

Causes of Lumber Industry's Woes Cited by Speaker

Olympia — (UPI) — The western lumber industry is in financial trouble caused primarily by high transportation costs and competition from Canadian imports, a parade of witnesses told a U. S. Senate committee here Friday.

The speakers, who included state government officials, lumber firm managers, chamber of commerce spokesmen and union leaders, agreed that the U. S. government should do something to solve the problem.

While there was almost unanimous agreement that the West Coast timber industry needs federal help, there were wide differences of opinion as to what kind of assistance was needed.

Day-Long Session

The Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, headed by Sen. Warren G.

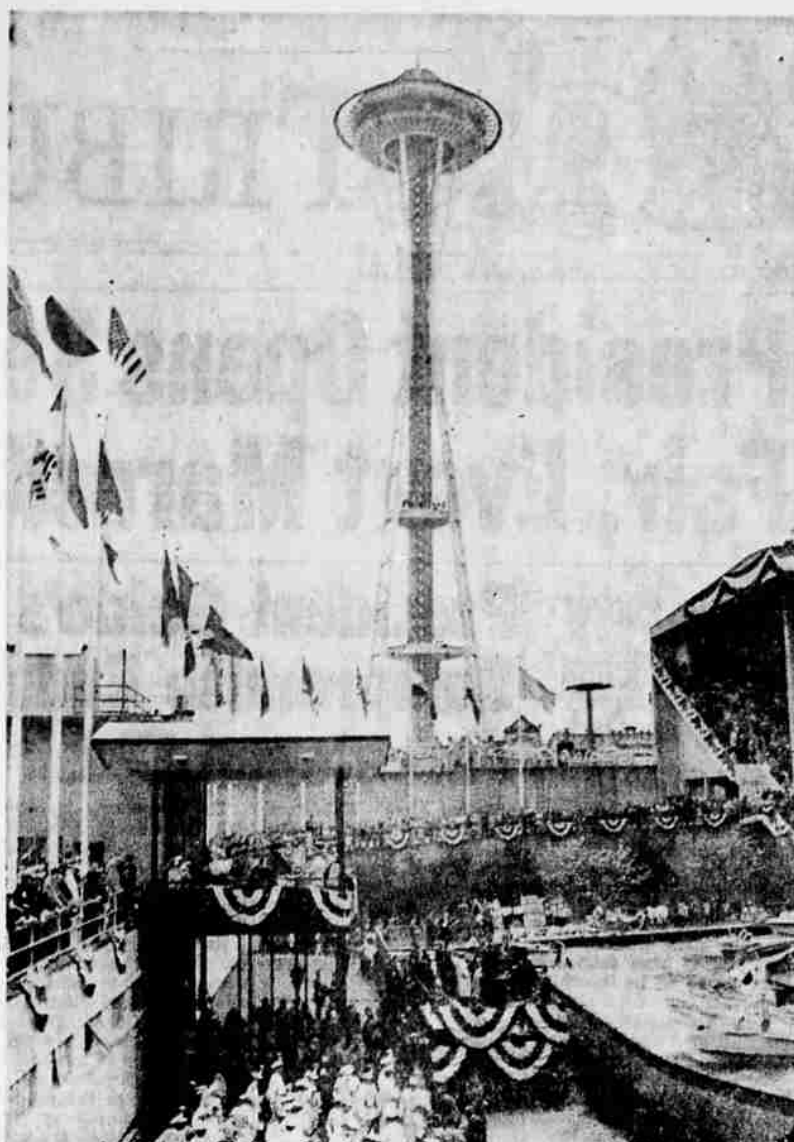
more than 35 speakers during the day-long session.

Some urged repeal of the Jones act which requires American shippers to use U. S. flag vessels for shipments Magnuson (D-Wash.) heard from one American port to another. Others said the act was the cornerstone of a healthy American merchant marine.

Some urged a subsidy to Americans shipping companies which would permit them to reduce their charges for lumber shipments to meet competition from vessels flying foreign flags. Others opposed such subsidies.

Summed Up

The anti-Jones act position was summed up by Richard W. Middleton, manager of the Anderson-Middleton Lumber Co., Aberdeen.



STANDS HIGH—The Space Needle stands high in the background during opening day ceremonies for the World's Fair in Seattle yesterday. (UPI)

Group Endorses Major Change In Judge Selection Methods

By DOUGLASS GRIPP

Salem — (UPI) — A drastic change in the method of choosing Oregon judges, a modified "Missouri Plan," has been endorsed by a constitutional revision subcommittee. It would give the governor wider powers in appointing judges.

As approved, the governor would appoint all state judges for two years. Then later, at an election, the appointee would face the voters as a test of his record and the voters would decide whether he should be retained. There would be no opposition candidates.

If passed by the voters, the governor could then appoint the same judge for six years, and every six years he would have to pass the same test at the polls, and each time be eligible for reappointment by the governor.

Under the present law, the governor makes an initial appointment of a judge — but only to fill a vacancy — and thereafter the judge is on his own, facing the voters at the next election, plus opposition candidates.

The judicial subcommittee of the Oregon Constitution Revision Commission approved the proposal 4-0, recommending it to the full 17-member commission where a hot fight is guaranteed. One subcommittee member, while voting yes, said he knows of 10 commissioners sure to vote no in the full commission.

Plan Backed by Governor

Also approved was some equally hot companion language that would let the governor appoint municipal judges, taking this away from cities.

The four subcommittee members passing the plan were Chairman Herbert M. Schwab, circuit judge in Multnomah county; Justice Alfred T. Goodwin of the Oregon Supreme Court; former Gov. Robert D. Holmes, and State Sen. Thomas B. Mahoney (D-Portland). The fifth member, Bend Publisher Robert W. Chandler, was absent.

The proposal has impressive backing, including that of Gov. Mark Hatfield and Chief Justice William M. McAllister.

Testifying before the subcommittee earlier in the day, McAllister said as far as potential politics in giving the governor greater authority in naming judges, the history of Oregon has shown that in the main judicial appointments by governors have been good ones.

Behind the Scenes

The purpose of the proposed system would be to get politics as far away as possible from the judiciary in that election campaigning by judges would be abolished. Judges don't do much electioneering in public now, by unwritten law, but behind the scenes many of them do.

In a letter to the subcommittee, Hatfield endorsed the plan, but voiced opposition to a Bar association addition that would create a "state law commission" to ride herd on the governor — making him appoint a judge from a list drawn up by the commission. McAllister, however, favored the commission idea.

After lengthy debate, the subcommittee endorsed language allowing the legislature to set up such a commission. The vote was 3-1, with Holmes opposed. He said such a commission — even one made up of laymen as well as lawyers — would "hamstring" a governor by narrowing the field of appointees.

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Infante Arrested On Check Charge After News Meet

Tucson, Ariz. — (UPI) — The leader of the Mexican Zapata revolutionary movement was arrested here Friday night on a bad check charge at which he said his group was ready to take up arms against the government of Mexico.

Liz, Burton Take Week End Holiday

Porto Santo Stefano, Italy — (UPI) — Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton left movie-making and marital problems behind Saturday to spend an Easter weekend at a luxury seaside hotel here.

Miss Taylor and her 36-year-old leading man, who plays Marc Antony to her Cleopatra in a new film, drove the 100 miles north from Rome to Porto Santo Stefano Saturday morning.

The couple went to the hotel situated on an isolated promontory five miles from here. The hotel said Miss Taylor and Burton were staying in Bungalows at the resort.

Miss Taylor's four children remained at their mother's villa in Rome with the nurses and other servants.

It was not known how long Burton and the 30-year-old actress planned to remain here but they are not scheduled to go to work until Tuesday.

Two Accidents Are Reported Thursday

Two automobile accidents were investigated by Medford police Thursday. No citations or injuries were reported.

About 5:25 p.m. a vehicle operated by Rosalinde Barbara Rippl, 20, of 1123 Dakota ave., was hit by a car operated by Thelma Irene Madsen, 41, of 1133 Loal ave. The accident occurred on Stewart ave. near Peach st.

The other accident involved cars driven by Richard Pelham Garrett, 25, of 762 South Holly st., Medford, and Elmer Gren, 60, of route 1, box 261, Central Point. The accident occurred Thursday morning on West Main st. near Holly st.

Bank Debits Show Increase in Area

Bank debits for the southwestern Oregon area increased last month compared to March a year ago, the University of Oregon's bureau of business research has announced.

Sixteen banks in Curry, Jackson and Josephine counties reported debits last month totaling \$88,399,137, a 2.5 per cent increase over the March, 1961, figure of \$86,168,222.

Last month's total was 12.7 per cent greater than the February, 1962, total of \$78,434,933, the bureau reported.

Oregon, with 239 banks reporting, had an increase in bank debits last month of 9.1 per cent over February, and a decrease of 2 per cent over March, 1961.

Bank debits represent the dollar value of checks drawn against the deposit accounts of individuals and business firms. They are considered good indicators of current activity of the economy.



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