Capitol Memo

Measures Vetoed by Hatfield First on Legislative Agenda

By ZAN STARK

Salem – (UPI) – The first four bills to be received by the 1963 legislature when it convenes Monday will be measures vetoed by Gov. Mark Hatfield after the 1961 session adjourned. Three are Senate bills and one originated in the House. Jack Thompson of the secretary of state's office said the bills would be returned to the presiding officer of the house of origin on the first day of the session.

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"By law," Thompson said, "these have to be the first items considered."

If they receive the two-thirds vote necessary to override the veto – they become law.

Prospects for the four measures seem dim, however.

To date the legislature has been unable to override any measure vetoed by Hatfield since he took office.

And interest in measures drafted by the legislature two years ago has lost its impact.

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It would be a major upset for Hatfield if any of the measures survived his veto.

Two of the bills could spring back to life.

SB 96 would change the definition of criminal insanity.

Hatfield said the bill was "premature," and "lacks adequate safeguards."

The bill reads, "A person is not guilty of criminal conduct if at the time of such conduct as a result of mental illness or mental defect he lacks substantial capacity either to appreciate the criminality of his conduct or to conform his conduct to the requirements of law."

Such persons would be detained in a state medical institution until cured.

The 1963 Legislative Highway Interim Committee in its report last week did not call for reintroduction of House bill 1653, but urged "the Oregon Reclamation Congress to appear before the legislature and renew its request for passage of the measure."

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The bill, introduced at the request of the Owyhee Irrigation district, calls for the highway department to pay irrigation districts for removal of land from the districts for highway department use.

Hatfield said the bill "appears to be unconstitutional." Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton and the chief counsel for the highway department also said the proposal would be unconstitutional.

The recent committee report said the proposal had "merit," but because of its apparent unconstitutionality "the committee should not recommend its introduction as a committee bill."

Also termed unconstitutional by Hatfield was SB 510. The bill provided the highway commission would pay the cost of moving certain utility facilities located on the highway right of way.

The fourth bill, SB 526, would authorize a 60-day injunction against actions taken by the Liquor Control commission in suspending or canceling licenses.

Hatfield said "a 60-day injunction against commission actions would in effect frustrate the administration of the law and would be a disservice to the people of the state."

John Day Girl Dies When Car Hits Bus

Pendleton–(UPI)–A 6-year-old girl was killed when the car in which she was riding collided with a school bus Wednesday. No persons on the bus were injured.

The victim was Leatha Ellen Choate of John Day. The bus also was from John Day. The accident occurred on U.S. Highway 395, 56 miles south of Pendleton.

Religion in America

Noted Theologian Undertakes To Spell Out Meaning of Faith

By LOUIS CASSELS
UPI Correspondent

What is faith?

Virtually every Christian writer since the time of St. Paul has offered a definition.

Despite the multiplicity of words already said on the subject, it is a notable event when Dr. Karl Barth undertakes to spell out the meaning of faith.

Barth's stature among modern theologians has been likened to that of "a giant among pygmies." Many regard him as one of the greatest Christian thinkers of all time.

In his latest book, "Evangelical Theology: An introduction," Barth devotes a whole chapter to faith.

First, he rejects as false or inadequate a number of concepts of faith which are widespread today, even among theologians.

Faith, Not Doctrine

Faith, he says, is not merely a matter of giving "assent to certain propositions and doctrines" which one has encountered "second hand" in the Bible or in the teachings of the church.

Such a "blind" acceptance of external authority is a "house of cards in which no one would be well advised to take occupancy." The first strong wind of doubt or adversity may blow it down.

Nor is faith a wishful opinion, or "hypothesis" which man formulates when he arrives at "the boundary of what he considers to be certain human knowledge." If faith were no more than a brave human leap into the unknown, it would be "scarcely worth mentioning."

Finally, faith is not just a "mood or attitude" which helps men to cope courageously with the vicissitudes of life. This subjective view of faith as an end in itself, Barth notes, is one of the most popular heresies of modern Protestantism.

Book Describes Faith

Having cleared away the underbrush, Barth proceeds to give his own view of faith. And it is not so much a definition as a description.

Faith is a relationship between man and God which rests upon and is validated by first-hand experience. It occurs when man finds himself confronted by God, not as a Reality. Man responds by "affirming, trusting and obeying" the Reality which has laid hold upon him.

"No one can take such action by his own power," says Barth. "A man can only do this when he is overcome by God's word and its spirit of power."

And yet, the act of faith is always "genuinely and freely man's own." Man is sought before he seeks; the initiative is always with God. But the "event" of faith does not take place until man responds with affirmation, trust and obedience.

The response is not made once and for all. Faith is "a history, new every morning."

Belief in God

Although faith is always belief in God rather than beliefs about God, this does not mean that it is devoid of intellectual content. The living relationship of faith inevitably results in theological convictions. Indeed, Barth holds, the man of faith "will hardly be able to avoid for any length of time" the comprehensions of God's activity in history which are expressed in the Bible and the ancient Christian creeds.

Barth firmly repudiates the idea advanced by Paul Tillich and others that doubt is a necessary and desirable accompaniment of faith. Man may be assailed by doubt because they are human and weak, Barth says, but "there is no justification" for treating uncertainty as an inevitable aspect of human relationships with God.

"Faith," declares the giant of 20th century theology, "is basically a most intensive, strict and certain knowledge.

"Compared with it, even what is supposedly the most certain knowledge on our side of the human boundary can only be esteemed an hypothesis."

The Medical Roundup

by Walter Alvarez

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Short of Breath

Here on my desk is a letter, typical of thousands which I receive and cannot answer because I cannot guess what is wrong. If I were to guess, I might well be wrong, and then any treatment I might suggest would be useless. The man says, "I am short of breath. Tell me what to do."

Alvarez

I wish my correspondent knew how many causes there can be for shortness of breath, especially in a man past 50 years of age. Of course, one thinks first of heart trouble, and if I could chat with the man for a few minutes, I might be satisfied that it is his heart that is causing the trouble. But he might have a bad asthma or a bad emphysema – in which the little lung sacs have broken or in which the lung has lost its elasticity and its power to get air out after it has been breathed in. Perhaps the man's trouble is that for 35 years he has smoked three packages of cigarettes a day. Perhaps he used to be a "rock miner," and his lungs are now full of fine granite sand; perhaps he has a bad tuberculosis with a number of cavities; perhaps he has had a polio or an arthritis of his chest wall which has ruined its former efficiency as a bellows. Or he may have a high blood pressure or a bad anemia or any one of a number of other serious diseases. He might just be too fat!

It distresses me not to be able to send a helpful answer to a letter. I can guess how disappointed the poor man or woman will be, perhaps after having written me 10 pages, but I just must not try to guess what is wrong. In hundreds of these letters, the person says, "I have seen several doctors and they weren't sure what is wrong with me." These doctors had a chance to talk with him and to examine him thoroughly, and I cannot do either of these things.

Covered With Spots

Here is another letter from a man who says, "My face is covered with red spots. What do you say they are?" All I can do is suggest that he see a skin specialist. Perhaps even he will be puzzled after he examines the spots with the help of a hand lens.

Here is still another type of letter which tugs at my heart, but I don't know what I can do about it. A woman writes that her husband had a pain in his abdomen. He was operated on, and after a stormy convalescence was allowed to go home. Then he got an intestinal obstruction and had to go back for another operation. Again, he had a stormy time, and again he had to be operated on. Now the poor distracted woman writes asking what I think should be done.

How I would like to help her, but I cannot do any guessing that would do her husband any good. I imagine that even the man's surgeons wish they now knew exactly what is wrong and what to do to get him well.

One of the most distressing symptoms a man can have is shortness of breath. A common cause of this problem is pulmonary emphysema. To obtain Dr. Alvarez' booklet on this subject, send 25 cents and a 5-cent stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request for it to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

Labor Legislation Hinges on Dock Workers' Strike

Washington – (UPI) – No major labor legislation is expected to be enacted by Congress this year unless the current dock strike drags on for many weeks, Senate labor experts said today.

They predicted that if President Kennedy offers legislation to end the tieup of East and Gulf ports, organized labor will bring pressure to see that the strike is settled before a new law could be enacted.

The administration has been reluctant to offer any kind of anti-strike legislation.

New Methods Needed

Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz said Wednesday he believed new methods were needed to settle labor-management disputes without direct government intervention.

He said Kennedy would report to Congress on the 19-day-old longshoremen's strike in his State of the Union Message Monday. But Wirtz said he did not know whether the President would call for labor legislation at that time.

Earlier, administration sources said the President might be forced to ask Congress for some type of compulsory arbitration law unless the dock strike is settled soon.

Little Concern

The dock tieup by the International Longshoremen's Association (AFL-CIO) was causing little concern in the new Congress. Labor committee members said they had not been briefed on what the strike was doing to the nation's economy. The feeling was that it came at a slow time of year and so far has not been damaging.

The New York newspaper strike probably does not have enough impact nationally to precipitate anti-strike legislation, Senate labor committee sources said.

Umapine Man Enters Plea of Innocent

Pendleton – (UPI) – John D. Pena, 35, Umapine, pleaded innocent in Circuit Court here Wednesday to a charge of second degree murder.

Pena is accused of the fatal stabbing of Manuel Alvardo of Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 1 following an argument.

Your Money's Worth

By SYLVIA PORTER

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HOW 'MIXED' CAN AN ECONOMY GET!

If ever an economy presented an inconclusive picture, it is that of the U.S. in January 1963. It is a combination of good, bad, indifferent and fair to middlin'. It is both tending up and tending down. When President Kennedy charcterized it as "a mixed bag" a while back, he was using homely but exquisitely apt words.

Underlining this are the current movements of the 26 economic indicators selected by the world-respected National Bureau of Economic Research after decades of study as the most valuable out of thousands in identifying stages in the U. S. business cycle. Of the total, 12 are "leading indicators," meaning they usually signal in advance business peaks or bottoms. Another nine are "coincident indicators," meaning they usually move up or down with the economy as a whole. The final five are "lagging indicators," meaning they usually turn up or down after the economy as a whole has changed trend. The 26 indicators are exceedingly useful in economic forecasting—but only when interpreted by experts and the number of experts who can property interpret them is picayune. Here, from a top expert in the field, is the tale the indicators are telling right now.

Indicator, trend	Signal
(1) Average workweek, mfg.: leveling.	Indifferent
(2) Accessions (hiring) rate, mfg.: sliding.	Bad
(3) Layoff rate, mfg.: holding.	Indifferent
(4) Durable goods new orders: rising.	Good
(5) Housing starts: stable to rising.	
(6) Com. & Ind. Bldg. awds.: stable.	Indifferent
(7) Net new businesses: stable to rising	Good
(8) Failure liabilities: fluctuating up, down.	Indifferent
(9) Net corporate profits: stable	Indiferrent
(10) Common stock prices: recovering	Good
(11) GNP inventory change: stable after decline.	Fair to middlin'
(12) Ind. raw materials prices: stable.	Fair to middlin'
THE NINE COINCIDENT INDICATORS	
(13) Nonagricultural employment: steady.	Good
(14) Unemployment rate: slightly higher than summer.	Indifferent
(15) Industrial production: stable.	Indifferent
(16) GNP (current dollars): rising slowly	Fair to middlin'
(17) GNP (1954 dollars): rising slowly.	Fair to middlin'
(18) Bank debits outside N.Y.C.: rising.	Good
(19) Personal incomes: rising at slower rate.	Good
(20) Retail sales: rising.	Good
(21) Nonfood wholesale prices: stable.	Indifferent
THE FIVE LAGGING INDICATORS	
(22) Plant & equip. spending: stable.	Fair to middlin'
(23) Unit labor cost: falling slightly.	Fair to middlin'
(24) Manufacturing inventories: rising slowly.	Fair to middlin'
(25) Instalment credit: rising.	Good
(26) Bank loan interest rates: stable to rising.	Indifferent

To many non-professionals, the indicators may seem just so much bafflegab and the words used to pinpoint them entirely too technical for understanding but the vital part of the tale I have presented here in our language under the heading "signal."

To summarize: Of the 12 leading indicators—which would signal an upturn or downturn from today's levels—five are flashing an indifferent signal, four are flashing a good signal, two are flashing fair to middlin' and one is saying bad.

Of the nine coincident indicators—which say where the economy is right now—four are reflecting a good picture, three an indifferent picture and two a fair to middlin' picture.

Of the five lagging indicators—which turn down or up after the economy as a whole turns down or up—three are acting in a fair to middlin' way, one is indifferent, one is good.

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