

Bill on Tax Break To Heavy Trucks Goes To Governor

Barton Visions Loss of Matching Highway Funds

Salem—UPI—A grimly-contested bill to give heavy trucks a \$1 million-a-year tax break headed for Gov. Mark Hatfield's desk today after mowing down a series of last-ditch efforts to sidetrack it in the House.

Rep. George Annala (D-Hood River) said if Hatfield signs the bill there is "strong likelihood" it will be referred to the people and they will reject it.

Would Reduce Fees
The measure would reduce weight-mile fees on trucks over 44,000 pounds. Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) warned it could mean loss of as much as \$9 million in federal highway matching funds.

The bill has been one of the most heavily-pushed measures before this session. Its passage came after repeated defeats in past legislatures. Hatfield last week was non-committal on the bill, but if signed and referred to the voters it should face a stiff fight. Voters endorsed the principle of the weight-mile tax in spite of a tough campaign to defeat it several years ago.

Supprier Speaks Up
The bill's chief supporter, Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Mohawk) said it would do away with "inequities and discriminations that exist against certain classes of heavy trucks under the present law."

Annala retorted it would benefit big truck firms. Eymann said log trucks, farm trucks and similar classes are exempt from these fees, while the remaining heavy trucks pay more than their share of highway costs.

Duncan Opposed
The bill rolled through the House by a 38-22 vote in spite of intense last minute floor efforts to stall it through committee referrals. House Speaker Robert Duncan was among the opponents which also included John Dellenback (R-Medford). The vote completely crossed party lines.

Approval for the heavy truck tax cut came in the face of recommendations by President Kennedy for higher truck levies to pay for highways.

Eymann and other backers of the reduction said if road fees currently being conducted show trucks should pay more because of heavy highway abuse they would sponsor legislation at the next session for such an increase.



'DEAD' MAN FOUND SAFE — Frank D. Brock, 27, presumed drowned in a skin-diving trip off the California coast last December, was found safe and sound in New Orleans, La., Thursday. He is shown at right in a bar where he has worked for the last 45 days. At left is Brock's fiancée and co-worker in a bank where both were employed, Shirley Meloy, 20. Brock told New Orleans police he left the coast because he could not bear to be so near and yet so far from her. "I am a divorced man and a Catholic," he said. "It would have taken three years at least to clear my marriage with the church—if it could be done at all." Brock said he has decided to go back to San Francisco and get married "in spite of everything." (UPI/Telephoto)

Congressman Defends Birch Group; Justice Department 'Concerned'

Washington—UPI—A congressional member of the controversial John Birch Society defended the organization as an anti-Communist group today but other congressmen talked of an investigation and the Justice Department expressed "concern."

Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand (R-Calif.), the first congressman to identify himself as a member of the society, told a news conference he would welcome a congressional investigation. He said he felt the society had the best chance of successfully fighting "the Communist conspiracy."

The Justice Department refused to say whether it is investigating the semisecret society, but a spokesman said a "growing number of inquiries the Justice Department has received about the John Birch Society has made it a matter of concern to the attorney general."

But Hiestand rejected a call by the society's founder, Robert H. Welch Jr., for the impeachment of Chief Justice

Earl Warren. Hiestand also said the founder's charges that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower was a Communist dupe had been misinterpreted.

Lists Another Member
Hiestand said he didn't know how many chapters or members the society had, but identified Rep. John H. Rousset (R-Calif.) as one other John Birch member he knew of in Congress. He said there might be others.

Rousset was not available immediately for comment. Hiestand said the society was not a secret or Fascist organization. Besides anti-Communism, he said, its aims were to promote "less and less government."

Hiestand issued a statement

saying he and the society's founder would "welcome a congressional investigation—the more thorough the better." However, he said he had not asked the House Committee on Un-American Activities to start an investigation.

He Chooses to Stay
"I disagree on several things with the founder—just as I do not subscribe to everything in the Republican platform or agree with what all Republicans say," Hiestand said. "But, I choose to stay because the society as a whole is a 98 per cent dedicated anti-Communist group."

Asked to explain the reference to 98 per cent, Hiestand said any such group might have members who "sound off and become extremists."

John Birch Society Censored by NAM

New York—UPI—The National Association of Manufacturers disclosed today it had in effect censored the John Birch Society in a board resolution adopted last September.

Charles R. Sligh Jr., executive vice president of the NAM, told United Press International the three former NAM presidents listed as members of the council of the controversial society participated in drawing up the resolution which was passed unanimously.

The resolution did not mention the society or its founder and leader, Robert Welch, by name. But Sligh said it was passed after disclosure that Welch had called former President Dwight D. Eisenhower a Communist.

Confidence Affirmed
It affirmed the NAM's confidence in Eisenhower and said the organization "does not and will not knowingly be associated with any individual or be a party to any organization that questions the loyalty and integrity of President Eisenhower or attempts to degrade the fundamental respect due him and his high office."

Sligh emphasized that the NAM "has no connection with the John Birch Society, and never has, and never will." He said Welch, who was once a director of the NAM, has not had any connection with it for many years. Sligh said he could not speak for the three former NAM presidents, all now board members of the NAM, who have been listed as leaders in the Birch Society.

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Musa Wants Deductions in Income Tax Bill Restored

Salem—UPI—Sen. Ben Musa, (D-The Dalles) vowed today that the net receipts bill cutting income taxes by 10 per cent will not leave the Senate Tax Committee without restoration of all deductions.

He is the chairman. Musa said a hearing will be held week after next.

The house approved the bold new tax plan by a close vote last week. HB1001 removes most tax deductions, reduces rates and brings more people under the tax umbrella.

Musa Left Cold
The House Tax Committee put back the deduction for charitable contributions hoping this would give the bill a better reception in the Senate. But Musa said he has seen the amended bill and it still leaves him cold.

Musa said the bill is full of inequities and while it cuts taxes for some, it increases taxes for others, especially those in low income brackets. Sponsors admit this but say the increases are moderate,

would not hurt anyone, and reflect a more equitable share of the income tax burden.

A number of persons who now get a free ride on state income taxes would have to pay some.

If the present bill did pass the legislature, it probably would be referred to the voters in 1962, Musa said.

Other highlights:
Community Colleges—Bills providing \$2.5 million for junior college-level institutions over the next two years won tentative approval of the Senate Education Committee.

Bridge—The full Ways and Means Committee voted out "do pass" bills for the Astoria-Megler bridge and for work on Highway 42 between Roseburg and Coquille.

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Starlings Receive Horrible Hangover From Spiked Feed

Washington—UPI—Be kind to the next starling that staggers by—he may have a horrible hangover.

Scientists, in man's remorseless war against this feathered foe, have resorted to spiking the starling's feed with chemicals that make him tipsy.

This dark plot, cheerfully condoned by government officials, came to light during testimony before the Senate Aviation subcommittee, headed by Sen. A. S. Monroney, (D-Okla.).

The shrill-voiced bird long has been the target of a fierce fight by city, state and federal officials to ban him from his perches in the nooks of colonnaded government buildings.

Alarming Menace
But not until the recent fatal crash of a commercial airliner has the starling posed as an alarming menace to commercial aviation.

Bird ingestion into the engines was cited as one of the prime causes of the crash of an Eastern Air Lines prop-jet Electra last October at Boston's Logan airport in which 83 persons were killed.

Accident investigators said the plane struck a flock of starlings during the critical seconds of takeoff.

After the tragedy, airport officials at various locations around the nation tried a variety of "scare tactics" designed to chase birds from runways.

Men with shotguns went on bird patrols in jeeps. An automatic firing device that set off a small gas explosion at intervals was employed at one airport.

The birds proved smarter than man. Officials reported that after a few days, they laughed off these devices and stayed put.

Then the problem was attacked through "bird management chemicals." The compound was mixed in quantities harmless to humans in food favored by the feathered runway squatters.

In the words of Monroney, the chemical gave the starlings "a case of the blind staggers." When they sobered up, they flew away to some other place, Monroney said, adding: "preferably to some government building, undoubtedly."

Too Early to Tell
A traffic control expert for the Air Transport Association of America—Walter A. Jensen—confirmed this in testimony March 3 before the subcommittee's air safety hearings.

"It temporarily stuns the bird," Jensen explained. Jensen said "it is too early to say whether it is an answer, or an effective answer," to the airport problem.

Monroney said a bird apparently feels that one hangover is enough. He rarely

comes in for a return landing on that airport.

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Driver, Cool Under Pressure, Jailed

Washington—UPI—George Leroy Davis struck a pedestrian with his car, but George didn't lose his head.

He pulled the injured man into the rear seat.

Then he drove a few blocks down the street, picked up his girl friend, and on the way to the hospital, stopped at the Municipal Building and had one of his revoked driver's licenses restored since the revocation period was up.

Police said he had three other driver's licenses, all revoked.

When he got to the hospital, he hauled his passenger out of the back seat and took him to the emergency room, where attendants said the man had an injured hip.

A District of Columbia judge unimpressed by George's cool action under pressure, sentenced him to 56 days in jail.

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Grants Pass Driver Involved in Crash

Central Point—A Grants Pass woman was treated for shock following an accident at the intersection of Pine and Eighth sts. in Central Point Thursday afternoon.

Police said a car driven by Bonnie Gail Olds, 20, of 2226 Highway 99 north, Grants Pass, was waiting to turn left onto Eighth st. when it was struck in the rear by a Tru-Mix Concrete company truck driven by Ralph D. Johnson, 26, of 1132 Stewart ave., Medford.

Mrs. Olds was treated for shock at the scene and released. The Olds car was extensively damaged, police said. The truck received minor damage. No citations were issued.

Girl Scouts

Planning Board
Eleven senior planning board members and their advisors, Mrs. Mary Carrara and Mrs. Jerry Gastineau, Medford, met at the home of Roberta Stephenson, Grants Pass, March 25.

Miss Florence Medford, district director of Rogue Valley Girl Scout council, who was also present, announced 1961 Girl Scouting events to which the girls are invited, and events for which they may make application to attend as a Rogue Valley Girl Scout Council representative.

She stated that Girl Scout Camp Low Echo counselor, counselor-in-training, and program aide applications should be sent in soon, in order that the camping committee may work out a camping schedule.

Report Made
Ingrid Bergstrom, Medford troop 156, general chairman for the seventh through twelfth grade "Blasteroo," made a report on the progress of the event. The Blasteroo is a day of fun at Troop Camp Chinkapin, Grants Pass where area-wide seventh and eighth grade troops may become acquainted with seniors of the area. It is to be May 27. Tentative plans were made for a rummage sale in June to help 1961 Opportunities selectees meet travel expenses.

The next meeting of the group will be held at Mary's Casa, 537 Mary street, Medford, April 22 at 11 a.m. It will be a "cook-out" and everyone is to bring her own lunch to be cooked over an open fire.

Now You Know
United Press International The anniversary of the Crucifixion was originally called 'Long Friday' by the Angle-Saxons and Danes, apparently a reference to the length of the services on this day.

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