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State Ways and Means Loses Vote of Confidence

Trouble Ahead For Attempts To Slash Budget

Confidence Vote Lost in House

Salem—UPI—The Ways and Means Committee today lost a vote of confidence in the Oregon House to local pressures.

It boded troubles ahead for the committee's budget slashing attempts.

The House voted 32-27 to send the state engineer's budget back to committee so that farmers and other groups can request restoration of money for soil and watershed planning.

The House then voted to send companion budgets for the State Soil Conservation Committee and the State Water Resources Board back to Ways and Means.

The key vote was the first one.

The committee, which is charged with passing judgment on Gov. Mark Hatfield's \$405 million budget, had lopped \$105,000 from the proposed \$1,097,000 budget for the state engineer. Most of the cut came in planning money.

Rep. Cornelius Bateson (D-Salem), a farmer, said he received heavy protests from constituents who should be given the "courtesy" of being heard.

Rep. Clinton Haight (D-Baker), agreed, and said if the bill comes back again with the cut still in it he will "reluctantly" support it.

Rep. Ross Morgan (D-Gresham), co-chairman of Ways and Means, opposed sending the bill back, and noted the House was setting a precedent.

"There will be budgets one right after another with this kind of cut," he said.

Rep. Stafford Hansell (R-Hermiston), a member of Ways and Means, said the committee had examined the budget and determined the money could better be spent elsewhere. He urged the House to pass the bill instead of sending it back.

"We know we will have many people on our backs," he said. "In view of the financial condition of our state," Ways and Means must make some hard cuts.

The vote did not follow party lines. Rather, it indicated Ways and Means will have to avoid treading too sharply on local toes, and probably take longer to trim less from the budget than it would like.

Woodshed Burned In Ashland Fire

Ashland—A woodshed at 762 A st. was destroyed by fire early this morning, but firemen kept flames from spreading to other structures in the area.

Ashland firemen were called out at 3:15 a.m. to the property of H. E. Massey. The shed was a total loss, including contents of wood and tools. Cause of the fire was not immediately determined.



NAMEPLATE PRESENTED — State Sen. Andrew J. Naterlin (D-Newport) is shown with Naterlin in his wife, who acts as his secretary. The Oregon Coast Association presented a nameplate in recognition of his many speeches in the senate on coastal climate and scenic beauty of the highway 101 area. Shown with Naterlin is his wife, who acts as his secretary. (UPI)

Public Safety Reorganization Plan Offered in House

Salem—UPI—A department of public safety reorganization measure, first introduced in the 1961 session and revised by committee then, was submitted in the House today by Reps. Norman Howard (D-Portland) and Richard Eymann (D-Marcola).

The proposal was rewritten by Howard's State and Federal Affairs committee two years ago after it was introduced as part of the governor's master reorganization plan.

It was ready to go to the floor toward the end of the last session but became bogged down in general opposition to reorganization measures. Howard said it has been reintroduced in the shape in which the committee put it in order to let the House express itself.

Tools Worth \$275 Are Reported Stolen

State police are investigating two thefts of tools reported today.

McGrews Brother lumber company reported tools, valued at a total of \$200, were taken some time between Feb. 9 and Feb. 11 from a tractor at the company's Tolman Creek logging operation.

Earl Harnish, 107 South B st., Eagle Point, reported \$75 worth of tools were taken from his vehicle recently.

Tulelake Boundary Regulations Proposed

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They had asked that a long-term lease be negotiated since the present one-year lease expires June 30.

Judge Miller called the meeting so he could discuss a possible budget allocation for the Beekman house operation with the county budget committee during its coming sessions.

Elliott Becken, foundation secretary, said his organization could continue to operate the house as a tourist attraction, but requested the county court include \$1,200 to \$1,500 in the county's new fiscal year budget for its operation as a reserve fund.

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Scheme Believed Organized by Army Officers

Seven Arrested By French Police

Paris—UPI—French police foiled a new plot today to kill President Charles de Gaulle and overthrow his Fifth Republic regime.

Reliable sources said six French army officers and a woman were arrested.

There was no official announcement. But reliable government sources confirmed the plot. It appeared to have been organized by army officers.

De Gaulle made the visit and returned to the Elysee Palace unharmed, without any assassination attempt having been made.

There have been two unsuccessful attempts to kill De Gaulle in the past two years.

The first was when a charge was exploded near his car on Sept. 9, 1961, when he was driving from Paris to his country home.

The second was when a group of terrorists of the outlawed Secret Army Organization machine-gunned the car in which he was riding on the evening of Aug. 22, 1962.

The trial of the alleged conspirators in the second attack is taking place before a Paris military tribunal at the moment.

Medford Planners Deny Request for Biddle Rd. Sign

A request by Standard Oil company for a 50-foot sign at the Biddle rd. freeway interchange was denied by the Medford planning commission last night, but subsequent motion to grant a 35-foot sign was passed unanimously by the group.

An identical request for a 50-foot sign by the oil company was approved by the planning commission last year on a narrow 4 to 3 vote, but was later denied by the city council.

Bob Clark, newly appointed district sales manager for Standard Oil company, appeared before the group in behalf of the request.

He said that company engineers had studied the situation and had determined that it would take a sign 50 feet high in order to be visible in time for motorists traveling 70 miles per hour on the freeway to slow down safely before turning off the roadway.

But Commission President Elwood Hedberg said that while he understood the company's situation, he would not want to see the interchange area "turned into a club sandwich of signs."

Following the unanimous defeat of the 50-foot sign proposal, Commissioner Larry Horton moved that a 35-foot sign be granted to the company. His motion passed.

Not Certain of Value

Clark told the group he was not certain a sign that height would be of value, but that he would consult with company engineers to obtain their opinion.

The oil company has the option of appealing the negative decision to the city council. The planning commission only has the power to make recommendations to the council, and cannot finally approve or deny such a request.

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FIRE IN TUNNEL—Joe Taylor, 7½, and his dog, Pal, view a 700-foot-long tunnel in the Santa Susana Mountains north of Chatsworth, Calif., as a fire burns out of control in the tunnel, disrupting traffic between Los Angeles and San Francisco. (UPI)

Opposition To Ashland Annexation Discussed by Group

Ashland—Owners of property in areas proposed for annexation to the city of Ashland held a protest meeting last night in the Bellview Grange hall with more than 40 opponents of the measure taking part in the discussion.

The meeting was called as a result of developments during the past week when state, county and city annexation plans were made public.

On Feb. 4 it was announced in Salem on HB 1263, a bill recommended by the Legislative Interim committee and reported to have the backing of the League of Oregon Cities, whereby territory outside any city limits may be annexed by ordinance without election.

On Feb. 13 it was announced by William Dawkins, president of the Northwest Development Corp., that construction of the Oak Knoll residential community will begin "as soon as the Jackson county planning commission gives its approval."

In the same announcement it was stated that "the city of Ashland is providing water and sewer service for the tract on the basis that owners will annex it to the city as soon as possible. At present it does not touch the city boundaries and cannot be annexed."

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'Hot Line' Phone Plan Turned Down

Geneva—UPI—The Soviet Union today turned down President Kennedy's plan to guard against accidental war which included a "hot line" direct telephone link between the White House and the Kremlin.

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One Zone Change Request Okayed, Another Denied

Two zone change requests brought protests from adjacent property owners at last night's meeting of the Medford planning commission.

One request was recommended for approval by the city council, the other for denial.

The zone change requests — from single family to multiple family — involved property at 16 South Peach st., and four lots at the southeast corner of East Jackson st. and Oregon Terrace.

More than a dozen residents in the vicinity of the East Jackson st.-Oregon Terrace property appeared before the commission to argue against the request. Later, the commission voted unanimously to recommend against the zone change.

The applicant, David McLaren, represented by Attorney Manville Heisel, told the commission he planned to construct a 22-unit multiple family housing complex on the 39,500-foot parcel.

But about a half dozen residents spoke against the proposal, and an equal number indicated by a show of hands that they were also opposed.

In general, they described the area as a "family neighborhood" and argued that a multiple unit housing development would have a "deteriorative effect."

The South Peach st. request gained commission approval despite the protest of Lee Yancey, 22 South Peach st., who claimed the installation of an apartment unit there would destroy the market value of his adjacent property. Applicant for the request was Ben Lear, 16 South Peach st.

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