

Reaction to Hatfield's Program Is Mixed

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Senate Approves Expense Increase For Legislators

Joint Resolution Sent To House

Salem - (UP) - The Oregon Senate late Monday approved and sent to the House a joint resolution providing legislators with up to \$75 a month expense money during a session and up to \$150 a month between sessions.

Except for interim committee members, legislators now get no expense money for legislative duties. Year-around claims would be limited to such items as postage and secretarial costs for official legislative business.

The money would be paid only when a legislator filed a signed statement giving details of individual out-of-pocket expenses.

House approval also is expected, although some Republicans do not favor the plan.

Adjourned Today

The session, its organization problems settled, stood adjourned today for a day-long joint orientation conference on law making procedures.

Sixteen speakers described such things as how to enact a bill, rules, and a typical committee hearing. The conference, first of its kind, is expected to be especially helpful to new legislators.

Both houses reconvene at 10 a. m. Wednesday.

Legislators reacted quickly to Gov. Mark Hatfield's Monday afternoon message and generally they were complimentary.

Basic approval of Hatfield's ideas came from Senate President Harry Boinvin (D-Klamath Falls) and House Speaker Robert Duncan (D-Medford).

Straub OK's Message

A major Hatfield critic, Sen. Robert Straub (D-Eugene) said he was "surprised" to find he is not at odds with any of Hatfield's message.

The Oregon Democratic chairman added he hopes Hatfield will now exercise "full powers" of his office to get needed legislation through.

No bills were introduced in the Senate Monday and only one in the House. This deals with a proposed state uniform commercial code and simplifies various laws affecting business.

Both houses approved resolutions hiking pay of key legislative employees. The increases range from \$2 to \$5 a day. The chief clerk in each house will now get \$27 a day, and salaries of other desk workers are graduated.

Navy Fires Polaris 1,600 Statute Miles

Cape Canaveral, Fla. - (UP) - The Navy today successfully fired an advanced model Polaris missile 1,600 statute miles over the Atlantic Ocean in its first test of the year.

The 31-foot rocket, designed for firing from submerged submarines, was triggered from a stable launching pad.

The missile's nose cone carried hundreds of pounds of instruments to study performance of an improved propulsion system and lightweight upper stage designed to push the Polaris' range to 1,723 statute miles eventually.

There were no plans to recover either the nose cone or its instruments.

Northwest Flights in Portland Stopped

Portland - (UP) - Northwest Airline flights through Portland were at a halt today because of a strike of flight engineers called Monday.

About 40 employees here were on "furlough" because of the strike.

Thornton Rules on Depositing Funds

Salem - (UP) - Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton said today individual school districts can decide which manner they choose to deposit school funds in banks.

A school district board in Coos County adopted a resolution ordering its funds to be deposited in two local banks, and questioned whether the district board of directors could "divorce" school funds from banks.

"Oh, No, You Wouldn't—Would You?"



Water Supply Said To Be 'Improved'

The 1961 irrigation water supply outlook in Rogue-Umpqua watershed is considerably improved over the skimpy outlook of a year ago, W. T. Frost, snow survey supervisor for U.S. Department of Agriculture, soil conservation service, Oregon Agricultural experiment station and state engineer, said today in his report.

He added that the supply is still below average. Water content of the mountain snow cover is 28 per cent below average for Jan. 1, but is more than double that of last year at this date, especially at the higher elevations.

Maximum accumulation of snow on local watersheds is usually reached by April 1, Frost said. In an average year, about 37 per cent of the total winter's "snow crop" is on the ground by Jan. 1. This year current snow surveys indicate the 25 per cent level has been reached.

Frost stated that the mountain watershed soils are unusually wet, principally because of the heavy rains in late November and early December.

Fall precipitation, from September through November, was just slightly over the 15 year average with one half of it measured in November. But winter precipitation, beginning Dec. 1, has been only 60 per cent of average, according to reports from the U.S. weather bureau.

Stored water for the Medford Irrigation district, held in Fish Lake and Fourmile Lake, is 43 per cent of the average for this date and 75 per cent of the amount available last year on Jan. 1.

The three reservoirs storing water for use by the Talent Irrigation district, Emigrant Gap, Hyatt and Howard Prairie, contain water totaling 85 per cent of average for the date and 166 per cent of the amount available last year on Jan. 1.

Frost added that water supplies for irrigating may be short this summer unless unusually heavy storms are experienced to change the outlook.

Stream Flow

Flow of southern Oregon streams is expected to be somewhat below the average this spring and summer, unless storm patterns favor the accumulation of heavy amounts of snow.

Flow of the Rogue River at Gold Ray has averaged 67 per cent of the 1943-1957 normal since Oct. 1. The December flow was only 54 per cent of average, according to the U.S. Geological survey.

Statewide, the early winter outlook for Oregon's 1961 water supplies range from "near average" to "fair," Frost said. Reservoir storage is far below normal again this year, but the mountain snow pack is better than last year although still one-third below normal.

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3 Republicans Resign Positions

The Jackson county Republican Central committee will meet at 7:30 p. m. Monday, Jan. 23, to elect three of four key committee officers. Chairman Joe Walsh said this morning.

Walsh recently announced his plans to resign the chairmanship, but the resignations of Mrs. James Ragland as vice chairman and E. H. Singmaster as secretary came without advance notice at the committee's board meeting yesterday noon in the Medford hotel. Mrs. Ragland's resignation was effective yesterday. The resignation of Singmaster and Walsh will become effective Jan. 23, Walsh said.

The resignations came as no great surprise to observers who have noted a split in the official party organization here starting a few months before the election, and climaxed by the difficulty between the county court and the Republican central committee chairman over the number of candidates proposed for the state senate appointment.

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Bengtson Trial Resumes After Week End Recess

Defense Questions Rachel P. Carter

Granis Pass - Mrs. Rachael Peterson Carter, former president of the Medford Escrow company, continued her testimony this morning in the O. H. Bengtson trial in Josephine county circuit court.

Bengtson is charged with embezzling \$1,700 from the company.

Mrs. Carter, during cross examination today by Richard Carney, Portland, one of the defense attorneys, reviewed her job with the company and Bengtson and described bookkeeping methods used for both.

She testified that Bengtson had instructed her to sign her name as president of the Escrow company when some forms needed to be filled out.

She said that she had planned to buy the company from Bengtson, who had set a price of \$4,500 for the firm. She testified that she had paid him \$2,600 "by late 1958" towards his purchase, but she said she "had not one slip of paper" in exchange for her money.

Mrs. Carter said she considered herself the company owner for about three months, although no official papers had been drawn up. She added that Bengtson told her "not to deny ownership of the company."

Referring to a \$1,700 check that she had written on the Escrow company's general account, Mrs. Carter said that when the check was written she knew that a loan Bengtson was expecting to receive on some insurance policies "was only a drop in the bucket" where the shortages in the accounts were concerned.

Asked if she had planned to advance Bengtson the money, she said "no" that she had already put \$3,800 of her money in the company and that was all the money she had.

Called prior to the noon recess was Pete Ruef, Medford, an employee of the First National Bank of Oregon, Medford branch. His testimony concerned identification of signature cards and bank statements of both the Medford Escrow company and Bengtson's personal accounts.

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1961 Traffic Fatality Recorded in County

Ashland - The first 1961 traffic fatality in Jackson county was registered Saturday when Elmer William Swift, 75, Tekeo, Wash. died from multiple fractures suffered when his car went out of control in Ashland Jan. 2.

In addition to being the first Jackson county fatality, Swift's death was the first traffic fatality in Ashland in 18 months. Police said the last occurred in June, 1959.

The Jan. 2 accident occurred on Idaho st. in Ashland. Swift and his wife, Florence, had left their parked car. Then Swift got back into the car to remove his overcoat. Ashland police said witnesses told them the car then bolted down Idaho st., striking two parked cars, jumped a four-foot concrete wall, went through two fences and finally stopped against the corner of a house on Fairview ave.

transfer purely in the interests of reorganization, will hamper the effectiveness of Oregon's tourist advertising program."

McNeil pointed out that the group is not opposed to the "idea of reorganization as set forth by the interim committee."

"We just don't believe that specialists in travel promotion ought to be submerged in a structure dedicated to industrial development, and whose initial efforts have logically accrued to Portland and other metropolitan areas where the population density and market potential makes the location of certain agencies more attractive," McNeil said.

Under the present system, McNeil noted, Oregon has maintained a consistent advertising and tourist promotion program in a competitive field of specialists.

"The promotional programs of this state have received top recognition by authorities in the tourist development business," he said.

About one-tenth of the amount the state receives from tourists in the state is in gas tax funds goes to invite more visitors. McNeil said about \$3,500,000 in gas tax funds can be realized from



BODY FOUND - The body of Beverly Ann Allan (arrow) was found yesterday afternoon on an embankment 15 feet from Highway 26, about 40 miles west of Portland. The Washington State university co-ed had been missing since Nov. 27, when her date was found slain in his parked car in Portland. Apparently the body had been flung from a car shortly after her Nov. 27 disappearance. Articles on the ground are pieces of her clothing. - (UPI Telephoto)

Missing Co-Ed's Body Found

Facilities For Ice Skaters To Be Improved

Improved facilities for ice skaters will be established at Howard Prairie lake in the near future, City-County Recreation Director Robert L. Haworth told a meeting of the Jackson county recreation commission last night at the city hall.

Improved facilities would include sanding of the road leading to the lake, a possible sandwich and hot coffee stand, shelters for skaters and chemically operated sanitary facilities which can be placed on the ice.

County Engineer Robert Carstensen will have a dump truck load of sand available to prevent traffic tieups, Haworth said.

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Fee Set-up Told For Howard Prairie

Some basic minimum fees should be charged for use of the public recreation area at Howard Prairie lake, the Jackson county parks and recreation commission agreed last night.

The county court will be given a recommendation to charge 50 cents per car per day for day-use of the development facilities, \$1 per car per night for overnight camping, and 50 cents per boat per day for use of the boat launching ramp if assistance is required.

The recommendation followed extensive study by Lawrence V. Espey, Medford, and J. F. Eberhardt, Ashland. Espey, as committee chairman, explained that this minimum fee is used extensively throughout the country in other recreation areas due to vandalism and general misuse of recreation areas. The fee schedule was recommended here by Robert Johnston, concessionaire at Howard Prairie.

Maintenance, which includes cleaning up, garbage collection, maintenance of roads, toilets, and providing firewood, would be covered by the fees.

Besides these basic fees, other fees will be negotiated. These include trailer rental units to be supplied by the concessionaire and dry docking. There are now 37 parking spaces for trailers.

The plan for location of the dry docking must be approved by the county.

Subject to Change

Eberhardt explained that the fees and charges may be changed without notice, as experience shows the need and with county approval. All these fees will be included in the gross receipts of the concessionaire, of which the county receives 10 per cent.

Those people who don't want the improvements of the improved recreation area, may use the "free areas" which will be some distance away from the improved facilities. No fee will be charged there.

Espey explained that a county employee would keep the area clean.

Answering objections to establishing the area, Espey said they would not be ready this season.

The county and concessionaire must work out a fair sharing of responsibility for operation of the water system before the season starts in April.

Health Officer To Be Away From County

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, will leave this evening for Los Angeles to attend the funeral services of his brother, J. A. Merkel, who died in Lynwood, Calif., Sunday evening.

Mr. Merkel had visited in the Rogue valley in previous years. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 2 p. m. at Rupp Memorial chapel in Lynwood.

Dr. Merkel will return to Medford Jan. 15. He announced that the tuberculosis clinic, scheduled for tomorrow in Prospect, will be postponed until Jan. 16.

Legislature Visitors Won't Be Locked In

Salem - (UP) - Visitors to the legislature will not have to be locked in the galleries any more when the presence of all legislators in a House is ordered.

In the past, all doors of a House were locked while the sergeant at arms rounded up absent legislators for a specific vote. People watching in the galleries had to stay in the galleries until the vote was taken.

The new rule allows galleries in the galleries to remain open during a vote.

Because of the fine working relationship that has developed over the years between chamber managers and the travel division, the are naturally concerned about any proposal that would jeopardize our cooperative investment," Michael said.

Autopsy Planned To Determine Cause of Death

Portland - (UP) - The body of an attractive coed missing since her college sweetheart was stabbed to death Nov. 27 was found Monday lying face down near the edge of a highway.

The half-nude body of Beverly Ann Allan, 19, was taken to Hillsboro where an autopsy will be performed to determine the exact cause of death.

Authorities said Miss Allan apparently had been abducted and slain shortly after her escort, Larry Ralph Peyton, 18, Portland, had been stabbed 23 times. Peyton's body was found in an isolated lovers lane.

County authorities have been conducting a search for Miss Allan, a Washington State university coed, since discovery of her boy friend's body.

Miss Allan's body was found shortly after noon Monday by two maintenance workers for the highway department, Richard Shaw of Manning and Cecil Herb of Banks. They notified state police at West Slope and authorities from Multnomah and Washington counties went to the scene.

The body was found about one mile west of the Sunset Highway tunnel near the summit of the Coast Range.

Authorities said Miss Allan could have been thrown from the car or possibly pushed off the edge of the embankment. They said the body probably had been there since young Peyton was slain and Miss Allan abducted.

The body was about 20 feet from the shoulder of the highway, down an embankment with the head against a shrub. Police said it was visible from the edge of the road.

The brown-haired, blue-eyed coed and Peyton met last summer while both were employed at Crater Lake National Park. The girl came to Portland only the day before she vanished to visit Peyton and his parents during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Menshikov, Herter Discuss Crisis

Washington - (UP) - Soviet Ambassador Mikhail A. Menshikov today held a 30-minute talk with Secretary of State Christian A. Herter on the crisis in Laos.

Menshikov, accompanied by an aide, emerged grim-faced from the session but acknowledged in response to questioning that the conference was the respective attitudes of their two governments on the situation in Laos.

The Russians and Americans have repeatedly accused each other of intervening in the internal affairs of Laos. The United States is supplying military aid to the rightist government of Premier Prince Souvanna and Russian planes are strafing war materiel to the Communist forces of the Pathet Lao.

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Duncan Expresses Agreement With Broad Proposal

Stumbling Block Will Be in GOP

Salem - (UP) - House Speaker Robert Duncan (D-Medford) expressed general agreement today with Gov. Mark Hatfield's broad legislative program, but said the governor's own party would prove the main stumbling block to its enactment.

Duncan said he "challenged" Hatfield to rally Republican lawmakers behind his proposals if he wanted to win smooth legislative sailing for the program. Most Democrats, Duncan predicted, would support a major portion of the governor's recommendations.

Hatfield delivered the message at a joint House-Senate session Monday afternoon.

After the 44-minute message, legislators from both sides of the political fence had largely good words for the program, which ranged from proposals for extensive government modernization and reorganization to labor laws, tougher traffic laws, and billboard regulation.

The message stressed a hold-the-line attitude on spending.

Senate President Harry Boinvin (D-Klamath Falls), said he agreed with many of the recommendations, but he termed one of Hatfield's key aims - government reorganization - "too sweeping" for complete enactment.

On the governor's political side, Senate Minority Leader Anthony Yuert (R-Ontario), said the message "reflects a thorough grasp and keen understanding of the state's problems." He called on the senate to "put aside partisanship" and pass the program.

House Minority Leader F. Montgomery (R-Eugene), called the program progressive and "bold" in some areas, such as a tax cut on homes belonging to the elderly. He predicted, however, only 65 per cent of the reorganization plan would pass.

Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Mohawk), took issue with the governor's assertion that a sound economy during his administration had won the state its \$40 million surplus. Eymann said the surplus was the result of "an error in the Tax Commission estimates."

Duncan said he felt the governor was unjustified in claiming full credit for Oregon's record in the past two years. He said he thought much of the praise belonged to the last two Democratic legislatures.

Duncan added he felt the governor's entire program might be hard to finance.

Former Senate President Walter Pearson (D-Portland), and Sen. Robert White (R-Salem), issued a joint statement calling the program "constructive."

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Ike To Submit Balanced Budget

Washington - (UP) - President Eisenhower told Republican congressional leaders today that he would send another balanced budget to Congress next Monday.

The President discussed his final budget message at the last of his weekly conferences with GOP leaders from the House and Senate.

Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen and House GOP Leader Charles A. McNichols, who reported on the meeting, both refused to give any figures on the size of the budget or the predicted surplus for the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

Dirksen described the budget as a "constructive" one and said it would be exactly the same if Eisenhower were continuing in office instead of yielding the White House to Democratic President-elect John F. Kennedy Jan. 20.

"It is not an expedient budget, it is not a political budget, it is not an unkind legacy to his successor," Dirksen said.

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WEATHER

Forecast: Fluctuating and lowering. Cloudiness tonight and Wednesday morning. Rain Wednesday afternoon and evening. For Thursday morning. Low tonight 33. High Wednesday 33. Low Wednesday night 22.

TEMPERATURE

Highest Today	37
Lowest Today	34
Forecast	33
High Tomorrow	32
Low Tomorrow	28

Our Skies Tonight

Clear	10:00
Partly Cloudy	11:00
Light Rain	12:00
Heavy Rain	1:00
Thunder	2:00
Light Rain	3:00
Clear	4:00
Partly Cloudy	5:00
Clear	6:00
Partly Cloudy	7:00
Clear	8:00
Partly Cloudy	9:00
Clear	10:00