

Committee Members Give Their Reasons for Vote

(Editor's note: This is the last in the series of statements by Jackson county home rule study committee members. The statements express the reasons why committee members voted as they did in favoring or not favoring drawing up a home rule charter for consideration by county voters.)



P. G. HUMPHREYS

P. G. Humphreys, Jackson county home rule committee member from Medford, voted in favor of a charter draft, but with provisions.

He recommended a board of five county supervisors, a county administrator, election of department heads with minimum qualifications set, a complete fiscal department, combination of county engineer-surveyor, assumption of constable duties by the sheriff, the district court handle judicial functions relating to county matters.

"On the broad basis I have outlined, I believe that a charter can be drawn which would be accepted by the electorate, and which will give the county administrative body the latitude necessary to deal with the present and future problems of a growing population," Humphreys commented.

"With the charter setting forth minimum qualifications for department heads to be elected and requiring cooperation with the board of supervisors as personified by state statute and such other duties as may be assigned by the board of supervisors, I believe that a workable form of county government can be achieved."

"Should experience indicate that the county administrator be replaced by a county manager and department heads appointed rather than elected, a charter revision could be accomplished much easier than could original adoption of a form of government so radically departing from the one now in effect," Humphreys concluded.



WILLIAM L. JESS

"The case for a charter form of government, in my opinion, is forward looking," according to Home Rule Committee Member William L. Jess, Sams Valley.

"It is based on the premise that a charter form of government could afford the opportunity for a county government more responsive to the needs of the people, and organized in such a manner as to permit efficiency of administration," Jess explained.

"In my opinion, the committee, with full recognition of the difficulties involved in writing a charter, should proceed with the task," Jess urged.

Jess also summed up the impressions received during interviews held with county officials, former county officials and close observers of county government.

Those interviewed who opposed home rule thought:

The present form of county government is "pretty good;" home rule would result in a possible autonomy and the county is part of the state; home rule might remove the right of people to elect their county officials and this is important; the present form is economical; voters would not approve a charter; the legislature adequately serves the county's needs; it will take years for home rule to prove its authority and place in Oregon law; and no precedent exists regarding authority or enforcement method.

Those interviewed favoring home rule thought:

A charter would bring county government closer to the people; county legislative action would be tailor-made rather than "off the rack;" it is designed for Jackson county.

State May Remove Litter Barrels

Salem—Litter barrels, the familiar green drums placed conveniently at roadside turnouts along Oregon's highways, may be reduced in number or even eliminated entirely if certain present trends continue, according to the Oregon state highway department.

Some 700 of the barrels have been set out throughout the state to provide motorists with a place to empty bags and dispose of candy wrappers, bottles and other trash accumulated during a trip. But inconsiderate residents of some areas regard the barrels as their private "disposal," and heap household garbage and other rubbish high at the litter barrel sites. They risk arrest and stiff fines by requiring highway maintenance men to be garbage collectors.

Highway workers are faced with a choice—leave the barrels and keep them emptied, or remove them and spend their time on the more important work—maintenance of highways. The barrels have been removed from sites where consistent misuse has occurred, and motorists are robbed of another state service by a few thoughtless and selfish individuals, the department said.

Morse Sees Need To Modify Veto

Eugene—UPO—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said Tuesday the United States must go on the offensive in modifying the veto power in the Security Council of the United Nations. Morse made the recommendation while outlining ways in which he said the world organization could be strengthened. The Oregon senator, said however, he was undecided on whether the best method of overriding a Security Council veto could be done by a majority or a two-thirds vote.

Morse spoke Tuesday at the University of Oregon, where U.N. General Assembly President Frederick H. Boland of Ireland was to talk today.

Vegetable Output Expected To Drop

Washington—UPI—The Agriculture Department's April forecast of crop production indicates spring vegetable output will be eight per cent below last year.

The fresh vegetables included in this forecast usually account for 75 per cent of the total spring production, excluding melons. The department said less acreage for harvest for many of the crops is the primary cause for the decline from last year.

Vegetable crops with substantially less production this year than last are lettuce, sweet corn, onions, asparagus, green peppers, snap beans, and carrots. Significant increases in the production of celery and cabbage are expected.

the status quo are, of course, not incompatible with a charter form of government. Some of the points are of a negative type and support the status quo on the basis that change to a charter form of government would be difficult to accomplish," Jess summed up.

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Compensation Measure Tabled

Salem—UPI—The death knell sounded Tuesday night for the controversial three-way workmen's compensation bill sought by industry. The House Labor and Industries committee voted 6-3 to "postpone indefinitely" action on it.

The vote was on party lines with Democrats for the delay and Republicans against.

The bill, probably the most lobbied measure in this session, would have opened coverage on workmen's compensation to private and self-insurers. The bulk of this is done now by the state.

The measure passed the Senate with no votes to spare and went to Rep. W. O. Kellogg's house committee, admittedly hostile to the bill. The Oregon AFL-CIO was strongly opposed to it.

PENNY SHRINKERS

Portland—UPI—Some students at Oregon State College in Corvallis apparently have been shrinking the size of pennies with acid so they will fit in dime vending machines, a Secret Service agent said Tuesday.

GOES ON RAMPAGE

Mason, Mich.—UPI—Ronald Green, 27, was arrested Tuesday for causing \$700 damage to his ex-wife's car and home by battering them with a sledgehammer. Green told authorities he went on a rampage after learning she spent the money he had given her to pay his union dues.

BLACKWELL ARRAIGNED

Los Angeles—UPI—James Edward Blackwell, 28, a rug cleaner, has been arraigned on a charge of killing a sailor's wife and dumping her body in a vacant lot near Torrance, Calif. Blackwell was arrested last Thursday near Medford, Ore.

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