

House Defeats Bill Changing Formula On Timber Taxation

Salem — (UP) — The Oregon House Wednesday defeated House Bill 14 which would have changed the formula of timber taxation in the state. There were 29 votes for and 29 against the measure.

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), a chief sponsor of the bill, changed his vote to no when the vote was counted so that he could move for reconsideration of the bill at a future date.

Barton said that the bill was a severance tax tied to an ad valorem basis.

He explained that under the bill operators who were cutting timber fast would pay more taxes than those cutting on a long-range basis.

The tax would be steady, Barton said, until the timber was cut at which time it would go up. He said this was proper because most of the tax should be paid when the operator was making money from cutting.

Cut-and-Get-Out Cited
Oregon's timber tax structure was one reason for a cut-and-get-out policy of some operators, he said.

Bills to change the tax structure similar to HB were introduced in the last session of the Legislature, but died in the Senate after passing the House. An interim committee then studied the problem and came up with HB 14.

Dr. John Sly, Princeton tax expert, said a timber tax should conserve the state's economic base, provide for continuing revenue and distinguish between growing and marketable timber.

Barton said HB 14 did all these things. Chief opposition to the bill came from Rep. W. O. Kelsay (D-Roseburg) who called it a "Robin Hood in reverse" bill that would "steal from the poor and give to the rich."

Kelsay said the bill would

provide tax relief for a few large companies with a lot of timber.

"If passed, this bill will hasten the day when the small operator will be put out of business in Oregon," Kelsay said.

Kelsay said he planned to introduce a bill calling for an interim study of the timber tax problem exclusively. Members of the industry would serve on the committee.

Both sides admitted that the bill was lobbied extensively and had taken more time in the House Tax Committee than any other measure.

Rep. Carlton Fisher (D-Eugene) said the bill was not a battle between big and small interests. He said there were large companies on both sides. Because House Bill 14 would encourage a "long range timber program," Fisher said he favored it.

One sponsor of the Bill, Rep. Fayette Bristol (R-Grants Pass) voted against it because it was written, Bristol thought it could not be administered properly.

Barton closed his presentation by saying that one large company was removing a million feet of timber a day from Coos county and would deplete its supply in a little more than eight years.

He said the company was not paying its fair share of taxes under the current tax structure and would take some \$750,000 in value from the county tax rolls.

Washington Man Killed in Crash
Centralia, Wash.—(UP)—Kenneth W. Fabrick, 21, Rochester, was killed Wednesday when he was thrown through the windshield of his automobile as it crashed into a utility pole here.

Rep. Porter Urges Expansion of Officer Exchange

Washington — Congressman Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) has urged that the Air Force's forthcoming program to exchange reserve officers of the NATO countries be expanded to include Navy and Army reserve officers.

He has suggested the "people to people" program also include reserve officers from the Soviet bloc nations "subject to the usual security precautions."

The Air Force program will be the first of its kind. Porter said the Leader Exchange programs (a part of the 1948 Smith-Mundt Act) are an essential part of our cold war arsenal. He has recently returned from a 12,500-mile, two-week trip in Europe visiting NATO installations. The tour was under sponsorship of the Air Force and the Reserve Officers Association. He and other reserve officers made the feasibility test to determine whether the proposed reserve officer exchange was possible.

Plans Being Made
The Fourth District Congressman made his recommendations Tuesday when Congress reconvened following its annual Easter recess. Porter told his colleagues that plans are now being made to invite about 20 reserve officers from NATO countries, not all of them in the air arm, to visit selected air reserve training locations in the United States. The visit would last about two weeks.

The costs will be minimal and require no congressional appropriations, Porter told his colleagues. Rep. T. Ashton Thompson (D-La.) also made the tour of the NATO nations.

Porter said he felt the United States is far stronger in Europe than most people realize. He said Europe was no longer an unknown continent. "It returned much encouraged as to our unity of purpose with all allies and our capacity to deter the Soviet Union from overt aggressive action in Europe," he said.

Rep. Porter said he expected to make public later in the week proposed policies the United States should press for in negotiations as to the status of Berlin. He said these policies came following his discussions in Europe with members of the British Parliament and others.

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Major Industry in Oregon Is Growing Seed for Nation

Corvallis — Oregon farmers can take a lot of credit for the fact that seed growing today is recognized as a major industry — not just an afterthought.

In the past, the seed industry was treated like a little brother who had to wear "hand-me-downs." Storage methods and equipment developed for cleaning and harvesting of grain were adapted for use by seed growers. But now that "little brother" is growing up, storage methods and new equipment are being developed specifically for seed crops.

Dr. D. D. Hill, head of the farm crops department at Oregon State college, looks for many other advances in the seed growing industry, which is worth \$20 million to \$30 million a year to the state.

More Kinds of Seeds
Oregon currently grows more kinds of field crop seeds than any other state in the nation. Seed is grown in all parts of the state except in the Columbia Basin wheat producing counties.

Oregon grows all of the rye-grass, much of the vetch and winter peas, most of the fine fescues and the bentgrass, large amounts of red, trefoil, subterranean clovers, not to mention the wheat grasses, blue grasses, oat-grasses and many others.

The reason Oregon has taken the lead in developing the seed industry is simply because farmers took advantage of their environment to do what they could do best. Cool growing conditions and dry harvest weather have proved ideal for production of high quality seed, according to Hill.

Recognizes West
Hill says the rest of the country has come to recognize the West as a major seed-producing area. He expects Oregon growers in the future will be called upon to grow specific varieties of seeds for certain areas of the country.

Plant breeders who have concentrated in the past on big money crops, such as corn and wheat, are now developing new varieties of forage crops, he noted. The seed growing industry becomes more complex with each new variety developed. Hill cited the fact that each variety requires a different production process, and that it is important to keep new varieties pure through seed certification.

Research is being conducted in Oregon by the agricultural research service of the U. S. department of agriculture to find ways of controlling weeds and competing crops that make it hard to produce clean seed.

New Moving System
A new system of moving seed about in seed houses has been devised by a team of USDA agricultural engineers at OSC. It simplifies the problem of keeping seed pure. Bucket elevators and moving belts used to be the accepted way of moving seed. These were hard to clean between changing from one variety to another. In the future it is expected that seed houses will switch over to moving seed

through small pipes which can be cleaned easily by blowing high pressure air through them.

Another recent advance in the seed industry is the bulk handling of seed from the field to the warehouse. Before it is cleaned, seed is now stored in boxes that hold 2,000 or more pounds instead of in small bags.

Development of new warehousing and identification methods are still needed, Hill added.

LUNCH EXPENSIVE
Chicago — (UP) — A ladies hospital benefit committee lunched on the 20th floor of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank Wednesday on a menu which read: "Bouillon common stock, lamb chops a la finance, potatoes negotiable and currency lettuce salad."

Police said the ladies were robbed of three mink stoles, valued at \$2,800, during lunch.

Wall Street Chatter

New York — (UP) — E. F. Hutton & Company's Joseph E. Granville says indications point to a strong continuation of the Bull Market but says the seeds of termination are being sown now.

Granville notes several things which promise to have an eventual impact on market sentiment and bear watching: The trend of new financing, the rediscout rate, fluctuations in low-price stocks and foreign competition.

Court Records
DISTRICT COURT
Alice N. Cheelde, no operator's license, \$10.
Ole Shooq, failure to dim lights, \$7.50.
Virgil K. Douglas, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Charles D. Race, no public utilities commission, \$15.
Robert E. Nail, failure to yield right of way, \$15.
Lucy Shadlock, no operator's license, \$10.
William D. Land, operating while license is suspended, \$100.

CIRCUIT COURT
Helen M. Stults vs. William E. Stults, divorce complaint.
Mary D. Kirby vs. Fred C. Kirby, divorce decree.
Jack L. Patterson vs. Lilly Evelyn Patterson, divorce complaint.
Raymond E. Wyatt vs. Melba Alley Wyatt, divorce decree.
Virgil A. House vs. Virginia V. House, divorce complaint.

BILLS OKAY LOANS
Washington — (UP) — The House has passed and sent to the Senate two bills to authorize the armed forces to lend tents, cots and other equipment to the Boy Scouts for jamborees this summer at Colorado Springs, Colo., and in the Philippines.

The Alfred L. Vanden Broeck & Co. investment letter says "as long as the basic investment money is purchasing equities for prospective value and income, we are not going to run into a wild speculative boom." The fundamentally cautious approach in the market, it notes, is illustrated by the fact steel stocks have been going down while steel operations have been moving toward capacity.

Harris, Upham & Co. finds "the outlook for improved earnings and dividends on national distillers common stock highlights a favorable long term growth trend."

Walston & Company notes that unofficial estimates indicate Wheeling Steel first quarter net might rise to \$2.25 or so against three cents last year and Republic Steel might achieve about \$1.75 against 55 cents.

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DIES IN HOTEL
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