

Chamber Committee Voices Opposition to House Bills

The portion of State Reorganization House Bill 1233 which would transfer the state parks division from the highway department to the department of natural resources drew unanimous opposition from the Medford Chamber of Commerce governmental operations committee, headed by Robert D. Heffernan, when the group met this week.

Under the highway department, Oregon enjoys an outstanding state parks system, evidently administered without involving special appropriations from the legislature, committee members pointed out.

Don McNeil, chamber manager, also opposed that portion of House Bill 1299 which proposes the transfer of the state travel information division from the highway department and places it under a newly created department of commerce.

Cites Recognized Record

McNeil cited the nationally recognized record of Oregon travel promotion, a highly specialized activity carried on by the Travel division under the highway department.

"This success is due in part," McNeil said, "to consistent effort and trained personnel based on dependable gas tax funds. Oregon's travel promotion budget represents only a fraction of the total gas tax paid by out of state visitors during a season," he said.

Here is another case of a division that is free of political influence and not dependent upon the whims of the legislature for funds, McNeil maintained.

Frank Van Dyke and Heffernan emphasized that opposition by the committee is directed only to portions of the two bills and is not to be interpreted as opposition to the total governmental reorganization plan.

Charles Gustafson, administrator of Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, spoke in opposition to House Bills 1104 and 1232. "The two have one thing in common," Gustafson stated. "They would increase costs to patients in our hospitals."

Under Unemployment

Gustafson pointed out that House Bill 1104 would bring all employees of hospital and charitable organizations under unemployment compensation. He said that this is unnecessary because hospital work is not seasonal. There is always work for trained personnel, he noted. Few are fired and most are voluntary resignations.

"This does nothing to increase hospital service or patient care. It will increase the cost to the patient," Gustafson continued his opposition to the measure, "and serve to increase benefits to workers in other industries at the expense of sick people."

Following Gustafson's talk, the committee went on record opposing the bill.

House Bill 1232 was presented as one designed to eliminate the present hospital immunity as a corporation from suits arising out of negligence in hospitals. Passage of the bill would result in the hospital being liable as a corporation in a law suit, the committee was told.

This would bring an increase in the cost of insurance which runs about 7 cents per day at the present time in Rogue Valley, Gustafson stated. Under this bill such costs would increase to about \$1 per patient day without increasing patient care.

The chamber of commerce committee also voted to oppose passage of this bill.

Committee member Ken Nottingham spoke in opposition to the portion of House Bill 1141, which he said expands the subject of liens against an employer in default of contribution payments (unemployment compensation) to include all property used by the employer with permission of its owner. The committee deferred action on House Bill 1167 creating a Labor-Management committee.

Roy Spangler reported on House Bill 1033 designated as the "Inventory Tax Relief Act," and the committee opposed the measure again as it did two years ago. The motivation is good, members stated, but discrimination and difficulty of administration within the bill "defeats its purpose."

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ROBERT W. COWLIN Retires as Director

Forest Experiment Station Director Plans to Resign

Portland — Robert W. Cowlin, director of the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station here, will retire March 2 after a 33-year forest service career in research, all of it spent with the Portland-based, two-state agency.

Edward P. Cliff, chief of the forest service, Washington, D.C., announced that Philip A. Briegleb will assume Cowlin's position. Briegleb is now at the Southern Forest Experiment Station, New Orleans, La.

Cowlin was born in Chicago, Ill., and received his bachelor and master of science degrees in forestry and economics at the University of California in 1922 and 1928. He was the Bidwell Fellow in forestry on the Berkeley campus in 1927-28.

Before moving to the Pacific Northwest in 1929, he had six years' experience in the lumber industry in California, a prelude to his research career in forest economics and survey.

A Forest Economist

He joined the forest service in 1929 as a forest economist on the research station's staff and became regional director, forest survey, in 1938. He was appointed chief of the station's division of forest economics in 1943, and director of the entire regional complex in 1951.

Author of approximately 30 articles in technical journals, he has also authored several major publications.

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Funds Earmarked for Oregon Forests

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