

House Speaker Makes Preliminary Judgements on Recent Legislature

Editor's note: This is the last of three exclusive articles evaluating the 1961 legislature written by the governor, the Senate president, and the House speaker. Today: The House Speaker.

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Written for UPI

Salem—UPI—Proper evaluation of this legislature must await the passage of sufficient time to give us perspective. Even so soon after its adjournment, however, it is possible to make some preliminary judgments.

The Ways and Means Committee, ably assisted by the legislative fiscal officer, demonstrated the highest level of fiscal responsibility. It cut the governor's budget bills by more than \$4 million. That the final budget ended up higher than the governor's was due to three things:

One—Failure of the governor to include funds in his budget for programs which he recommended, such as community mental health, the surplus food distribution program, the Boardman project, and an additional building at Oregon State University to house a computer system—all of which he knew would cost money.

Two—A bookkeeping transfer of certain items from dedicated to general funds, increasing both income and expenditures in the general fund without actually changing the total overall financial picture.

Three—Certain salary increases, including his own, for which the governor made no provision in his budget together with funds for a sound community college program;

additional money for basic school support over and above the governor's recommendation; money from liquor revenues to the counties and for the education of migrant children, all of which represent state payment of obligations which would otherwise fall on real property and thus represent real property tax relief.

No Tax Increase
All of this was done without a tax increase at the state level. Far from apologizing, I am proud of the record in financial affairs.

This Democratically-controlled legislature continued the effort to improve the business climate commenced under Gov. Robert Holmes and advanced so nobly in the tax field by the 1957 and 1959 legislatures.

An additional ad valorem tax exemption for new construction of income-producing properties, coupled with authorization of the Boardman project, the International Paper mill at Gardiner, exploration for offshore oil and minerals at the mouth of the Columbia river all show that the legislature recognizes that both political parties, labor and management must pull together for maximum development of our state.

Agriculture received recognition of its peculiar position in getting relief from real property taxes on farmland adjacent to urban development. The dairymen were given temporary help to save themselves from economic ruin together with a new milk audit bill. Further anti-picketing legislation aimed at agriculture labor was passed which I predict the state will live to regret.

Oregon will take full advantage of the federal program for medicare and a surplus food distribution program was initiated. The welfare commission was preserved against the broad and largely unsubstantiated charges of the governor, leaving needed changes to a time when the atmosphere will be

less charged with emotion. A community mental health program was authorized. This will be the one thing for which this legislature will be remembered the longest, if it survives the political controversy between the Republican secretary of state and the governor as to the proper source of administration.

Agrees With Governor
On this issue, I agree with the governor that it belongs in a new department rather than in the Board of Control. But I do not agree that the administrative dispute should defeat the whole program. It is far too important in terms of people restored to their families and to their jobs as producers rather than existing in a state hospital as wards of the state not to be immediately effectuated.

An important labor election bill to eliminate picketing at the level of organizational and jurisdictional disputes and to substitute therefore an orderly election process was passed. I wish something similar might have been done in the field of agriculture.

The workmen's compensation system which we have had since about 1913 was preserved from destruction by the three-way bill which in my opinion would have been bad for both labor and management. In time—and almost at this session, a compromise will be worked out, acceptable to both sides which will eliminate the defects in the present system, extend the coverage, and adequately protect the injured workman at a reasonable cost to the employer.

An expensive, harsh and unnecessary Landrum-Griffin type law was defeated. A bridge was authorized over the Columbia river at Astoria. Higher education was provided for very adequately. Academic and state salaries were raised. The legislature was provided with legislative expense money, strengthening that branch of government.

Commercial Code Passes
A commission was appointed to study constitutional re-

vision. A new commercial code was passed along with a revision of the laws on guardianship and conservatorship.

Air and water pollution control was strengthened, advances made in the field of civil rights, and steps taken to rehabilitate the anadromous fish resource.

At the same time we passed an unfortunate bill to allocate territories between utilities, destroying competition and perhaps ultimately turning the state over to a single electrical utility. This was further aggravated by the addition of the emergency clause prohibiting a referral. This I think the state will regret.

So with reapportionment of the legislature—my guess is that this has been turned over to the courts as I doubt that the constitutional requirements have been met in the bill which passed.

Reorganization failed because of a multiplicity of minor objections which accumulated into quite a force because of a serious disagreement between the Republican secretary of state and the governor on the Board of Control, and because of the governor's attack on welfare which added to the fears of those who hesitated to concentrate power in hands of the governor.

Adding accomplishments to the disappointments, I think that we can say this has been a good session and that Oregon has been well served.

Fast Time in State Offices Requested

Salem—UPI—The Salem area Chamber of Commerce said Tuesday it will ask Gov. Mark Hatfield Thursday to establish daylight saving time for state offices and departments in Salem.

The chamber said it also will urge the Salem City Council and the Marion County Court to adopt daylight time hours.

Salem Chamber Manager Stanley Grove said some business houses are being hurt because of added costs of carrying on business due to the time differential with Portland.

Twenty-five of 27 directors of the Salem chamber said in a poll they favor the change here. About 500 chamber members were polled in Salem and 95 per cent said they favor daylight time.

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Dick West Invited To Have Lunch With Transportation Week Queen

By DICK WEST

Washington—UPI—“How would you like to have lunch with the queen of National Transportation Week?” said this press agent, who spoke with heavy Madison Avenue accent.

All of my instincts told me to reply in the negative.

I learned long ago to beware of press agents with Madison

First Cover Spray To Be Done Soon

The first cover spray on pears and apples should be completed by May 25, or if psylla are present, County Horticultural Agent Clifford B. Cordy and Entomologist Louis Gentner, Southern Oregon Branch Experiment station, have recommended.

The spray should be completed as soon as necessary. For air blast sprayers, they recommended eight pounds of DDT plus three pounds of Dieldrin per acre for control of codling moth and psylla. If Tedion is used for mite control, eight pounds per acre on D'Anjou and Bosc should be added.

For hose gun rigs, 1½ pounds DDT and a half pound of Dieldrin per 100 gallons are recommended. If Tedion is used add 1½ pounds per 100 gallons, they recommended.

When orchards adjoin pastures or hay crops onto which the spray may drift, eight pounds Guthion per acre or 1½ pounds per 100 gallons on the nearby rows should be used, and use every precaution to minimize drift, they said.

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Avenue accents. Besides that, I'm a married man. What finally overcame my scruples was his assurance that other guests would be present at the lunch and that the transportation queen was, in fact a wholesome-minded dog named "Lady Greyhound."

That sounded innocent enough, so I joined the little group in Lady Greyhound's hotel room and took a seat at a table overlooking a fruit cocktail.

On my left was Lorraine D'Essen of New York, the dog's trainer. On my right was Sam Blake, the aforementioned press agent who represents a bus company, the name of which escapes me.

"Lady Greyhound was chosen queen by the Associated Transport Clubs of America," Blake said. "She's the world's most honored dog."

"I train dogs for theatrical productions," Mrs. D'Essen said. "I have four dogs currently playing on Broadway."

"Lady Greyhound is the only dog with an honorary college degree," Blake said. "She also is an honorary member of Delta Omega Gamma, a sorority whose initials spell 'Dog.'"

"I always have about 16 dogs in my home in Manhattan," Mrs. D' said.

"Lady Greyhound is an honorary disc jockey," Blake added. "When she hears about a deejay who has done something to promote better human-animal relations, she makes him an honorary dog."

"I also own a kangaroo named Victor," Mrs. D' said. "We once brought her to Washington to 'kick off the United Givers Fund Drive.'"

"Lady Greyhound is making a record album strictly for dogs," Blake said. "It's called 'Music to Wag Your Tail By.' It is being recorded in hi-fido."

Drinks Cocktails
"I also have a llama named Linda Lee," Mrs. D' said. "She can consume about four quarts of cocktails before she's even sleepy. Fortunately, she has three stomachs."

"Out in Hollywood they're making a picture about dogs," Blake went on. "Lady Greyhound is going to write the background music."

"I once raised a lion cub named Dryfuss," Mrs. D' said. "You have to be careful how you pet a lion."

"In Clay Center, Kan., they changed the name of a street from Wall st. to Lady Greyhound ave.," Blake said. "Maybe you could write that Wall st. has gone to the dogs."

"There's a marvelous book out now called 'Kangaroo in the Kitchen,'" Mrs. D' said.

"I wrote it." "Lady Greyhound is the only dog that has even been made an honorary cat," Blake said. "This happened during National Cat Week. She had nine honorary lives." Throughout the lunch the honorary queen herself slept on the couch. I was glad that Mrs. D'Essen didn't bring along her llama.

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