

Amendment Will Provide Annual Legislatures

Representative John Dellenback (R-Medford) today gave a further explanation of his bill, introduced Feb. 13, to amend the Oregon Constitution to provide for annual legislative sessions.

Dellenback's proposed Constitutional amendment would also eliminate current provisions for salaries and expenses to legislators and would permit the legislature to set a new salary scale.

He said he is "asking for yearly sessions which would open in January."

"Sessions in odd-numbered years would consider any legislation, but the regular sessions held in even-numbered years would be devoted primarily to the consideration of legislation relating to budgetary, revenue and taxation matters," Dellenback said.

"The need for annual legislative sessions is becoming more obvious because the volume of work has increased to such an extent in recent years," Dellenback said.

"We can no longer soundly estimate 2 or 2½ years in advance what our economic conditions and our tax collections are going to be. The large tax surpluses of the last two sessions show that clearly."

Dellenback pointed out that his bill "provides that no law affecting the amount of a legislative salary may take effect until the beginning of the regular session held in the odd-numbered year next succeeding the year in which the law is enacted."

"In other words, if the legislature passed a law setting certain salaries for its members, that law would not become effective until the following session and no legislature would be in the position of raising the salaries of its own members," Dellenback said.

He said "the passage of this bill and its eventual approval by the voters of the state would open the door so that able legislators can devote the necessary time to legislative service."

"My concern is not primarily for the present members of the legislature," he said. "Each of us knew what the salary picture was when we ran for office. But there are many people in Oregon who would make excellent legislators but who cannot afford the financial sacrifice demanded by the present completely inadequate salary schedule. We should make it possible for them to become candidates."

Dance Program Set At Theater Tonight

A series of dance routines will be presented by students of the Colleen Hope Dance studio at 7 o'clock tonight in the Craterian theater.

The program will start with a two-hour dance review featuring 175 dancers on the stage, and will follow with a full length movie.

The stage show will feature Thayer Tarvin as grandpa and Miss Carolyn Knoll as his granddaughter. Their dance routines will cover what people did or did not get for Christmas, followed by a western scene with cowboys, cowgirls, dance hall girls and Indians, a visit to the big city and beatnik world, and finally the "Madison Time," latest national teenage dance craze.

The stage show will be followed by a full length movie, "Kathy-O," a family type comedy featuring Dan Duryea. Theater doors open at 6:45 p.m.

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