

Proxy Vote to Be Honored by House Minority Leader

Salem — (EP) — Rep. Sidney Leiken (D-Roseburg) was assured a proxy vote if necessary, House Minority Leader F. F. Montgomery (R-Eugene) has stated.

Montgomery said he told Leiken his vote would be honored if he was unable to be here for the opening of the 1963 session of the House of Representatives Monday.

Speaker — designate of the House, Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) said Montgomery had not agreed to allow Leiken's proxy vote.

Leiken is in Los Angeles where he took his wife for medical treatment. She was scheduled for surgery Friday, and it was not known if Leiken would be able to return here in time for the opening of the session.

Montgomery said he first told Barton that use of the proxy would be approved, then called back and said he felt he should take the matter up with other Republicans before granting approval.

"There was no intent to make this a political issue," Montgomery said, "I simply felt I should check with other Republicans before speaking for them."

Should Have Vote

Barton said Thursday he feared he might not be able to organize the House without the proxy vote. Unless the House organizes Monday and canvasses the vote for governor, the scheduled inauguration of Gov. Mark Hatfield would have to be delayed, Barton had stated.

Montgomery said he had told Barton the proxy vote would not be necessary because only a simple majority was required to organize the House.

House membership is split 31-29 in favor of the Democrats. Without Leiken's vote, the Democrats would have only a one-vote margin.



BATTLE FOUR-ALARM BLAZE—Firemen battled a four-alarm blaze in downtown Minneapolis early Saturday in near blizzard conditions. The temperature hovered around one degree above zero and fine powder snow was driven by 20-25 mph winds. The origin of the fire in the most packing center of town has not been determined.—(UPI)

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Obstacles Said Blocking Progress Of Boardman Industrial Park Site

Portland — (UP) — A series of obstacles may delay development of Oregon's Space-Age Industrial Park program for Boeing, the Portland Oregonian reported Saturday.

The story says a rash of problems, including an attempt by Washington's congressional delegation to "put the blocks to Oregon," may halt Boeing's plans to start building this month.

The 93,000-acre site scheduled to be built on the Boardman, Ore., bombing range.

Thursday Gov. Mark Hatfield's office reported that Sam Mallicoat, head of state planning and development, was in Washington, D. C., working on project plans.

Mallicoat later informed the governor's office that he didn't know of any brewing trouble, but that he does intend to meet with Oregon's congressional delegation on Monday.

Erected Roadblocks

Gov. Hatfield said Saturday he would have no further comment until he has an opportunity to study Mallicoat's report on the Washington conferences which he has been holding.

The newspaper report said both the Navy Department and the Army Corps of Engineers have "erected almost unsurmountable roadblocks in the path that would lead the aerospace giant Boeing into Oregon."

The Navy is reported to have put a price of approximately \$800,000 on its bombing range lands in the Boardman tract planned for the park.

That price is 100 per cent more than the state can or will pay and is eight times the price the government paid for the land back in 1940.

The Army engineers had agreed informally early in the planning stages of the project to provide the waterfront lands on the John Day river that Boeing would need for their missile-building and testing.

An unnamed Hermoniston official was quoted as saying the Army has now broken the agreement.

Small Worlds Around Us
By LYNN M. WATKINS
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Man and Mammal Adapt. The Orange Tree Cannot

It's a sad and pathetic sight, the too-late robin caught in an early winter snowfall. The bird registers extreme discomfort in every action and feather. People, looking out from winterized houses, see the snow to which they are accustomed, but view with alarm the robin on the snowy lawn . . . the bird which is viewed much too soon and gives no promise of the look-ahead for spring.

Even more pathetic is the catastrophe which occurs once in a while: an orange tree, covered with golden fruit and festooned with ice, frozen solid from the biting cold of the previous night. The orange tree, in full fruit, is symbolic of sunshine and warmth, an object many people journey hundreds of miles to see and to photograph. Nobody naturally associates an orange tree with frost; it is more an emblem of warm temperatures and tropical breezes.

Cold Front Moves

By a provoking complexity of air currents and sun slant, a cold front develops in the far north and moves east and south. Snow and low temperatures accompany it. People, plants and animals, great and small, accustomed to rapid and drastic changes, take the enveloping cold in their stride. They may not like it but they expect it. It occurs every year. It is wintertime.

Occasionally, the moving cold front bends more south than east. It moves on, cold and colder, sweeping relentlessly into what are expected to be warm areas and even into the very edge of the tropics. It has invaded an area not accustomed to low temperatures. The night comes, and the temperature falls.

Everything Caught

The bird, the mammal, the human and the orange tree are caught. The bird, naturally warmer blooded than other animals, saves itself from the cold by exercise or locates a cavity in a tree; or finds a spot under the eaves of a building. The animal seeks a burrow, nest or den.

The man builds a fire, dons more clothes and complains. And rightly so, for if the cold is severe or continued, he stands to suffer a financial loss. But the orange tree cannot dodge the icy winds by going to a warmer place or protecting itself in some way; it must stand and take whatever comes.

Drastic Measures

Man often attempts to help. In many instances he heaps earth around the base of the tree. He builds a smudge fire. He saturates the earth around the tree with copious amounts of water, hoping to "absorb the cold." Sometimes he uses a wind machine; he may even, at times, employ a helicopter to fly over the grove and stir up the air.

He takes all manner of drastic measures to raise the temperature, to keep the golden fruit from turning to balls of ice on the tree. The smudgepot belches black smoke, but the cold manages to creep in anyhow.

The cold numbs the hands. It creeps into and turns to ice the sap within the stems of tropical plants. Tomorrow the leaves will be limp, brown and dead.

Yes, a pathetic sight, the robin on the snowy lawn or ice crystals on an orange tree. At such times, Nature, the same agency that brought the tree to glorious fruition, apparently abandons her subjects and destroys what she so bountifully created.

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