

Withholding Payment Bill Completed by Committee

Salem—The House Tax Committee Tuesday night completed work on a "one shot" \$11 to \$12.5 million revenue bill which would require employers to make withholding tax payments monthly instead of quarterly.

The accomplishment was a turning point in the 1983 legislature. It was the first revenue measure to be completed during the session.

When the final amendment was made to the bill HB1078, Chairman Richard Eymann (D-Marcola) asked the committee to hold it for release in a package with other revenue measures being considered.

The bill would apply to about 7,035 employers who withhold more than \$100 a

month in state taxes.

In addition to the "one shot" revenue gain during the 1983-85 biennium, the measure would produce more than \$117,000 a year in added interest payments.

Herbert C. Hardy, representing the Oregon Food Council, was the only person to oppose the measure at the committee's hearing. He said it would be an added burden on employers.

Tax Commissioner Fred Hoefke suggested several amendments which were adopted by the committee to make the proposal parallel federal tax laws.

Hoefke pointed out that Oregon in 1948 became the first state to withhold income taxes

Stocks Push Ahead For Best Morning Gain in Some Time

New York—Stocks today pushed ahead for their best morning gain in several weeks.

Interest was quite general and more evenly dispersed than in recent sessions when demand centered on just a few groups while the rest of the list was ignored.

Blocks ranging from 1,000 to 15,000 shares were in evidence on the tape to a greater degree than at any time since the market went into its dull pattern at the end of February, leading some brokers to believe institutional forces might be re-entering the market.

The rally had been expected on the Street since the technical picture brightened somewhat Tuesday and the overnight business and economic news was also all favorable.

final stock averages: 30 industrials 675.20, up 1.18; 20 railroads 150.91, up 0.25; 15 utilities 134.25, off 0.20, and 65 stocks 238.26, up 0.23.

Sales Tuesday were about 3.35 million shares, compared with 3.18 million Monday.

Tuesday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	44 1/2
Alum Co Am	54 1/2
American Air Lines	46 1/2
American Motors	29 1/2
A T & T	121
American Tobacco	31 1/2
Coca Cola	44 1/2
Armco	43 1/2
American Standard	15 1/2
General Corp	21 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	30 1/2
Boeing Air	37 1/2
Eastman Kodak	114 1/2
Caterpillar Corp	38 1/2
General Electric	91 1/2
IBM	114 1/2
C.B.S.	51 1/2
Columbia Gas	27 1/2
Continental Can	44 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	40 1/2
Crucible Steel	19 1/2
Curtis Wright	21 1/2
Dow Chemical	59 1/2
Du Pont	240
Eastman Kodak	114 1/2
Firestone	33
Ford	43 1/2
General Electric (xd)	91 1/2
General Foods	79 1/2
General Motors	62 1/2
General Portland Cement	21 1/2
Georgia Pacific	45 1/2
Greyhound	35 1/2
Gulf Oil	33 1/2
Homestake	49 1/2
Idaho Power	33 1/2
I.B.M.	114 1/2
Int Paper	28 1/2
Johns Manville	44 1/2
Kennecott Copper	52 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	53 1/2
Martin	20 1/2
Neck	22 1/2
Montana Power	38 1/2
Montgomery Ward	30 1/2
National Biscuit	47 1/2
New York Central	17 1/2
Northern Natural Gas	36
Northern Pacific	42 1/2
Pac Gas Elec	42 1/2
Pennex, J. C.	38 1/2
Penn RR	13 1/2
Perma Cement	15 1/2
Phillips	49 1/2
Procter & Gamble	71 1/2
Radio Corporation	61 1/2
Richfield Oil	33 1/2
Safeway	27 1/2
Santa Fe	27 1/2
Sears	27 1/2
Shell Oil	20 1/2
Socony Mobil Oil	62 1/2
Southern Co.	25 1/2
Southern Pacific	29 1/2
Sperry Rand	12 1/2
Standard California	63 1/2
Standard Indiana	52 1/2
Standard N. J.	67 1/2
Stokely Van Camp	26 1/2
Sun Mines	10
Texas Co.	84
Texas Gulf Sulfur	11 1/2
Texas Pacific Land Trust	22 1/2
Thiokol	25 1/2
Trans America	46 1/2
Trans World Air	12 1/2
Tri Continental	41 1/2
Union Carbide	105 1/2
Union Pacific	34 1/2
United Air Craft	48 1/2
United Air Lines	32 1/2
U. S. Plywood	32 1/2
U. S. Rubber	43 1/2
U. S. Steel	43 1/2
West Bank Corp.	34 1/2
Westinghouse	33 1/2
Youngstown	30 1/2

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Russia Says U.S. Navy Ships Fired on Trawler

Moscow—The Soviet Union charged today that a group of three United States Navy warships fired on a Soviet fishing trawler with dummy warheads about 70 miles east of Norfolk, Va., five days ago.

The charge was made in a note to the United States published tonight in the government newspaper Izvestia. The newspaper said the note was handed to the State Department in Washington Tuesday.

In Washington, the State Department acknowledged that "we received this note Tuesday from the Soviet embassy." A spokesman added, "We are investigating as we always do when we receive such charges."

The note said the incident took place March 8, last Friday.

It said the ships involved were two "Boston" type cruisers and one "Franks" type destroyer.

The Izvestia version of the note said the American ships approached within five miles of the Soviet vessel, which was identified as SRTR 9007, and fired two volleys from their guns, using dummy warheads.

It said the volleys landed approximately 130 meters (426 feet) from the Soviet vessel, which the Russians claimed was fishing in the open sea.

The note said the first volleys were fired at 12:15 p.m. but did not specify what time was being used. The American ships then moved to within one kilometer (slightly more than half a mile) from the Soviet vessel and fired two more dummy warhead volleys that landed 60 meters from the trawler, the note claimed.

"By such actions American warships endangered the Soviet trawler and its crew," the note said. "The Soviet govern-

Low Bidders for Highway Jobs in State Announced

Salem—The State Highway Department Tuesday announced low bidders for several highway projects in Oregon.

Low bidders, listed by the counties in which the projects are located, include:

Baker—\$12,989, John Burlew Construction, Baker. Farewell Bend state park concession buildings.

Benton—\$15,602, M. O. Salmon, Albany. Philomath street grading and paving.

DeSchautes—\$68,515, Babler Bros. Inc., Portland. County road oiling.

Douglas—\$34,903, Electrical Products Corp., Portland; Weaver rd.-Canyonville section, Pacific Highway, signing, \$40,512, Solomon Achele, Portland; Rice Hill-N. Oakland junction section, roadside improvement.

Klamath—\$140,030, Rogue River Paving Co., Medford; Midland-Warden section of The Dalles-California highway, \$124,368, T. W. Buskirk Construction Co., Bend, and T. J. Bush and Sons, Cottage Grove, overnight camping installation, Collier Memorial state park.

Lane—\$884,329, Hamilton & Thoms, Inc., Eugene; Willamette river-Coburg road section of Eugene-Springfield highway.

Multnomah—\$518,305, Peter Kewitt Sons, Vancouver, Columbia blvd. overcrossing, Minnesota Freeway.

Sherman—\$610,828, L. S. Matusck, Portland. South unit, Wasco-Moro section of the Sherman highway.

Tillamook—\$536,524, S. D. Spencer & Son, Vancouver; Garibaldi-Bay City section of Oregon Coast Highway.

Yamhill—\$327,317, Workman Construction Co., Canby, McMinnville section of Three Mile Lane highway.

ment looks upon the shooting at the fishing trawler of the Soviet Union by American Navy ships as a rude violation of generally accepted norms of international law, of principles of freedom of navigation on the open sea and as an act of arbitrary rule which can lead to serious consequences.

"The Soviet government states to the American government its protest connected with the above stated provocative actions of American warships and expects that those guilty will be punished and that necessary measures will be undertaken not to allow such actions in future."

The note made no mention, in the version published here, of recent American charges that Cuban fighter planes had fired at an American-owned shrimp boat.

Western observers believed the Soviets might have chosen to publicize the alleged firing on a Soviet trawler as a counter-propaganda move.

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California Education Dispute Headed for Legislative Study

Sacramento—A dispute over who holds the reins in California's huge educational system today headed toward a legislative study.

Frankly, nobody seemed to know the answer to the problem at this point.

And the lawmakers weren't too anxious to tangle with the vocal supporters of Public Instruction Superintendent Max Rafferty.

The Senate fact finding committee on education scheduled a session to take up the matter of whether Rafferty or the state board of education runs the state's educational system. But what they would do was a foregone conclusion.

Chairman Donald Grumsky (R - Watsonville) said the whole matter would be studied during the next year or two - and maybe a conclusion would be reached in time for the 1985 legislature.

A week ago, Sen. Hugh M. Burns, president pro tempore

of the upper chamber, sent identical letters to Grumsky and Sen. Hugh P. Donnelly (D-Turlock) suggesting they look into the "hodge podge of instruction" on the powers of the superintendent and the board. Donnelly is chairman of the standing committee on education.

For his part, Burns said that it appeared to him the superintendent should have the responsibility for fixing policy of operation of schools. And he said the board should have a "purely advisory" capacity.

Donnelly answered with a resolution signed by 28 senators - which probably will be introduced late today - asking that the matter be sent to an interim committee for study for at least a year.

"The position and status of the state superintendent of public instruction, state board of education and department of education in the structure of public education in this state is not clearly set forth in the education code," said Donnelly's resolution.

He pointed out that the "controlling sections" of state law have not been substantially revised since 1929 and the dispute had been continuing for "many years."

For example, he said that in 1943 the attorney general tried to solve the problem and concluded by saying the law itself was in conflict, contradictory and ambiguous.

Foreign Briefs

RUSSIA, KUWAIT TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS
Moscow—The Soviet Union and Kuwait will establish diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level, the Soviet news agency Tass announced Tuesday night.

Tass said the Soviet decision followed a proposal by the government of the oil-rich Red Sea nation.

ECUADOR PUBLISHER SLAIN BY INDIANS
Ambato, Ecuador—Aniceto Jordan, 50-year-old founder-publisher of the Ambato Tribune, was hacked to death Tuesday by a mob of Indian peasants armed with hoses.

Jordan was attacked by about 50 Indians in the Huachi-Lorero area, where he had gone to try to negotiate a settlement of a long-standing dispute over water rights.

BRITAIN TO LIMIT MOVIES ON TELEVISION
London—Postmaster General Reginald Bevins agreed Tuesday to requests from members of Parliament to limit the number of showings of the same old movies on television. Several films have been screened four times each.

TOKYO GETS UNACUSTOMED SNOW
Tokyo—Unaccustomed snow caught the world's largest city unawares today.

It clogged traffic, closed schools and delayed trains and planes.

Three inches had fallen when the stinging snowstorm let up at noon.

FLUE FIRE SPREADS TO DESTROY TALENT HOME
Talent—A flue fire that spread to the roof and attic burned down the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young, 3808 Laurel lane, north of Talent Monday afternoon.

The Talent Rural fire department responded and saved some furniture and clothing. Five firemen and other volunteers fought the blaze.

Only Mrs. Young was home at the time. Young was working and the couple's four children were at school and with neighbors.

Proposed Constitution Given New Surge of Life by Group

Salem—There was a new surge of life today in a proposed new constitution for Oregon.

It grew out of two developments Tuesday:

—The House Committee on Constitutional Revision voted to press ahead in an effort to

send a package to the floors of the House and Senate.

—An anti-revision plea from the Oregon State Grange met with some round rebuttal.

The key action came when Chairman John Dellenback (R-Medford) called the committee together and gave it a mid-session alternative: Step up action on the document or forget it for this session.

The committee voted unanimously to go ahead.

The consensus of members was that the likeliest product for floor action would be a compromise between the present and proposed constitutions.

Controversial sections of the new one, the committee indicated, might be sent out separately to stand or fall on their own.

Dellenback said the committee decided that none of its differences so far with the senate committee were too critical to be resolved.

A few hours later, the House and Senate committees met to continue joint meetings, this time on the controversial executive article.

Strong criticism came from Clarence Brooks of the Grange, who said his organization opposed making the governor the only elective officer.

"The Grange is not ready to surrender the people's right to choose their officials," he said.

He said the secretary of state and treasurer should re-

main elective.

Senate Committee Chairman Walter Pearson reported "there is nothing done by these two that couldn't be done by anyone," and added that the change would make the governor more responsible.

Sen. Ted Hallock (D-Portland) questioned whether Brooks was speaking for all the Grange members.

The developments came a few days after President Ben Musa attended a joint meeting of the committees.

Musa, who has said he thinks the document has little chance, told the committees "I think you're doing a fine job and... I have no intention to circumvent this committee or use my office to defeat your proposals."

"I think you're going to have a big selling job," he added.

The document needs a two-thirds vote in each House to pass the legislature.

Medford Choir to Start Tour North

The Medford High school choir of 94 voices starts on tour Thursday, March 14.

The tour will be confined to Willamette Valley schools, where the singers will present concerts under direction of Lynn Sjolund. Departure time from Medford is 7:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The choir will perform in the Winston-Dillard Senior High school Thursday morning; Junction City High school Thursday afternoon, and Lebanon High school Thursday evening. In Lebanon, the choir will be entertained at dinner by the Lebanon High school music department and will present a joint concert with the Lebanon High school Concert band.

Friday morning, the choir will be guests of John Dellenback, Jim Redden and Ed Branchfield, legislators from Jackson county, at sessions of the Oregon legislature in Salem. Following the legislative visitation the singers will present a concert in the rotunda of the Capitol.

Friday afternoon, the choir will appear in concert at Salem Academy in West Salem, then go to Portland before returning to Medford Friday night.

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Coverage Favored For Jobs on Farms

Salem—Three of the most dangerous farm occupations should be brought under State Industrial Accident coverage, Sen. Don Willner (D-Portland) told the Senate Labor and Industries Committee Tuesday.

He spoke for a bill that would classify as "hazardous" fruit picking from a platform or ladder, cattle raising, and growing or harvesting hay or grain.

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