

Highway, Traffic Bills Are Introduced in Oregon Senate

Salem, Ore.—Twenty-five bills, dealing mostly with highway and traffic matters, were introduced in the Oregon senate Friday and the chamber adjourned late in the morning to take the week end off.

Sen. Anthony Yturri, R-Ontario, and others sponsored a bill giving the public utility commissioner broad powers to eliminate unnecessary duplication of utilities in a given area. It declares the situation an emergency.

The highway bills, all recommended by the interim highways committee, includes the "implied consent" measure providing that the license of a motorist who refuses to take a test for intoxication may be suspended. Also, such refusal could be used as evidence against the driver in later court action.

Other bills would lower highway use taxes on motor carriers weighing 44,001 pounds or more effective Jan. 1, 1962, and restore police arrest powers to state and county weighmasters for non-violations.

Municipal Matters

Several bills dealing with municipal matters were introduced. One, requested by the state sanitary authority, would allow a city council to issue self-liquidating sewage bonds without a vote of the people. The bonds would be paid by service charges.

Another bill would permit the state treasurer to invest in municipal bonds for sewage treatment and disposal.

Sen. William Grenfell Jr., D-Portland introduced a bill whereby school boards and their representatives would not be allowed to discriminate between teachers because of race, sex, religion or membership or non-membership in any teacher organization.

The key is the last part. The Oregon Education association and state labor leaders are at odds over this issue. The bill

Really Board in Favor of Stadium

The Medford Realty Board has gone on record favoring construction of a multi-use stadium at the site of the present ball park south of Medford, according to a letter the county court received from the board Friday.

The board stated that the stadium would contribute to the welfare of all Jackson county residents. It would provide a recreational asset for the community and be economically feasible, the board stated.

"The taxpayers will get more dollar for dollar if such a stadium is constructed than from any other county expenditure," the board wrote. "We see no reason why the county court should not seriously consider this matter."

"We are aware that such facilities are being built all over the nation with great success and are adding to the economy of those areas," the letter stated.

The board urged that money for the stadium construction be included in the new fiscal year budget and that the project be coordinated with construction of the new Pacific freeway through the area.

Boise Cascade Buys Elgin Stud Mill

Boise, Idaho — (UPI) — Boise Cascade Corp. is acquiring the Western Stud Mills, Inc., Elgin, Ore., through a stock exchange transaction.

George W. Crippen, president of Western Stud, said his firm approached Boise Cascade because it wants "to have an organization acquire our mill which would continue to operate with two items in mind. First, we are interested in the economy of Elgin, and second, we are anxious that a continuity of supply be given to our regular customers for our products."

A spokesman for Boise Cascade said no changes in personnel are being considered.

Simpson Honored By Phoenix Club

Ashland — Hugh G. Simpson, director of information at Southern Oregon college, has been honored by the newly organized chapter of Quill and Scroll at Phoenix High school by having the writer's club named after him, according to Nancy Pettitt, president of the organization. He was also made an honorary member of the society, Pettitt announced.

Quill and Scroll is a national organization devoted to the improvement and encouragement of good writing practices at secondary school level throughout the United States. Local chapters are formed on the basis of adherence to, an interest in, a qualification for, and a dedication to good writing practices and habits.

Mrs. Mildred Hart is the adviser of Quill and Scroll for Phoenix High school.

Two Cases Are Continued in Court

Two cases involving bad check charges have been continued until Monday in Jackson county district court. Attorneys in each case had requested more time.

The case of Richard Crane, transient, charged with obtaining property under false pretenses, was continued until Friday originally. He is charged with passing a false check for \$10 Jan. 5.

The case of Daniel W. Durbin, San Diego, Calif., who is charged with drawing a bank check with insufficient funds, was also originally continued until Friday and continued further until Monday. Durbin is charged with issuing a check for \$20 Nov. 27 and not having sufficient funds in the bank to pay the check in full. He had requested an attorney.



ARRIVES IN ROME—Cardinal-elect Joseph E. Ritter, left, shakes hands with Msgr. Ignace Cardinaline of the Vatican Secretariat of State. Martin J. O'Connor of Scranton, Pa., rector of the North American College in Rome, after arriving at the Ciampino Airport in Rome Wednesday from his U.S. Archdiocese of St. Louis. In center is Msgr. Ignace Cardinaline of the Vatican Secretariat of State. Cardinaline's rank with three other churchmen at solemn consistory ceremonies opening in the Vatican Monday. —(UPI Telephoto)

Sen. Neuberger Revising Bill To Create National Seashore

By A. ROBERT SMITH
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Washington (Special) — Sen. Maurice Neuberger is working on a revised version of legislation to create a national seashore on the Oregon coast in hopes of securing support for it from all other members of the Oregon congressional delegation.

Even one of them who regards it as "a pork barrel."

When her new bill is ready in several weeks, she expects to discuss it with her Oregon colleagues, including Rep. Edwin R. Durno, newly elected in the 4th district where the park would be located. Durno campaigned against the park in last fall's election.

Mrs. Neuberger said she hoped to incorporate into her new bill some features which President-elect Kennedy employed in similar legislation last year to turn Cape Cod into a national seashore. These features presumably include zoning of certain areas for residential purposes.

Meet Objections

"The whole idea is to meet the objections so we can have the wholehearted cooperation of the entire delegation," she said.

Congressman Durno said he will be happy to discuss the matter with Sen. Neuberger. "My mind is not shut," he declared, "but as of now, I have seen nothing to change my mind. I don't see why we should spend \$30 million for something that is already there. Never will I be guilty of voting for pork barrel money. There are too many other projects in my district that need federal help."

Sen. Neuberger said she realized that Rep. Durno had earlier announced his opposition to the proposal.

"But he has only talked to those who are opposed to it," she said.

Durno said he formed his opinion after making three personal inspection tours of the area between Reedsport and Florence where the National Park service would like to create a 30,000-acre seashore park to embrace the Ocean Dunes, the Sea Lion Caves and several fresh water lakes inland from the dunes.

Hot Issue in Area

He first realized it was a hot issue in the Florence area, he related, when he attended a political meeting there and received only polite applause when he said he was neither for nor against it. Other candidates on the program, running for the state legislature, came out against it and got a big hand, he observed.

Then he took a tour with Mrs. Durno and a friend, Sid Chandler, to inspect the dunes, the lakes, the nearby jetties, traveling by boat, jeep and foot. He observed that very few visitors sought recreation on the dunes, while Honeyman state park nearby had more visitors last year than Crater Lake National park.

Durno said he believes the most precious resource for the future is fresh water, such as the billions of gallons which exist beneath the Oregon Dunes and in the lakes nearby.

"That's what they are after," he said referring to those who want to put these lakes into a national seashore park.

Will Abandon Plans

If this happens, he went on, International Paper company will abandon plans for locating a new mill, which would employ 1,000 persons, near Reedsport. He said the company would give up water rights it has secured for this industrial enterprise.

Durno would rather see federal funds invested in rehabilitation of jetties at the mouths of the Siuslaw and Umpqua rivers and at Coos Bay to improve navigation upon which local commerce is partly dependent.

"Winchester bay is not being used 20 per cent of what it used to be, due to the conditions of the south jetty. In one 32-day period there were only five days when the boats could get over the bar," he added.

Durno said one thing to improve the dunes area which he favors could be done locally by Lane county zoning authorities to get rid of "honky-tonks" that impair the scenic quality of the area.

Employed Against Porter

The seashore idea was one of the issues Durno employed against former Rep. Charles O. Porter, but he said opposition was not localized only in the Florence area. He cited the valley voters association, with 5,000 members living in all parts of the Willamette valley, as an illustration of the widespread and influen-

Representative Urges Hatfield To Approve Surplus Food Plan

By Yvonne Franklin
Mail Tribune Washington Bureau

Washington (Special) — All that is holding back a shipment of surplus food to Oregon's indigents, according to an agriculture department spokesman, is a request from Gov. Mark Hatfield. He said that Oregon had made inquiries and has taken all preliminary steps toward becoming eligible to receive the food, except for the vital one, authorization from the Governor.

Under the department of agriculture program, surplus flour, cornmeal, rice, milk solids and dried eggs are given, through the states, to anyone who is on public welfare assistance. All but six states are now participating.

Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Florida, Alaska and Hawaii do not now receive any of the \$9 billion worth of surplus food which the government stores in Oregon, the reason seems to be the cost of distribution within the state.

Carload Lots

The federal government will ship the food in carload lots to destination points within the state. However, from those points, the responsibility for personnel and money to pay for the distribution must come from the state and local departments of public welfare.

Rep. Edith Green has written to Hatfield, urging that he spend a little money in order to bring Oregon into the program. While the department of agriculture could not say what the local cost would be for Oregon, Mrs. Green said that the highest figure she had found other states paying was 25 cents for a dollar's worth of food. In urging Gov. Hatfield to take action, Mrs. Green said:

"Frankly, I am ashamed that Oregon should be on the very short list of those states which for some obscure reason refuse to participate in this program."

"Considering the growth of unemployment, the increase in the costs of public welfare which you have publicly discussed on many occasions, and the present consensus that we are not only in a recession but that it is all right to talk about it now; it seems to me that it is inexcusable for the responsible officials of any state to continue to neglect this means of meeting a situation of growing seriousness."

Tried for Several Years

Mrs. Green told a reporter that she has tried for several years to get Oregon officials to see the need to receive the surplus food. She said that several years ago when Oregon was declared one of the "surplus labor" areas, hard hit by unemployment, she had urged that this food be made available. She also pointed out it should be a program in continual use because of the fluctuation of unemployment, and that the current unemployment in Multnomah county and in the lumber mills downstate was reason enough to have the state get the food now.

"It seems to me inexcusable to be paying storage costs and having surplus foods rotting," she wrote Hatfield, "when there are many people who are actually hungry, and countless others living on inadequate diets."

Mrs. Green noted in the interview that in the past the federal government has spent vast sums setting up a system of county extension agents and home demonstration agents to aid farmers and their families.

"Since we have moved from a rural to an urban society, it would make a lot more sense to me to perhaps use some of those people to help with our urban problems in the distribution of this food," she declared.

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