

# Kennedy Expected To Quickly Sign Bill To Extend Jobless Pay Benefits

Washington—President Kennedy is expected to sign the jobless pay bill into law quickly so that unemployed workers can start drawing the extra benefits in about two weeks.

The bill, first of the administration's anti-recession measures, provides for a \$1 billion extension of unemployment compensation payments to idle workers who have exhausted their regular benefits.

It went to the White House Wednesday when both the Senate and House gave speedy approval to a compromise version. The House vote was 361-31 and the Senate acted by voice vote.

The administration estimates that 3,125,000 people could draw the extra benefits during the next year or so. It said payments could start

going to eligible unemployed within two weeks after enactment.

The bill would provide up to 13 weeks of extra payments to unemployed workers who have exhausted or will exhaust their regular benefits during the two-year period between last July 1 and June 30, 1962.

The additional benefits would be financed by raising from 3.1 to 3.5 per cent the payroll tax imposed on all employers covered by the unemployment insurance program. The additional tax would become effective next Jan. 1 and continue for two years.

The states finance and ad-

minister the regular unemployment compensation program. The federal government will advance the money for the extra benefits and will recoup the outlays from the tax on employers.

The final bill was a compromise of slightly different versions approved earlier by the House and Senate. The Senate had voted to make the employer payroll tax effective immediately but the House insisted on the Jan. 1 date.

Employers would pay the tax on the first \$3,000 of each worker's wages.

Chief objection to the bill came from lawmakers from states not afflicted with major unemployment. During House debate, some members protested it would drain tax money out of their states into other areas.

## Morse Presses for Tongue Point Use

Washington—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) Wednesday carried his fight for reactivation of the Tongue Point Naval Station at Astoria to Defense Secretary Robert McNamara.

Morse suggested the station be used for oceanography research. He said it "would be difficult to find a better location."

Morse also suggested the sta-

tion might be used for submarine, missile or Air Force training purposes or as a Coast Guard installation.

The Oregon Democrat also renewed an attack, made earlier on the Senate floor, on what he termed "discrimination" against the state in locating defense installations and the awarding of defense contracts.

# Legislative Committees OK Several Measures

Salem—Bills extending civil rights to customers of all general service businesses, creating a state revenue department, and setting up 50 "blue chip" scholarships won approval of legislative committees Wednesday.

The Senate State and Federal Affairs committee moved out with "do pass" recommendations the civil rights and revenue department measures.

The former would prohibit racial or religious discrimination by barber and beauty shops and similar businesses. The measure has been called the "barber bill" because barbers are among the main opponents.

The proposed revenue department is one of the cabinet agencies envisioned in Gov. Mark Hatfield's government reorganization plan. It would be the nucleus of a general government services department to come later.

The three-member State Tax commission would be abolished and its appeals function transferred to a tax court.

The committee frowned on Hatfield's suggestion that inheritance and gift tax collections be taken from the state treasurer and put under the new department.

As sent out, the bill would not affect these functions.

The committee tabled a bill allowing county employees to bargain collectively for wages and benefits and approved a resolution setting up a commission on constitutional revision. The commission would include 12 members in government plus all ex-Oregon governors.

The House Education committee gave approval to the scholarship plan under which 50 picked students would be awarded grants worth up to \$500 each to attend a public or private school of their choice. The State Scholarship commission would choose the students.

The house barely approved and sent to the senate a bill to prevent Hatfield from moving State Welfare commission offices from Portland to Salem.

The vote was 33-27, generally along party lines with Democrats for and Republicans against.

The move is slated to begin next month and Hatfield has ordered it completed this summer.

HB1015, which the governor will undoubtedly veto if it gets to him, would establish Portland as the permanent headquarters of the welfare agency.

# House Tackles Minimum Wage Plan; President Faces Stiff Uphill Fight

Washington—The House plunged today into a minimum wage battle that promised to provide another cliff-hanging test of President Kennedy's legislative program.

As debate began, a conservative coalition of Republicans and southern Democrats held the upper hand. But the President's supporters said they would not admit defeat until the votes were counted.

As he did in his thin victories on House rules and the feed grain bill, Kennedy sent his aides and associates into

the fight to help his congressional supporters.

While publicly refusing to concede they were behind, liberal Democrats were admitting privately they might have to give up Kennedy's request for broad new coverage of workers under the wage-hour law in order to get the \$1.25 hourly wage floor sought by the administration.

Such a compromise was advanced Wednesday by Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) who conferred with Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg during the hectic day of backstage maneuvering.

Vinson's proposal would retain the administration's request for a 25-cent increase in the \$1 minimum in two steps over 28 months. The conservative group was seeking a one-shot hike to \$1.15.

The Vinson plan also would extend coverage to 1.4 million workers for firms with five or more establishments in two or more states. This was the coverage approach sought by the coalition.

# Stocks Turn Lower; Sellers Concentrate On Leading Issues

New York—Stocks ran generally lower today. Sellers concentrated on leading steels, autos, chemicals, oils and rails. All five groups were dotted with losses ranging from 1/2 to 1 1/2 points.

Bethlehem was an exception, managing a small fractional gain, but Du Pont lost 1 1/4 in the chemicals and Kerr-McGee and Shamrock, recent oil favorites, lost around 2.

Victims among the rails included Nickel Plate, Pennsylvania, New York Central and Southern.

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0 65; 20 railroads 150.81, up 1.00; 15 utilities 112.07, up 0.28, and 65 stocks 228.96, up 0.57. Sales Wednesday were about 5.84 million shares compared with 5.8 million shares Tuesday.

Wednesday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	60
Alum Co Am	76 1/4
American Can	38 1/4
American Motors	20 1/4
A T & T	111 1/4
American Tobacco	62 1/4
Anaconda Copper	53 1/4
Armco Steel	71 1/2
Bendis Corp	62 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	45 1/4
Boeing Air	38 1/4
Brunswick	64 1/4
Caterpillar Corp	34 1/4
Chrysler Corp	44 1/4
Coca Cola	37 1/4
Continental Can	63 1/4
Crown Zellerbach	56 1/2
Curtis Wright	20 1/4
Dow Chemical	76 1/4
Du Pont	210 1/4
Eastman Kodak	115 1/4
Firestone	39 1/4
Ford	70 1/4
General Electric	62 1/4
General Foods	81 1/4
General Motors	47 1/4
Georgia Pacific	63 1/4
Greyhound	21 1/4
Gulf Oil	37 1/4
Honolulua Mining	43 1/4
Idaho Power	53 1/4
I. B. M.	700
Int. Paper	82 1/4
Johns Manville	72 1/4
Kennecott Copper	85
Lockheed Aircraft	41 1/4
Merck	84
Montana Power	33 1/4
Montgomery Ward	43 1/4
Natl. Biscuit	83 1/4
New York Central	21 1/4
Northern Pacific	40 1/4
Pac Gas Elec	84 1/4
Penn RR	19 1/4
Phillips	53 1/4
Proctor and Gamble	160
Radio Corporation	58 1/4
Safeway	48 1/4
Sears	60
Shell Oil	45 1/4
Socony Mobil Oil	43 1/4
Southern Co.	52 1/4
Southern Pacific	24 1/4
Sperry Rand	28 1/4
Standard California	51
Standard Indiana	46 1/4
Standard N. J.	41 1/4
Sun Mines	7 1/4
Texas Co.	98 1/4
Texas Gulf Sulfur	25 1/4
Texas Pac Land Trust	20 1/4
Transamerica	32 1/4
Trans World Air	16 1/4
Tri-Continental	41 1/4
Union Carbide	132 1/4
Union Pacific	33
United Aircraft	43 1/4
United Air Lines	41
U. S. Rubber	54
U. S. Steel	86 1/4
Westinghouse	44

# Portland Traction Transfer Pending

Portland—Pending sale of Portland Traction Company's stock ownership interest in Portland Traction Co., to Pacific and Union Pacific Railroads for some \$4,275,000 was announced today.

Portland Traction is a wholly-owned freight carrying subsidiary of Portland Transit.

Application will be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission for approval of the purchase agreement. The announcement said the price would be subject to changes of value up to the closing date of the transfer.

Portland Traction operates a terminal freight service between Portland, Oregon City and Boring. Its traffic consists of freight received from or transferred to transcontinental railroads serving Portland.

Charles C. Bowen, president, in his annual report to Portland Transit shareholders, said the sale as proposed was "in the present and future interests of the parent company." He said the railroads were logical operators of the short line railroad and its acquisition by them should aid in industrial development of the area.

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# Banks Will Pay Interest Daily

Portland—Oregon residents were to receive additional interest on savings as a result of action by three banks to give interest on a daily basis, it was revealed today.

The additional interest to be paid was about \$1.67 million.

The plan was announced by Leland H. Johnson, vice president of the Bank of California. He said savings accounts would draw interest at 3 per cent daily with interest compounded quarterly beginning Wednesday.

The First National Bank of Oregon took similar action with the plan to go into effect beginning April 1.

Ed J. Kolar, president of the U.S. National Bank, said daily interest probably would begin after March 31 when the board of directors meets.

A fourth bank, the Security Bank of Oregon, has been on a daily interest payment plan since Oct. 1, 1960.

The change will increase the amount of interest to savers without hiking the standard three per cent rate, the highest banks can pay under present law.

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# Pacific Air Lines Request Rejected

Washington—The Civil Aeronautics Board Wednesday turned down a request of Pacific Air Lines to provide direct service between Medford and Portland.

The board said the airline failed to show an urgent need for its proposed service.

The board also said the request did not appear to have any civic party support and the possible subsidy savings did not appear "to be so great as to require the grant of the request."

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# Court Upholds Multnomah Edict

Salem—The Oregon Supreme Court Wednesday upheld a Multnomah county circuit court decree enjoining the Pacific Meat Co. from discharging untreated industrial wastes into the Columbia slough at Portland.

The state sanitary authority brought the suit and the meat company appealed the circuit court decision.

The high court, in a per curiam opinion, modified the decree issued by Judge pro tem Frank S. Sever to the extent that it was "slightly broader than the relief sought by the sanitary authority."

The decision said the sanitary authority sought only to prevent the company from dumping wastes without adequate prior treatment.

All that remains for the company to do is to prevent pollution by maintaining and to "operate properly" a system of lagoons already constructed, the court said.

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