approved by the committee was House Joint Resolution 18 which provides for four-year terms for legislators. Senators now serve a four-year term while representatives serve two years.

The House Tax committee acted on no major legislation but plenty of tax news came out of the Senate where President Walter Pearson (D-Portland) introduced his three percent sales tax measure, excluding food and medicine, for a vote of the people in the November, 1960, general election.

Implemented in 1961
If passed by the people, the bill would be implemented by the 1961 Legislature.

Among other things, it would raise basic school support from \$105 to \$150 per pupil. This would reduce property taxes about 40 percent because less local money would be needed for schools.

The bill would also increase personal exemptions and dependency credits on income taxes from \$600 to \$1,200 for single persons and \$1,200 to \$2,000 for married couples.

Breakage Bill
Other Legislative Highlights:

Breakage: A bill that would have raised some \$100,000 a year by making race tracks pay their "breakage" to the state general fund was tabled by the House Tax committee. Breakage consists of the odd pennies which are not paid to betters when they collect their winnings. The bill also called

for raising breakage from 5 to 10 cents.
Parent Liability: The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill making parents liable for acts of vandalism committed by their minor children. Liability would be limited to \$250.

Basic School: The House sent to the Joint Ways and Means committee for consideration House Bill 514, which raises basic school support from \$105 to \$120 per pupil. The money would be distributed under the current formula.

Sen. Cotton Urges More Polaris Subs

Washington — Sen. Norris Cotton (R-N.H.) said yesterday the record-breaking North Pole exploits of the atomic submarine Skate show the need for speeding construction of missile-firing Polaris subs.

The second Arctic voyage of the Skate, which saw the craft break through the ice and surface at the North Pole, was regarded by defense officials as impressive evidence that nuclear subs could use the frigid region as a year-round ballistic missile-launching base.

Cotton said in a press statement that it was time for Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy to take action.

He pointed out that the defense department has started work on only three of the six additional nuclear-powered Polaris submarines for which Congress provided funding last year.

'Most Punch'
"I am convinced that prompt action to build these three will do more for our national defense and security than any other single thing we can do," Cotton said. "It gives the most punch for the least money, with no great escort fleets and no foreign bases."

The Skate broke through the ice cap at 10 different points during its 12-day voyage, showing how a wartime sub could surface to fire 1500-mile missiles at an enemy.

The Skate itself was not built to launch missiles. In fact, the first of nine Polaris-firing submarines won't join the fleet until some time next year. The Polaris missile itself is still in the testing stage. Its present maximum range is about 1,200 miles.

Nautical First
The atomic sub Nautilus made the first trip under the pole last Aug. 3 — the warmest time of the year in the far north. But the question unanswered until the Skate's voyage was whether such feats were possible in the Arctic wintertime.

The Skate was equipped with a reinforced conning tower for its ice-smashing tests.
Cmdr. R. D. McWethy, of the Atlantic fleet submarine staff, told a news conference Friday that the ice was probably just a few inches thick at the pole although the average thickness of Arctic ice is about 12 feet.

For-Hire Truck Owners Object To Higher Fees

Salem — UPD — Attorneys representing lease-rental truck owners objected during a Senate committee hearing Thursday to a bill which would classify such vehicles as common carriers and compel owners to pay higher fees.

The attorneys offered amendments designed to classify rental trucks as private carriers, and one of the lawyers, C. J. Stocklin, expressed the opinion the bill was unconstitutional.

Former Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan urged passage of the bill, which he said he had ordered drafted when still in office to bring present law in line with a recent State Supreme court decision.

"These cut-rate carriers are undermining public service given by common carriers," Morgan said. "And under the Supreme court edict the trucks they lease are common carriers and should pay the same fees as are imposed on other common carriers."

Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario), chairman of the Senate Highway Committee, said no decision would be reached on the bill until some shippers had testified.

Banana stalks sometimes grow to a height of 30 feet or more.

Tax Committee Tables Reducing Corporation Levy

Salem — UPD — The House Tax committee tabled a bill Friday which would have reduced from 9 per cent to 6 per cent the corporation excise tax on banks, financial corporations, building and loan associations and savings and loan associations.

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), chairman of the committee, left the room while the committee considered action on the bill, stating that he would be personally affected by it. He did not vote on the measure.

Passage of the bill would have resulted in a revenue loss of from \$1.5 million to \$2 million a biennium.
Raised in 1957
The tax on banks was raised to 9 per cent by the 1957 session and bankers protested at the special legislative session later that year that the rates were too high and in violation of federal statutes.

Rep. W. O. Kelsay (D-Roseburg) said he did not think the banks were being overtaxed at 9 per cent.

Carlyle Roberts, chief counsel for the state tax commission, said the committee action in tabling the bill might result in the banks taking the case to court. Roberts said that if they did, the case would probably go as far as the United States Supreme court.

Not Really
However, Roberts said he thought the banks did not really feel that they were being overtaxed at the 9 per cent rate and so might not take it to court.

Cub Scouts

Pack 101
Plans for a scrap metal drive to raise money for pack expenses were announced at the monthly meeting of Cub Scout Pack 101, Wilson school, held last Wednesday evening in the school cafeteria.

Packmaster George Barnum and Leo Taylor, awards chairman for the committee, conducted the meeting.

Three dens are presently organized in the area, under the leadership of Den Mothers Mrs. Al Edwards, Mrs. George Barnum and Mrs. Marvin Hedges. Assistant Den Mothers are Mrs. Elwood B. Hedberg, Mrs. Basil Zimmerlee and Mrs. Gordon Sundby.

Awards given at the meeting included a Lion badge and two-year pin to Terry Zimmerlee, and a Bear badge and one-year pin to Basil Zimmerlee. Doug Sled and Michael Edwards are the new denner and assistant denner of Den 1; Bill Hedberg received a Bear badge and gold arrow, and Wayne Taylor earned two silver arrows on the Bear badge, and a two-year pin.

Pack 8
The regular monthly meeting of Pack 8, Jackson school, was held Thursday, March 26, in the school gym.

After the flag ceremony by Den 5 and a silent prayer invocation the following awards were presented by Joe Beach, the award committee man.

Den 1: Webelos: Bill Bennett, Webelos badge and certificate, 3-year pin; Bill McWhorten, Webelos badge and certificate, 2-year pin.
Den 4: Paul Chinn, year pin; Bobby Phillips, year pin; Jim Phillips, year pin.
Den 5: Rick Singler, wolf badge and assistant denner badge; Mike Ford, gold arrow and silver arrow; Billy Wimer, gold arrow and denner badge; Jay Beach, gold arrow and two silver arrows.
Den 6: Shawn Lees, denner badge; Denny Hansen, wolf badge, gold arrow, silver arrow and assistant denner badge.
Den 11: Richard Cole, denners badge; Michael Urdike, assistant denners badge; Gary Custance, silver arrow.
Den 12: Gordon Wiseman, denner badge; Nicky Briggs, assistant denner and silver arrow; Billy Centers, gold arrow; Tim Nolte, silver arrow.

A skit of "Alaska, The 49th State" was presented by Den 12, which also won the attendance award now being figured on a percentage basis because of the different size of the Dens.

The meeting closed after a moving picture titled "The Oregon Trail."

TABLE ROCK Birthday Party Held

By R. E. NEALON
Table Rock — A birthday party was held Saturday, March 21, at the Ray Doran home, honoring relatives of the Doran's whose birthdays come in March.

The following were among the guests present: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sharp, Allan, Anne and Roger, Mrs. Margaret Williams, Mr. and Mrs. David Doran, Tamara and Shane, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schulz and Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schulz and Stevie, Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Boisford, Debbie Sharie and Ronnie.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Mrs. Doran was assisted by daughter, Linda, who also has a birthday in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Orage Houston and son, Douglas, and Mrs. Emma Houston, all of Trail, were visitors here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schulz and Stevie, left for Ft. Riley, Kan., Tuesday, after a several days vacation here with home folks and friends. Dale has another six months service to complete his Army hitch.

Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Hardy and Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. Don Schrader and Carl Vanderpool were Sunday visitors at the Ray Doran home.

The recent communication of F. J. Clifford in the M.T. relative to sparrows coming to Capistrano, reminds us that we used to have thousands of sparrows in the Rogue River valley, but a few years ago they began to decline in numbers each spring, so that now there are none. The birds made their adobe nests in barns where they raised their young, gathering food which consisted mostly of mosquitoes on the wing, as they skimmed through the air. Mr. Clifford, and many others believe the swallows were killed by feeding on insects loaded with DDT.

Barn owls, hawks and snakes, natural feeders on rodents and field mice are getting scarcer each year. Many owls and hawks are being killed by persons, who like to shoot, and have no idea of the value they are to farmers in ridding the land of these pests.

An owl family of six birds, hatched last summer in a local barn, have been killed along with many smaller birds, including meadow larks, all of which are protected by law.

A new member of the Herman Garrison family is Miss Robin, a 7 pounder, born March 23, in a Medford hospital.

Mrs. Dean Inglis, with her two boys, Mike and Craig, drove up from San Francisco Monday, and are visiting with relatives and friends in the Rogue valley.

Crews to man the smudge pots here have been recruited and alerted for the unwelcome, but expected battle with jack frost, by the management of our two pear orchards.

Those who attended the Bill Bray auction sale last Friday report cattle prices on the upward trend, after going through a slight downward slide.

Irrigation water was turned into the Hull orchards, Saturday as the soil was beginning to get dry, also sprinkler irrigation was used last week to bring up a planting of onion seed.

A recent visitor here was a man from the dog control board, selling dog licenses, and looking for unlicensed dogs.

Last Wednesday morning, three dogs, a light colored collie, a yellow and a black

SIR DAVID KELLY
London — UPD — Sir David Kelly, a former British ambassador to Russia, died Friday at the age of 67 at his home, Tara House, in Inch, Ireland. He served as envoy to Moscow from 1949 to 1951.

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local Sunday School were Mrs. Guy Nelson and daughter, Jean, also the Nelson's grandchildren, Mike and Roberta, of Winston. Miss Jean is a nurse in a Portland hospital.
A car accident Mar. 15, near Monterey, Calif., with two local people involved, did extensive damage to the cars, but no serious injuries to the occupants. Mrs. Ronald Brood had driven to Monterey to meet her husband, who had just finished his six months training with the Army reserve at Ft. Ord. On the return, the Brood car collided with a car that had just passed other cars and turned back into the lane of traffic, the driver not seeing the on-coming car.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wy-

att and two children of Hayward, Calif., are spending the spring vacation here with the Ray Wyatt's at the Table Rock store.

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