

Changes Sought in Senate Filibuster Rules

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Out of State Travel Payments by School Districts Ruled Legal

Salem—(UPI)—School districts are authorized to pay out of state travel expenses to their employees, the Oregon Supreme Court ruled today.

The decision affirmed School District No. 1 of Multnomah county and overturned an opinion of Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton.

The school district filed the test case against H. W. Bruck and other members of the county's Tax Supervising and Conservation committee, and Thornton.

Vested With Implied Power

Bruck and Thornton had appealed the ruling of Multnomah County Circuit Judge James W. Crawford, who was affirmed by the high court.

Justice Gordon Slick wrote that school district boards are vested with implied power to carry out the statutory mandates im-

John J. McCloy Named Director Of Disarmament

Kennedy Faces Crowded Schedule

Palm Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — President-elect John F. Kennedy has given top responsibility for disarmament policy planning in his administration to John J. McCloy, a New York banker.

McCloy, a Republican who also occupied positions of trust in the Democratic administrations of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman, was selected by Kennedy to be director of the United States Disarmament Commission.

Other appointments to the new administration were expected at Kennedy headquarters here before the President-elect leaves Wednesday for a crowded working schedule in New York, Washington and Boston.

Watches Bowl Game

The President-elect left his Palm Beach headquarters Monday long enough to attend the Orange Bowl football classic in Miami where he was unsuccessful in rooting Navy over Missouri. Kennedy attended the game as a guest of Sen. and Mrs. George F. Smathers (D-Fla.) and their combined rooting efforts could not save Navy from a 21-14 loss.

The disarmament administration was established last summer by Secretary of State Christian A. Herter as the central planning agency in the field of disarmament. There had been no similar functioning group since 1957 when Harold E. Stassen served as special disarmament representative.

Study Arms Control

Purpose of the disarmament administration was to initiate research into arms control problems and develop policy for the guidance of American negotiators at Geneva and in the United Nations.

Under Kennedy, it was understood that McCloy will have top responsibility for disarmament policy, but some other official of the government probably will head up U.S. negotiations.

County Officers Take Oath Today

All recently elected, reelected or appointed county officials were sworn in at the county courthouse this morning in what County Clerk Marvin Madden described as a "dribbling in" ceremony.

Madden administered the oath of office to the various county officials as they came in. These included County Commissioner Edwin Taylor, County Assessor Ray Schuchter, County Treasurer Karl Jaubich, County Surveyor Mark Boyden, Constable Michael Loftus, and Ashland Justice of the Peace Frances Gallatin.

Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly swore in Norman M. Matteson, Gold Hill Justice of the Peace, and District Attorney Alan B. Holmes this morning. Normally the county clerk swears in all county officials during a ceremony in circuit court.

In a parting statement just before he left the courthouse this morning, former district attorney Thomas J. Reeder said, "I have made every effort to make the transition between the two administrations a smooth one. I have gone over every major felony case still pending. I wish him well."

County Commissioner Taylor, said this morning he has no definite aims as yet and will wait until "I get my feet on the ground" before outlining his plans. "I'll just meet the problems as they come," he added.

District Attorney Holmes said he would have a statement to make later possibly.

PORTLAND TO SPEAK

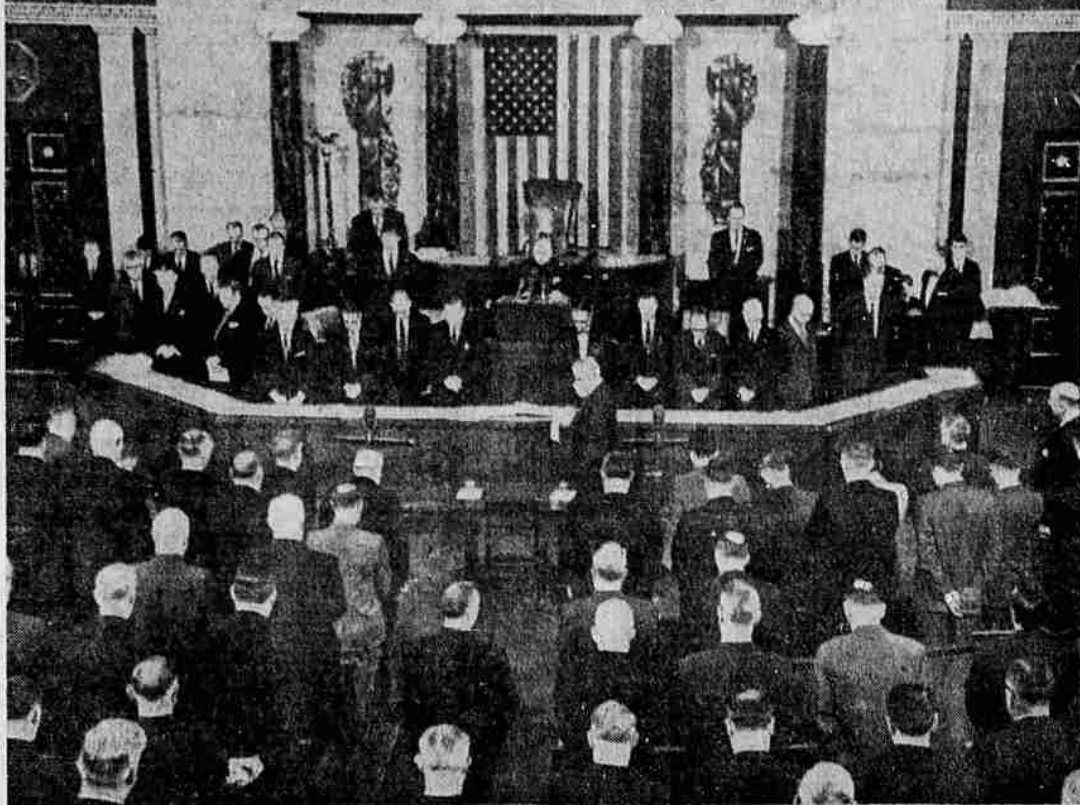
Portland — (UPI) — William F. Knowland, former U. S. Senator from California, will address a Republican party finance luncheon here Jan. 19.

WEATHER

Forecast: clear tonight with increasing clouds Wednesday morning. Slight warmer. Low tonight 22; High Wednesday 48. Precip. to 10 a.m. Today. None.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:51 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:41 a.m. The Moon rises 6:52 p.m. tonight and is in Aries. The two bright stars above the Moon are Castor and Pollux (the Twins) and to the right of the Twins is the planet, Mars. Last Quarter. Jan.



HOUSE IN SESSION—This was the scene in the House Chamber today as the Rev. Bernard Braskamp, chaplain of the House, led the prayer as the first session of the 87th Congress convened in Washington. (UPI Telephoto)

Move Blocked by Senator Russell Until Wednesday

87th Session Gets Under Way

Washington—(UPI)—The new 87th Congress convened today and Senate liberals immediately launched a drive for changes in the Senate's filibuster rules.

Action on a two-pronged move to curb filibusters was blocked at least until Wednesday by an objection from Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), unofficial leader of the southern bloc.

A rules change effort also was under way in the House as Democratic congressional leaders sought to smooth the way for some of President-elect John F. Kennedy's more controversial proposals during his first two years in the White House.

Before Russell blocked further Senate action today, liberals won from Vice President Richard M. Nixon a ruling which favored their cause.

As the House and Senate held their opening sessions, there were these immediate developments:

Aid Measure Introduced

A bill embodying Kennedy's proposals for aiding chronically depressed areas was one of the first measures introduced in the House. Rep. Kenneth J. Gray (D-Ill.) said he and Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.) had agreed to cosponsor the high-priority legislation.

The Senate began operating under new management when Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana was elected, as expected, to be Senate Democratic leader to succeed Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson who resigned to serve as Kennedy's vice president. However, the Senate Democrats opened the door for Johnson to play a key role in party councils in the Senate by presiding over their conferences.

House Republicans shunted aside a plea that they "repeal" any suggestion of joining with south Democrats to block civil rights or other "constructive legislation." The suggestion, offered by Rep. Thomas B. Curtis (R-Mo.), and six other Republicans, was sidetracked at a caucus of House GOP members.

The Senate got its session off to a congenial start with the swearing in of 36 newly elected, reelected and appointed members.

All 437 members of the House were sworn in for their two-year terms.

The rules fight flared up in the Senate less than an hour after the new Congress officially opened.

Senate GOP Whip Thomas H. Kuchel, (Calif.), sought a ruling from Nixon on whether the Senate can adopt rules at the beginning of each session. For the third time in six years, Nixon ruled informally that at the "beginning of each new Congress a majority of the members of the Senate have the constitutional right to make their rules."

The rules fight was an early baptism of fire for Mansfield, who had taken over only a few minutes before to succeed Johnson, as Senate Democratic leader. Johnson was promptly resigned, and his successor, Sen. William A. Blakley, (D-Tex.), was sworn in.

Situation in Laos Said To Be 'Indeed Grave'

Limousine Firm Seeks Revocation Of Cab's License

The Medford Airport Limousine service, in a brief sent to city councilmen this week, is asking them to revoke the limousine operating license of the Yellow Cab company.

The brief represents the limousine service's interpretations of the results of a hearing conducted last month at which charges and countercharges by the two Medford limousine firms were heard.

Hearing Examiner Alan B. Holmes prepared a report of his findings and submitted it to the city council at its last meeting. The council is expected to take some kind of action on the matter when it meets Thursday night.

The brief, by Lawyer Ben Day representing the Airport Limousine service, says: "The findings of Alan B. Holmes, hearing officer, justifies our request that the airport limousine license of the Yellow Cab company be revoked."

Both in Violation

In his report, Holmes found both the Yellow Cab company and the Airport Limousine service to be in violation of the city code and airport regulations in the operation of their limousines, although more violations are listed for Yellow Cab than for the Limousine service.

Regarding the findings against his clients, Day contends in the brief, "These charges found against Clarence Jones (owner of the limousine service) are trivial and mostly isolated incidents. They were brought out in the hearing, and with one exception, admitted."

In summary, Holmes listed violations by the Airport Limousine service as: picking up a flight crew at a rate below those set by the council; parking on the wrong side of the terminal when picking up a flight crew; the owner of the company, Jones, used profanity at one time and threatened to assault a Yellow Cab driver as the result of a dispute at the airport; the limousine service transported Sisters to Sacred Heart hospital free of charge; and "on at least one occasion," solicited a passenger for limousine transportation at the door of the terminal.

Charges Limousine Rates

Holmes found Yellow Cab Limousine company in violation of the code and airport rules when: the company used taxis to transport passengers to the airport and charged limousine rates when the limousine was out of town on other business; cabs have been used in place of limousines without being licensed as limousines; when the limousine was away from the city, it was not available to provide "adequate limousine service," as required by the code.

Sanitary Engineer Assistant Named

Keith, Sherer, Portland, will assist T. M. Gerow Jr., district sanitary engineer for the Oregon state sanitary authority, Gerow announced today.

Gerow said Sherer will assist him in covering the seven southwestern Oregon counties for control of air pollution, water pollution and sewage disposal problems.

Sherer also will assist Gerow in maintaining a new air sampling station in Medford as part of a national sampling network. Gerow said such a station would be similar to one located at city hall. The new one probably would be located on the county courthouse roof.

Other Oregon stations are located in Portland, Bendleton and Eugene. These and Medford were chosen because they are centers of population in the state, Gerow explained.

Snider Named to Steering Group to Seek Cabinet Post

Mayor John W. Snider has been appointed to serve on a steering committee of the American Municipal Association, noted that President-elect John Kennedy has endorsed the proposal to create such a department having cabinet status.

The exact duties of the committee will be to serve as a channel for transmitting to the incoming administration the views and recommendations of state municipal leagues and municipal governments concerning the establishment of the department.

Serving on the committee with Mayor Snider are such noted officials as Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco and Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York. Medford will be the second smallest city represented on the committee and the only one from Oregon.

340 Deaths Counted In Holiday Traffic

By United Press International

The National Safety Council said today the New Year's holiday was the "safest on record" for the nation's drivers and pedestrians although the traffic death toll equaled the council's predictions.

A United Press International count showed that 340 persons died on the highways, and the Safety Council estimated that 14,000 others suffered injuries.

But the council said that, based on the number of deaths per 100 million miles driven, "it was the safest three-day New Year's week end since the National Safety Council began keeping holiday traffic records in 1946."

Oregon counted 14 deaths during the week end. Most died in traffic accidents, four in a plane crash and a man died in a fall from a hayloft.

Rep. Durno Takes Oath of Office

Washington—(UPI)—Five Oregon lawmakers, including two women from Portland, were sworn in today as Congress opened its new session.

The swearing in of Sen. Maurine Neuberger and Rep. Edith Green, both Democrats, made Portland the first major city to have two women federal lawmakers at the same time.

Mrs. Neuberger began a six-year term as U.S. senator while Mrs. Green started her fourth term as a representative.

Also sworn in today was Rep. Edwin R. Durno, (R-Ore.), along with returning congressman Walter Norblad, (R-Ore.), and Al Ullman, (D-Ore.).

Mrs. Durno watched from the galleries as her husband, a Medford doctor, took the oath of office.

Eisenhower, High Level Advisers Discuss Strife

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower held another top level conference today on the crisis in Laos and a White House spokesman said the United States believes the situation is "indeed grave."

The President met with high military and diplomatic advisers as informed sources said the United States has gathered information showing outside Communist intervention in strife-torn Laos is greater than previously known.

Intelligence reports indicated planes bearing Soviet markings have dropped hundreds of tons of supplies to Laotian Communists.

The State Department was understood to have new data on the number of Soviet planes involved and the number of North Viet Namese troops reported to be in the area.

In his 45-minute meeting with officials at the White House, the President received latest intelligence reports on the fighting in the tiny Asian country.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr., Chairman Lyman L. Lemnitzer of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Central Intelligence Director Allen W. Dulles were among those meeting with the chief executive.

Eisenhower Monday approved measures to increase readiness of U.S. military units in the Pacific at a similar high-level meeting.

Christmas Tree Lift Marred by Money Thefts

More than \$1,000 was collected during the Medford Moose lodge's annual Christmas tree lift yesterday, but the event was marred by the reported theft of several donations before they could be picked up by the lodge.

Medford police have arrested one 12-year-old boy and are looking for several others. Approximately \$13 in cash and a \$100 written pledge were reported stolen in five separate thefts.

The money collected during the tree lift will be turned over to Sacred Heart hospital. Officials of the lodge said this year's lift was about three times as successful as it was the previous year.

Start Tree Fire

Sisters Marie and Rose Lucille of Sacred Heart hospital ignited the trees at a fire following the drive. The trees were burned at a site at the end of Ellendale rd. off Barnett rd.

The lodge had asked that persons wanting to get rid of their Christmas trees put them in front of their homes, and attach to them donations which would be turned over to the hospital.



COUNTY'S FIRST OF '61—Mrs. Ronald L. Ricketts, 143 South Keeneway dr., Medford, holds James Mathew Ricketts, who weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounce when born at 6:40 a.m. Jan. 1. He was Jackson county's first baby of 1961. He was born at Rogue Valley hospital, where both mother and son are "doing fine." (Knackstedt Photo)

Maurine Neuberger Takes Oath Of Office; Colleagues Applaud

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune
Washington Correspondent

Washington — Maurine Neuberger of Oregon, escorted by Sen. Wayne Morse, went down the center aisle of the Senate chamber today to be sworn in as a United States Senator.

As she did so, her 99 male colleagues put on a persuasive demonstration that gallantry had not vanished from this land. These men from every

state pulled themselves from their chairs and stood applauding as Senator Neuberger came down the aisle wearing a chic blue wool dress and a broad smile.

Douglas Beats Her

This new Oregon senator then took the seat previously used by Hall S. Lusk and the late Richard Neuberger, her husband who died last March. Beside her sat Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois, of close friend.

As their names were called, Mrs. Neuberger and Sen. Douglas of Rhode Island, Randolph of West Virginia and Robertson of Virginia marched forward. As they did so, a ripple of applause gathered momentum and brought senators on both sides of the aisle to their feet as a manly salute to the second female member of the senate.

A few moments later the salute was repeated as Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was led down the aisle — not by her Maine colleague but at her request, by Senator Neuberger.

Mrs. Neuberger was standing in a lighter blue outfit. When asked what made it was, she showed the touch which made her late husband an excellent politician.

"It's Crater Lake blue," said the lady from Oregon.

There was no doubt now that she was Senator Neuberger in her own right.

Residents Complain of Water Pipes Freezing

Medford's city water department received approximately 15 calls from Medford residents yesterday complaining that the freezing weather has caused damage to water pipes and connections.

Water Superintendent Robert Lee said today that although it is common for damage to occur to water pipes during freezing weather, the number of calls received yesterday was "more than usual."

Most of the damage reported apparently involved the breakage of faucets. This occurs, Lee said, when water in a pipe freezes, causing a pressure at the faucet.

The faucet is less likely to break, he said, if it is kept warm than if it is allowed to stand in freezing temperatures. A normal light bulb should be adequate to keep a faucet warm enough, he

said. The water department received one call where a person reported that water was running out from under the door of a neighboring house. Lee said the occupants of the house apparently left town allowing the interior temperature to drop below freezing and a faucet broke. The water then flowed freely from the broken faucet until it had flooded the house and a neighbor noticed it.

Lee suggested that if residents are going to be away from their home for a period of time, they should turn the water off to the house itself, either at the street or at a meter connection. This will prevent the existing water in the pipe from freezing and breaking the pipe, he said, but it will prevent the house from flooding if a pipe or faucet does break.