

STATEHOUSE SPECIAL

By Marguerite W. Wright

The average Oregon legislator is no smarter than the average reader of this newspaper.

But lawmakers will get the benefit of a quick elementary education in the legislative process at a day-long "school" at the start of the session.

So it seems only fair that readers, who will be following the activities of the Legislature through this column, should get a short course in the terms and phrases which even freshmen solons will be tossing around so glibly before the first week is over.

What, for instance, do they mean when they say a bill "has gone into the hopper"? Is a "bill" a request for money—like those we all get after Christmas shopping? Is a "lobbyist" somebody who hangs around hotel lobbies? Does a "memorial" have something to do with saying nice things about someone who has passed on to his reward? When legislators "caucus" is that getting into a fight? What's a "committee of the whole"? Are "standing committees" the ones who can find no room to sit down in the crowded Statehouse? Is a "joint session" a meeting of lawmakers at one of Salem's popular drinking establishments? Does "crossing the bills" mean bills that are the most fascinating? Is a "minority report" something to do with colored people or the foreign-born?

These are not foolish questions at all. Too often legislators, who didn't know the answers themselves when they got elected, and news reporters who are supposed to keep the public informed about what goes on at Salem, all assume the average reader will be the talk of the state for the next two or three months.

Oregon state government powers are divided into three parts: EXECUTIVE—the governor, other elected officials, and their appointees heading the scores of boards and commissions; JUDICIAL—the judges, from justices of the peace to Supreme Court; LEGISLATIVE—the Legislature Assembly, which meets every two years and at special sessions called by the governor, made up of the 30-member upper house or Senate, and the 60-member lower house or House of Representatives.

First major concern of both houses, when the Legislature begins the second Monday in January of each odd-numbered year, is the election of presiding officers. President of the Senate and Speaker of the House.

These officers are extremely important in Oregon state government: the senate president is first in line of succession to the governorship, the house speaker is second in line.

In recent history, Paul Patterson and Elmo Smith became governors by virtue of their senate presidency. John Hall became governor because he was speaker of the House when Earl Snell died in a plane crash.

The senate president, furthermore, acts as governor, with full powers, whenever the elected governor is out of the state. Thus, during the past two years of Mark Hatfield's governorship, Senate President Walter Pearson has been, in fact, governor of Oregon on more than 130 days while Hatfield was out of state. (The senate president gets paid about \$50 a day extra whenever he serves as governor, although the elected governor continues to collect his salary, too.)

Presiding officers of both houses are extremely important in the organization of the Legislature, too. Each runs its own house with an iron hand, if he so wishes. He hires the personnel which see to it that the business of the Legislature is handled efficiently—the desk clerks, doorkeepers, mailing room workers, and other employees. He thereby has control of whatever political patronage there may be in handing out jobs to faithful party workers. He appoints committee members, chairmen and vice chairmen—and thereby helps determine which members will be in the limelight and in a position to serve their state and their constituents most effectively. He decides which bills (proposed laws) will be referred (given) to a committee for study and recommendation to which committees.

Here, again, politics is an important factor. Committee chairmen may be appointed as a reward for their services to the presiding officer's party, with the idea that chairmanship of an influential committee can serve as a political stepping stone to higher office. Sometimes presiding officers make "gentlemen's agreements" to exchange important appointments to important committees for the legislator's vote for the presiding officer. There is nothing illegal about this practice, although some lawmakers are known to have refused to make such "deals."

The committee system is a most significant feature of the legislative process. Many hundreds of bills are introduced or submitted and read ("tossed into the hopper") at each session. For each proposed law or change in the established law ("statutes") to get careful consideration, it is referred to an appropriate committee for study. The committee, after holding hearings, calling witnesses, listening to lobbyists, and exercising its subpoena powers, if necessary, then "reports out" the bill or "measures" with its recommendation for action on that bill by the House or Senate.

Sometimes a committee may change a bill (make amendments). Sometimes it recommends that the bill "do pass" or "do not pass" the Legislature. Or it takes no action, and the bill therefore "dies in committee," unless it is rescued by a vote of the members of a house who call it out of committee.

In the 1959 Legislature there were 20 standing committees, such as Taxation, Agriculture, Education, Highways, Judiciary, Public Welfare, etc. in each house. Joint Ways and Means is a crucial committee made up of both senators and representatives; it considers all bills appropriating money, and deals with the conduct of state agencies and institutions. Special committees may be formed to function for a specific purpose during one session. There already has been a suggestion that the 1961 Legislature form a special committee to discuss Gov. Hatfield's government reorganization proposals.

When committees of the House and Senate disagree about a certain bill, the presiding officers appoint a "conference committee" which tries to iron out any wrinkles. Sometimes they do, sometimes not.

A "committee of the whole" is formed when all members present on the floor of a house are designated as members of a single committee in order to act without further formalities. This doesn't happen very often.

"On the floor" means a lawmaker is at his desk in either the House or Senate chambers. Occasionally, a lawmaker's presence is required in order for there to be a quorum present or for some other reason, there may be a "call of the House" or Senate. That means the doors are locked, all members have to stay at their desks, and absent members are located and brought to the floor. (There are some fabulous stories of places where absent members have been found on occasion! Actually, legislators are mostly a conscientious lot and don't leave without permission and for good reason.)

Once a bill has gone through committees and passed both houses it goes to the governor for his signature. If he doesn't sign it, it becomes law anyway. (A bill printed with all its amendments is called an "engrossed bill.") Sometimes, when a bill has major political significance, Republican or Democratic members may hold a party "caucus" (meeting) to discuss their party's stand on that measure. Nominees for president

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ELECT DICK NIXON
Helena, Mont.—(UPI)—Richard Nixon was elected Sunday night as majority leader of the Montana Senate. Nixon, of Hogeland, Mont., is a liberal-minded Democrat.

ing officers, of course, are often selected at party caucuses before the session opens. Committee members who disagree with the majority, giving their viewpoint. A "joint session" is a meeting together of both the House and Senate. A "memorial" is an expression of opinion or sentiment of the Oregon Legislature to the U.S. Congress or U.S. President. A "lobbyist" is a representative of a special group or viewpoint (such as the Grange or the truckers or the railroads or the League of Women Voters) who gives information, and sometimes free lunches or other material benefits to the legislators in an attempt to get lawmakers to see things his way and pass laws he supports.

Legislators get many of their ideas for bills from lobbyists, as well as from ordinary constituents (such as you and I) and from state government agencies and officials. Since most lawmakers are not lawyers by profession (but farmers, businessmen, housewives, etc.) they get help from lawyers provided by the state or by the Oregon bar (attorneys' group) or by the lobbyists in "drafting" or writing a bill.

Then, into the hopper it goes and how it comes out, nobody knows!

Judy Garland's Ex-Husband Weds

Palm Springs, Calif.—(UPI)—Director Vincente Minnelli, Judy Garland's ex-husband, honeymooned today with Italian socialite Denise Giganti.

They were married here Saturday night at a ceremony conducted by a justice of the

peace and attended by several film celebrities of Europe and America.

The small wedding party was held at the winter home of Mrs. Joan Cohn, widow of the late Columbia Pictures President Harry Cohn and ex-wife of shoe tycoon Harry Karl.

The couple met in Italy when Minnelli was directing "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." Minnelli was married twice previously, and was divorced from Miss Garland in 1951. It was the second marriage for Miss Giganti.

COLUMNIST DIES
Boston—(UPI)—John Harman, 56, financial columnist, novelist and traveler, died Sunday.

Norblad Would Abolish 'College'

Washington—(UPI)—Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) said that early in the new Congress he will introduce legislation to abolish the electoral college system and the unit rule.

The unit rule gives a candidate receiving a bare plurality of the popular vote in a state all its electoral votes.

"The electoral college system has never functioned as planned by the framers of our Constitution and it is now nothing more than an inaccurate rubber stamp," he said. Norblad said his proposed bill would preserve the electoral voting strength of each state and divide the electoral votes in proportion to the popular votes cast.

Tigard Man Killed In Hayloft Fall

Tigard—(UPI)—Lloyd Donald Vanderson, 58, Tigard, was killed Sunday afternoon after falling approximately eight feet from a hayloft here.

Vanderson's body was found by a friend, Francis Scheekala of Lake Grove. Cause of death was believed to be a skull fracture.

Chou in Burma For Celebration

Rangoon, Burma—(UPI)—Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai arrived today bringing with him the greetings of 650 million Chinese to the people of Burma.

The Red Chinese leader said he was returning a visit paid by Burmese Premier U Nu who went to Peking last October to sign a border agreement with Communist China.

Chou will participate in the 13th anniversary of Burma's independence and will also exchange ratification documents of the border accord Wednesday.

More than 10,000 persons were at the airport to welcome the Chinese premier. Today also was declared a public holiday in honor of his visit.

Rice Lake, Wis.—(UPI)—A local radio station had loaned Mrs. Colleen Marquardt its public address system so she could drive around town blaring an appeal for her lost year-old German shepherd, Rommel. The station, which also broadcast a plea for the return of the lost dog, now is appealing for the return of the \$150 PA system. Thieves stole the equipment during one of Mrs. Marquardt's unsuccessful ventures to find Rommel.

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BOISTEROUS NEW YEAR'S

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