

President Moves To Block Railroad Strike

CD Job Started Before Vote To Reduce Agency

Salem - (UPI) - Construction was started on a \$36,000 civil defense communications and headquarters center in the basement of the Capitol Building the day before the Ways and Means committee voted to slash the CD agency to a three-man department.

Warne Nunn, executive assistant to the governor, said he had advised Ways and Means Co-Chairmen Rep. Ross Morgan (D-Gresham) and Sen. Ward Cook (D-Portland) and Rep. Beulah Hand (D-Milwaukie), chairman of the Ways and Means subcommittee, which reviewed the CD budget of the construction program last Friday.

Morgan today flatly denied he had been advised of the work by Nunn. "I have not talked to Nunn, and I am certain neither Senator Cook nor (Rep.) Hand talked to Nunn about this," Morgan insisted.

Freeman Holmer, director of the Department of Finance, which let the first contract for the project, said he had discussed the project with Morgan.

Morgan said "Holmer told me some construction work would be going on, and not to be disturbed by the noise."

Morgan said the project was first brought to his attention by secretaries who complained of noise being made by workmen.

Morgan and House Speaker

Two Statewide Elected Officers Decided by Group Committees Vote To Propose Change

Salem - (UPI) - In their most significant decision so far, the House and Senate committees on constitutional revision voted Wednesday night to shape Oregon's executive branch around two statewide elective officials.

One would be the governor. The other would be a secretary of state, charged only with "watchdog" post audit functions.

The governor would be chief of all the administrative functions of the executive branch. The decision maintains, in essence, the "strong and responsible" chief executive proposed by the Commission on Constitutional Revision.

The secretary of state, as approved by the legislative committees, is very similar to the controller proposed by the commission.

Oregon's present constitution provides for an elective governor, secretary of state and treasurer. The latter two positions have very limited duties. There is no post audit watchdog position.

Oregon also has two elective officers provided for by law but not the constitution: Attorney general and labor commissioner.

The committees voted to make the governor and the watchdog secretary of state the only elective executive offices, abolishing the others.

A good part of the committee discussions centered on whether a new constitution, reducing the number of elective offices, would "sell" to the legislature and the people. If the legislature approves a new constitution by a two-thirds vote of each house, it would go to the people in 1964.

The committees earlier voted to organize Oregon's executive department into not more than 20 departments, with heads appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate, to establish clear lines of authority and responsibility. Oregon now has more than 100 agencies, boards, commissioners and departments.

Budget for School District Approved by 1,397 to 1,040 Vote

Voters of School District 549C yesterday approved by a 1,397 to 1,040 vote a budget for next year.

The margin of 1.3 to 1 in favor of the budget was one of narrowest in recent years, and the 2,437 people who voted is one of largest turnouts for a school budget election in recent years.

The budget for next year totals \$5,081,057.07. Of the amount necessary to balance the budget, \$2,766,272.64 is outside the 6 per cent limitation, the amount in which district patrons voted yesterday.

People in two of the 14 polling places voted against the budget; in the other 12 locations, voters approved it.

Vote by Polling Place

The vote by polling places: Griffin Creek, 77 yes, 49 no; Hoover, 166 yes, 70 no; Howard, 64 yes, 54 no; Jackson, 116 yes, 100 no; Jacksonville, 64 yes, 47 no; Jefferson, 151 yes, 101 no; Lincoln, 29 yes, 36 no; Lone Pine, 53 yes, 41 no; Oak Grove, 76 yes, 59 no; Roosevelt, 186 yes, 158 no; Ruch, 46 yes, 41 no; Westington, 153 yes, 187 no; West Side, 56 yes, 25 no; and Wilson, 160 yes, 72 no.

Of the total number of people who voted, 57.32 per cent of them voted in favor and 42.68 per cent voted against the budget.

D. H. Christensen, chairman of the budget committee,

Senator Nelson to Talk at Roosevelt Memorial Dinner

Sen. Gaylord Nelson (D-Wisc.) will be the speaker for this year's Roosevelt Memorial dinner, Jean Mills, chairman of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee, announced Wednesday afternoon.

Mills received a telephone call from Congressman Robert Duncan announcing that he had obtained Senator Nelson as the 1963 speaker.

The dinner will be held May 11 to conform with Senator Nelson's speaking engagement itinerary.

Nelson is new in the U. S. Senate, having defeated the incumbent, Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wisc.), in the last election, but he is not new to politics. He is the only Democratic governor to be elected to two terms in Wisconsin in this century. In his first try for public office in 1946 he ran as a Republican and was defeated.

Switches Party

After switching to the Democratic party, he was elected to the state Senate in 1948 and was reelected in 1952 and 1956. During most of his years in the Wisconsin legislature, he was Democratic leader in the Senate. He was elected governor of Wisconsin in 1958 with 53.6 per cent of the vote and was reelected in 1960.

It was natural for him to start out as a Republican, a liberal one, for his father was an active supporter of Robert M. La Follette's Progressive party. His great-grandfather had helped to organize the Republican party.

As governor, Nelson attracted wide attention with his \$50,000,000 conservation and wildlife legislation. In his successful campaign against Senator Wiley he criticized his opponent for his opposition to the president's medical care plan and federal aid for teachers' salaries and classrooms.

COMMISSION PROPOSED

Salem - (UPI) - A bill to create a state boxing and wrestling commission was introduced in the House today.

100 Attend Hearing On New Route for Jacksonville Road

Jacksonville - About 100 persons crowded into the Jacksonville city hall last night for an informal hearing on the proposed route for relocation of the Medford-Jacksonville highway through Jacksonville.

The formal hearing itself was scheduled to start at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, at which time residents and other interested persons were encouraged to voice their opinions concerning the proposed route. A tape recording of the formal hearing will be transcribed and forwarded to the state highway commission, it was announced.

No formal hearing will be held tonight, however, unless the afternoon session continues on into the evening.

Those unable to attend this afternoon's session were advised to express their views by addressing a letter to the state highway commission, Salem, Ore.

Oppose Proposed Route

A majority of those at last night's hearing appeared to oppose the highway department's proposed route, although several spoke in favor of it.

The route would extend somewhat parallel to and south of Jackson creek between California and Fifth sts. Between 14 and 16 buildings would have to be removed to accommodate the right-of-way, which would be wide enough for a four-lane highway.

L. R. Chandler, Roseburg, division engineer for the six counties in southwestern Oregon, said, however, that probably only two lanes would be built at first.

Most of those present felt a bypass through traffic around the center of Jacksonville would be desirable, but they disagreed on what route it should follow.

Dispute Contention

Some felt that fewer houses would have to be removed if the road were run along the north side of Jackson creek, but Al Chapman, local engineer on the survey job, disputed that contention, stating he thought about the same number of buildings would be affected.

Others suggested that it go around the north end of the Jacksonville cemetery, so as not to separate the cemetery from the rest of the community, but Chapman said he thought that route would be more expensive than the one surveyed.

A bit of "who-dunit" entered the picture when several persons asked why the proposed highway relocation had been surveyed and brought to a hearing in just a few weeks.

Chandler agreed that the project had been put through rapidly, but said he had no idea why or by whose order. None of the other highway department men present knew how the idea of the relocation project started, either.

An attempt was made this morning to see if two formal hearings could be held today, one in the afternoon as scheduled and a second in the evening to accommodate those unable to get away for the afternoon meeting.

But Jacksonville Mayor E. O. Graham, in a telephone conversation with a highway department engineer in Salem, was informed that the evening hearing could not be held, unless the afternoon hearing continues on into the evening.

Court, Sanitary Authority Discuss Pollution Control

County Judge Earl M. Miller said yesterday afternoon he would have to study the senate bill which would permit counties to establish pollution control ordinances.

"The trouble is, it looks as if they are allowing us to establish an ordinance according to their rules," Miller said.

County Commissioner Don Faber said he was against such permissive legislation and wants legislation which would require air pollution control in all counties.

The county court discussed with representatives of the state sanitary authority a senate bill and a possible county coordination with the proposed Medford air pollution ordinance.

Richard E. Hatchard and T. C. Gerow, state sanitary authority, said population growth has made air pollution a more critical problem. They referred to a 1960 study and air sampling of the Medford area which showed this area apparently has more particulate fallout than Portland or any other Oregon city.

Gerow said an adequate air pollution ordinance would merely follow up volunteer effort by establishing guidelines. It should not be for policing, he said.

The county court made no commitments but indicated it would study the matter.

Arson Investigated In Truck Fire Here

Medford police are investigating the possibility of arson in connection with a fire which caused extensive damage to a pickup truck last night.

The owner of the truck, Gary Lee Keys, 708 Cedar st., told police the vehicle was parked at the rear of his residence last night.

About 10 p.m., Keys said, he heard the door slam. When he investigated, he discovered a fire in the cab of the truck.

The possibility that the blaze might have been caused by a short in the vehicle's electrical system was discounted when Keys told officers he had removed the truck's battery some time earlier.

Business Growth Stimulant Noted By Witnesses

Salem - (UPI) - Anti-trading stamp witnesses charged Wednesday stamps deceive the public and force prices up. Those favoring stamps said they are a stimulant to sound business growth.

The conflicting testimony came before the House Planning and Development committee. The committee is considering a bill by Rep. Eugene Hulett (D-Eugene), which would require that stamps be redeemable in cash, and would tax trading stamp companies \$5,000 in each county where stamps are distributed.

Curbs Fly-by-Night

Hulett, a retail grocer who said he did not handle stamps, said his proposed bill would "keep out fly-by-night trading stamp companies."

Jerry Horn, Lebanon, owner of two grocery stores, said he was "intimidated" into issuing trading stamps "and in a nine-month period had to give the stamp people \$36,000."

He said he had to borrow money from the bank to pay his bills.

"My mistake was that I did not raise prices," he said.

Don Madison, Salem, retired service station operator, said trading stamps "added 2 1/2 per cent to the cost of doing business."

Nothing for Nothing

He said the customer pays the added cost. "You just don't get something for nothing."

Rep. C. R. Hoyt (R-Corvallis) said the buying public was "fooled" by stamps. He added "I think stamp companies are a legitimate source of state revenue."

Sperry & Hutchinson (S&H) Company District Sales Manager John Haworth said there were 2,500 S&H stamp outlets in Oregon, and that stamps "stimulated business for the merchants."

He termed a \$5,000 per county tax as restrictive.

S&H Attorney R. B. Bullivant said "the purpose of this bill is to stop the use of stamps in Oregon."

Charges Denied

He said stamp companies should not be "singled out for special taxation," and denied charges that merchants using trading stamps had to increase their prices.

Mrs. C. C. Cranston, director of the Portland Children's Center, said the center was using a "group saving plan" to buy a school bus.

"This is a lifesaver to us, people are donating their stamps. We need 105 1/2 books for the bus."

About 80 persons witnessed the two-hour hearing. The committee took no action on the proposal.

Emergency Fund Request Considered

A request for an emergency appropriation of \$1,831.65 for the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association was referred by the county court yesterday afternoon to the county budget committee.

Directors of the association told the county court this is an unexpected and unforeseen expenditure.

Bill Jess, Sams Valley, acting chairman, said directors had to send a delegation to Washington, D. C., March 10 to press for more planning money for fiscal year 1963 and an increased appropriation in fiscal year 1964 of \$350,000.

The Army Corps of Engineers had told the directors the additional money would move the project to completion date a year ahead.

No additional funds are being requested of Josephine county since it has already done more than its share, Jess said.

Billboard Bill On City Agenda

A delegation from the billboard sign industry in the area is expected to appear at a meeting of the Medford city council at 7:30 o'clock tonight to protest passage of a proposed ordinance to curtail construction of signs along the Interstate 5 freeway overpass through the city.

The ordinance is an outgrowth of a committee appointed by Mayor James Dunlevy to study the situation and make recommendations to the council.

Chances for passage of the ordinance appeared uncertain today. At least one city councilman said he believed the measure might be referred back to committee for further study.

In general, the proposed ordinance would prohibit construction of any sign within 270 feet of the center line of the freeway through Medford.

Further, the ordinance would prohibit any sign within 600 feet from the center line except for ones which identify or advertise the business on which the sign is placed. However, such signs may not be higher than 30 feet above ground level and may not contain over 200 square feet of advertising space.

Police Cameraman Repulses Negroes

Greenwood, Miss. - (UPI) - About 40 Negroes, headed by comic Dick Gregory, marched toward the county courthouse today but turned back when a policeman began photographing them.

The group had moved five blocks from their voter registration headquarters in the direction of the Leflore County Courthouse when a prowl car pulled alongside and the photographer stepped out.

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Changes in Traffic Signs Scheduled

Changes in the operation of two traffic signals on Jackson st. will be made Friday morning, City Engineer Vernon Thorpe said today.

A three-phase signal at Riverside ave. and Jackson st., designed to control eastbound traffic on Jackson st. attempting to turn onto Riverside ave., will be changed to a standard two-phase operation, Thorpe said.

It has been determined by traffic studies at that intersection, Thorpe said, that continued use of the left turn arrow is not justified.

A sign will be substituted for the turn arrow which will advise motorists attempting to turn onto Riverside ave. that they must yield to oncoming traffic on Jackson st.

The hours of operation of a "No Left Turn" sign at Third and Jackson sts. will be changed on a trial basis. Formerly the sign operated from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Beginning Friday morning, the sign will only be in operation from 4 to 6 p.m., Thorpe said. A flashing amber sign will also be in operation to urge motorists to exercise caution at the intersection.

NEWS BRIEFS

VENEZUELA TERRORISTS BLOW UP PIPELINE

Caracas, Venezuela - (UPI) - Terrorists blew up for the second time in 25 days the oil pipeline joining Creole Petroleum company's installations at Maracaibo Lake with its refinery in Falcon State.

CUBAN EXILE RAIDERS RELEASED

Nassau, Bahamas - (UPI) - The Bahamas government today dropped charges against 17 Cuban exile raiders captured on nearby Key Norman, returned their guns and released them to return to Miami.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL CUT

Washington - (UPI) - The Senate Armed Services committee today cut more than \$900 million from House-approved \$15.8 billion defense authorization bill but voted for a speed up in development of the RS70 warplane.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS SHARPLY

Washington - (UPI) - The unemployment rate dropped sharply from 6.1 per cent to 5.6 per cent in March, the Labor Department announced today.

Budget Committee Discusses Requests

The last scheduled meeting of the series of county budget committee is being held today with several of the smaller departments being discussed.

First department on the agenda this morning was the parks and recreation department. Discussion centered on salaries and requested additional personnel. It was still being discussed at noon today.

Other departments' budgets scheduled to be reviewed include expenses, miscellaneous general county fund, surveyor, watermaster, print shop, purchasing, dog control, capital improvement fund, dog license fund, Jackson county historical fund, and the county school fund.

Kennedy Slugs With Republicans In Apparent Move To 'Silence' Ike

Washington - (UPI) - President Kennedy today seemed to have found a happy slugging ground with the Republicans in the domestic economy of today as compared with latter years of the Eisenhower administration.

Barring an economic downturn, the President apparently intends to stay on the same track for months to come and possibly into the sensitive 1964 election year. The track is simple: for those who would follow GOP urging to cut the New Frontier budget fog, fiscal 1964, cast a backward look at the economy of 1958-60.

The Chief Executive at his conference Wednesday shot sparks over an otherwise routine meeting with reporters when asked about budget cuts proposed by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Kennedy relieved his countenance to some extent by picturing the Eisenhower recommendations as echoes from a Republican budget director, Maurice Stans. But since Eisenhower stood by the Stans figures, Kennedy said the proposed cuts would pitch America into a recession and slow efforts to overtake Russia in space.

Eisenhower recently supported the Stans theory that \$13 billion could be cut from the new Kennedy budget. Asked by reporters for his reaction, Kennedy fired back "that while Stans was budget director and in plain inference, while Eisenhower was president, the country had two recessions, a high unemployment rate, largest peacetime deficit and largest outflow of gold."

"That is not a record we plan to duplicate if we can help it," the President said to reporters and a nationwide radio-television audience.

Voter Reregistration Deadline Today

Deadline for reregistration for all people who failed to vote in the 1962 election is 5 o'clock this afternoon, according to the county elections department.

Residents should get their cards for reinstatement, properly signed, back to the elections department before that deadline, a spokesman said. A note stating that a citizen hopes to be reinstated and the person's signature also would be accepted, it was explained.

Bloodmobile Visit Is Scheduled Next Week

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Medford at the Red Cross chapter house, 80 Hawthorne ave., Monday, April 8, from 2 to 6 p.m. and again Tuesday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It will be at the VFW hall in Shady Cove Wednesday, April 10, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Mrs. J. W. Burba, blood program chairman, stressed that the Bloodmobile will not visit Ashland this month and regular donors from that area should arrange appointments during the Medford visit.

Quota for the visit in Medford is 350 pints and in Shady Cove 100 pints. Contributions during the winter Bloodmobile visits have fallen short of the quota, but Mrs. Burba expressed confidence that this visit would be successful.

Persons may donate blood in the name of any person or organization they wish during the Bloodmobile visit and appointments may be made in advance by telephoning 773-3818. Appointments are not necessary however, and drop-in donors will be welcomed, according to Mrs. Burba.

Persons between 18 and 59 years of age are eligible to donate, but those between 18 and 21 years of age must have a written consent from their parents or guardian.

Transportation and baby sitters will be available for persons wishing these services.