



STATEHOUSE SPECIAL

If the people of Oregon have one over-riding interest in common, it must be their children.

About half the 1,300 to 1,400 bills expected to be introduced at this 51st session of the Legislative Assembly are now going through the lawmaking process at the Statehouse, with the session about one-third over.

And of all those hundreds of bills, dealing with everything from the state's governmental set-up in case of war to the attachment of tags on beaver pelts, the ones that have to do with education of children are getting more attention from the general public than anything else.

Legislators I've talked with say they have received more mail on the subject of changing the entrance age of first-graders than any other single issue.

(That bill, by the way, would have kept many youngsters home an extra year before they could go to school; it was tabled in committee and probably will die quietly as a result of protests from mothers who said their Johnnie was ready to read now!)

Almost any education bill that is fairly easy to understand (such as the proposal for public kindergartens or the teachers' duty-free lunch period bill) is sure to arouse articulate public reaction.

So do other pieces of legislation in which the average Oregonian can see a direct and immediate effect on his own activities, convenience, hopes, fears, and pocketbook.

Most citizens will have an outspoken opinion strongly pro or con such matters as summer work camps for boys, raising car driver's license minimum age to 18, or prohibiting sale of dirty books to kids.

But when it comes to complex legislation the average citizen understandably hesitates to express his thoughts, unless it is in an area where he is directly involved.

A log truck driver, for instance, may have definite opinions about the school his children attend or about hunting and fishing rules, and will say what he thinks. He also realizes vaguely that laws dealing with public utility regulation, government reorganization, workmen's compensation, corporation taxation, etc., are important and eventually will influence his life in some real though hard-to-pin-down way.

He does not, however, have the time or the information background to get worked up about highly-refined legislation always written in nearly

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incomprehensible legal language.

So he doesn't say anything about that.

But when complicated legislation like the weight-mile tax or flat fee schedules for log trucks is under discussion, this same truck driver knows whereof the lawmakers speak. This is close to home, and he also knows what he wants.

He'll even come to Salem to make his thoughts known. Highway committee hearings have been crowded with loggers in their plaid shirts and denim jeans, with laboriously written-out dollars-and-cents figures on their costs of operation, to tell the legislators "there ought to be a law!"

With such exceptions, most citizens seem pretty unconcerned about what goes on at the Statehouse. They feel that, after all, they elected their representatives to go to Salem, find out the facts, and use their own judgment in the best interests of their constituents and of the state.

Make no mistake about it, though: Legislators are almost pathetically eager for communications with their constituents. They love to get mail, and most of them answer letters faithfully. They are delighted to talk to visitors. They bend over backwards to give a hearing to anyone who wants to talk at committee meetings.

For a Statehouse observer, it is a pleasure to watch the older, experienced senators and representatives deal with men and women who come in to talk over a problem.

Men like Francis Ziegler (R-Corvallis), Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie), and Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) have a dignity of bearing that becomes a senator together with a humility that comes with years of public service. They are unfailingly courteous with an old-fashioned courtesy as they listen to some fighting-mad citizen, some irritating bore, or some person with constructive suggestions.

Unfortunately, there are also some green hands who are so impressed with the miracle of their election to high office and so overwhelmed by their mahogany desks and new responsibility, that they can scarcely conceal the condescension behind their smug smiles as they stoop to the common people. They either learn fast . . . or they don't last.

Meanwhile, each senator and representative has a number of other missions besides keeping in touch with his con-

Defendant Fails to Show Up for Trial

Providence, R. I. (UPI)—Everything seemed set for the trial of a man charged with possessing burglary tools.

The judge was ready, the assistant city solicitor was ready and four detectives were set to testify, but the case had to be continued until another day. Somebody had forgotten to bring the defendant from jail.

situents by mail or in person. These include:

1. Informing himself about all the legislation, simple and complex, upon which he must vote, and upon which his constituents trust him to vote intelligently.

2. Staying afloat among the political whirlpools that eddy up and down the marble corridors of the Statehouse. Republican State Chairman Peter Gunnar's resignation last week is the sort of development that causes a great stir among lawmakers who must keep their political alignments straight for the sake of their own careers. Being politicians as well as (sometimes) statesmen, legislators must of necessity be aware of all the demands of party loyalties, shifting power balances, etc.

3. Working on behalf of the specific items of legislation in which the legislator is personally most concerned. Pushing these pet projects—some of which are campaign promises the lawmaker is trying to keep—Involves his relationships with other legislators as well as with the press and the public, his skill at tactics, and strategy. These provide an opportunity for him to make a "name" for himself, too.

Typical of legislation in which individual members are particularly interested are the following:

Rep. John R. Dellenback (R-Jackson) (7 bills) plans to push a constitutional amendment providing for annual sessions of the Legislature, also removing the constitutional limit on legislative salaries but written so that no Legislature can raise its own pay. This law would enable one session to raise the next session's pay.

Sen. L. W. Newberry (R-Jackson) (7 bills) is backing a bill to exempt out-of-state earnings of certain retired people from state income taxes, to encourage senior citizens of means to settle in Oregon. He's also interested in air and water pollution problems, and says he is getting a lot of mail opposing fish and game department consolidation, and supporting a law to clamp down on obscene literature.

(It should be noted that the fact that a legislator has his name as co-sponsor of a bill does not necessarily mean he is obligated to support it. He may introduce legislation merely as a courtesy to a constituent.)

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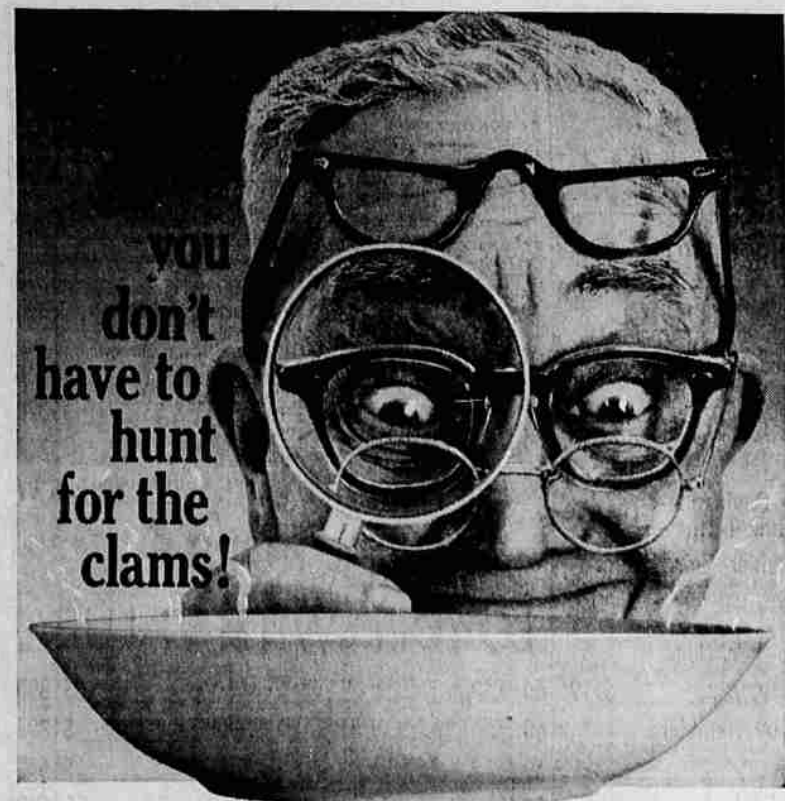
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