

Oregon's Traditions Retained In Constitutional Revision

(This is the eighth in a series of articles about the revised Constitution proposed by the Oregon Constitutional Revision Commission. The articles were written by Hans A. Linde, professor of constitutional law at the University of Oregon and a member of the Commission.)

In public discussion of the revised Constitution, attention has naturally focused on the major branches of government described in the preceding columns.

Proposals for change are not, yet familiar features continued from the present Oregon Constitution are among the most important in the revised Constitution.

Oregon has a tradition of strong local government, of voter control over taxes, and of direct popular legislation. All are preserved in the revised Constitution.

The "Oregon System" of the initiative and referendum of legislation, which won Oregon national recognition 60 years ago, is changed only slightly in the revised Constitution.

The number of signatures needed on initiative and referendum petitions is now based on the votes cast in an election for Supreme Court justices. With a change in judicial elections, the vote for governor makes a better and more stable base, and the percentages of signatures needed were adjusted for this new base.

To discourage unnecessary future efforts to "freeze" in the slimmed-down new constitution pet projects that could be placed in the statutes, initiative constitutional amendments will require a somewhat higher number of signatures.

Provisions for the recall of elected public officials are also continued.

Fiscal needs are the greatest problem facing all state and local governments, and many people believe that legislators should squarely be given full responsibility for tax laws. Nevertheless, the Constitutional Revision Commission decided to continue the Oregon tradition—unique in the nation—by which tax laws cannot be placed beyond the referendum power of the people.

This power places on Oregon voters a great responsibility for self-restraint, if the state is to avoid fiscal chaos.

Likewise, the revised Constitution retains the "six percent limitation" on increases in local taxation without special approval by the voters.

Home rule for cities and for counties is continued from the present Constitution.

A controversial issue was the earmarking of gasoline and related taxes for highway purposes, another principle originated in Oregon long ago. Earmarking of revenues for special purposes is generally undesirable, and the Commission first voted to move it to the statutes. But in the end the highway tax provision was reinstated in the revised Constitution.

Provisions for state control over beaches and water power, and for people's utility districts, were retained.

Thus, when it completed its task, the Commission felt able to report that "the Revised Constitution does not deprive any political, economic or social group of any right, privilege or possible advantage which that group may have under the existing Constitution."

Statutory Material
One reason for constitutional revision is the accumulation in the present Constitu-

tion of scores of sections and thousands of words that do not properly belong in a constitution but in statutory law. In part this has been necessary because of awkward limitations in the old Constitution. For instance, each state bond issue—for veterans' housing loans, for college dormitories, for reforestation—has had to be spelled out in all its wordy details in a constitutional amendment. In part, also, initiative constitutional amendments have been used to circumvent legislative responsibility—as, for instance, by putting liquor-by-the-drink into the Bill of Rights.

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Ontario Republican Returns to Senate
Saleh—UPI—Sen. Anthony Yurri (R-Ontario) returned to the Senate Monday.

The Senate minority leader spent the past week in a Portland hospital for observation after a dizzy spell earlier blamed on fatigue.

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Article XIV of the revised Constitution is a compilation of present constitutional provisions that are to be continued as statutes. They include details of election laws, legislative procedures, the death penalty, liquor-by-the-glass—

all without substantive change. Upon adoption of the revised Constitution they will automatically become statutes, without need of reenactment. When these former constitutional sections have been codified in the

Oregon Revised Statutes, Article XIV by its own terms ceases to be a part of the revised Constitution. As a result, the revised Constitution has pared down the 22,000 words in the present 237 sections to a trim 127 sections of 9,644 words—per-

haps the shortest among the states. The revised Constitution deals with fundamentals of government, and with the protection of basic individual rights and popular control over authority. (Next: Can Oregon adopt the revised Constitution?)

TRACTORS TO BED
Trenton, N.J.—UPI—The Senate passed a bill Monday to put farm tractors to bed with the chickens. The bill said tractors shouldn't be driven on public roads between sunset and sunrise because such machines are not subject to the night driving equipment inspection requirements of normal motor vehicles.

Fluoridation Proposal Approved at Sheridan
Sheridan—UPI—A proposal to purchase fluoridation equipment for the city's water system was approved Monday night by the Sheridan city council. No date for its installation was set.

Cemerino, Italy—UPI—A light earth tremor shook this city Monday for the 13th time in eight days. No damage or injuries were reported.

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Here's a way for everybody to invite everybody to Oregon this year:

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Spring, 1963

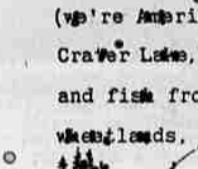
Dear _____:

It's rocking chair season, the time when lots of people dream and plan their 1963 vacation. So—because I know you'd enjoy it—I want to put in a plug for my state—Oregon.

As usual, the roses are growing into Paul Bunyan giants for the Rose Festival this year (and you can time your visit for any of more than 200 or so county fairs and community events). Now, let's examine some of the reasons most Oregonians (like me) think you'll be wild about Oregon, too.



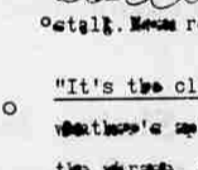
"It's the scenery." Well, we have a breathtaking column of big mountains reaching from north to south down the spine of this big state (like Mt. Hood—in July, you can snow-ski on her slopes or water-ski nearby!). We have Cathedral forests (we're America's greatest timber producer), breathtakingly blue Crater Lake, hundreds of miles of spectacular seacoast to drive along and fish from... plus beaches, boating, waterways, lush orchards, vineyards, grazing lands, river valleys, ghost towns—you name it!



"It's the things to see and do." For the whole family. Fishing beyond your wildest dreams—deep sea, surf, lake or stream! Golf, horseback riding, tennis, hiking, camping, swimming, skating, and wild life to study or stalk. Relaxation—just stretch out, we've got elbow room!



"It's the climate." That's what you go in Oregon, the weather's just what you need year 'round. (That's why we coined the phrase, "The Climate That Is Just For You All Year 'Round In Oregon.")



One last thing about our vacationland: almost anywhere you go, the roads are fast and new, and you're never far away from a trailer site, resort, inn, luxury hotel or motel—whatever your fancy prefers, or your budget dictates. (Plus the more than 250 state parks and Forest Service camps.)

By the way, for a tempting stack of travel folders to help you plan your vacation, just write the Travel Division, State Highway Department, Salem, Oregon, or any of our Chambers of Commerce... See you soon?

Yours, for better vacations,

A WILD-ABOUT-OREGON OREGONIAN

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Doesn't the letter above make you feel glad to be an Oregonian? Well, if it does, you're invited to join all of us Pacific Northwest Bell phone folk in a project to tell the world about Oregon! Here's the scoop: On April 16, each of us 5,700 or so Pacific Northwest Bell employees in Oregon will mail a copy of the letter above to at least three of his or her out-of-state business associates, friends, or relatives! Why? If only one-fourth of these 17,100 invitations "take," there will be more than 4,000 extra families coming to our state this year. And according to tourism experts, the thousands of dollars these happy visitors will bring will boost our state's economy mightily. (Just think, we did it all with our little ballpoint pens! Where do you come in? Right here and thank

you for asking. Initially, we viewed this come-see-Oregon letter drive as just a project for us phone folk. But Governor Mark Hatfield heard about it and was so intrigued with the idea that he suggested it be broadened to include every Oregonian! Governor Hatfield has designated April 16, 1963 as "OREGON-WELCOME-BY-MAIL-DAY"! If you'd like to help our state, we'd love to have you aboard! Here's what you do: Cut out the letter and address it to an out-of-state friend, relative, business associate or even enemy. Hold it until the April 16 mailing (everybody mails April 16 for bigger impact!). While you're waiting, mail the coupon below (or phone, write or drop in at your local telephone Business Office) and get more copies. Any number you wish, from one to

one thousand (and these are neat, irresistible copies, printed on good bond paper). Then, address 'em all—and flood the mails to out-of-state friends on the big day in April! (Note: If you think letter writing is out-of-style, feel free to invite your out-of-state friends to Oregon via long distance phone. We won't be mad.) With your help, there's no telling how many thousands of extra (and lucky) vacationists we can lure, or how much extra prosperity we can bring our state—all in our altruistic role as hosts to the rest of the world. So—get extra copies, address 'em to your out-of-state friends, get set for April 16 and—Let's Tell The World About Oregon!

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