

\$11.5 Million One-Shot Money Bill Passed by Oregon House

Cigarette Tax Debate Opens; Motion Opposed

Withholding Tax Payment Speeded

Salem - (UP) - The House passed an \$11.5 million one-shot revenue bill today and opened debate on a cigarette tax.

The House rejected an effort to send both bills back to committee.

The one-shot bill would speed up payment to the state of withholding taxes. It would involve employers who withhold at least \$100 a month - about 7,000 of the state's 52,000 employers.

The speed-up means an estimated \$11.5 to \$13 million would be collected before the end of the 1963-65 biennium instead of just after the end of the biennium.

Bazett Objects

Rep. Sidney Bazett (R-Grants Pass) objected it would take \$72 million out of circulation over the biennium, putting it instead in the state's coffers where it would earn interest at only low rates.

Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Marcola), who carried the bill, noted the state must raise some \$60 million in new revenues in the next biennium to balance a budget that will fall between \$385 and \$405 million.

He said the one-shot bill would mean raising that much less in "permanent" new taxes. The one-shot bill passed 33-26 and went to the Senate.

The speed-up means the employers involved will remit withholding taxes to the state monthly instead of quarterly.

Move Unsuccessful

Debate on the cigarette tax bill came after Rep. Joe Rogers (R-Independence) moved unsuccessfully to send it back to committee.

Rogers, a sales tax advocate, said he objected, however, to a "selective sales tax of cigarettes." He said the proposal did not have any property tax offset features.

Rogers said the House was putting "the cart before the horse" by acting without having the rest of a tax program before it.

Reward Announced For Information

Jacksonville - A \$50 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for damaging the Jacksonville cemetery, Jacksonville Police Chief Frank Carter announced this morning.

The reward money is being offered by a private individual, Carter said. Anyone with information about the case should contact Jacksonville police at 899-1231.

About \$500 worth of damage was discovered in the cemetery last week. Forty-five tombstones were knocked over. Many of them were broken, some beyond repair.

At present police have no leads on the case, Carter said. State police are working with him on it.

160 Smelt Consumed To Win Eating Contest

Kelso, Wash. - (UP) - Fred Lautermilch, a maintenance worker from Vancouver, Wash., ate 160 smelt in a little over two hours Sunday to win the sixth annual smelt eating title here.

Lautermilch defeated defending champion Gene Vander Zanden of Troutdale, Ore., by one smelt.

Week End Traffic Takes Lives of Four in Oregon

By United Press International
 Four persons died in traffic accidents in Oregon during the week end. The deaths were recorded Sunday.

Leslie Walter, 23, Scio, and Oregon Traffic Toll
 April 1-8, 1963: 8
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To April 8, 1963: 121
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his daughter, Margaret, 3, was killed in a two-car collision on State Highway 226, about 1½ miles south of Scio. His wife, Nona, 21, was critically injured. She was taken to a Eugene hospital. Taken to a hospital at Stayton were a younger daughter and four Albany youths in the other car.

Mrs. Laura Adolfsen, 32, Winthrop, Wash., died in a one-car crash on U.S. Highway 30 one mile north of St. Helens. The car went off the highway and slammed into a rock bank.

Her husband, Leif, 35, was seriously injured and was taken to St. Helens hospital. Kent Tillinghast, 56, Eugene, was killed in a two-car collision on a Lane county road 10 miles west of Eugene.

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Hatfield Wins Truck Tax Vote In State Senate

Levy Reduced For Large Trucks

Salem - (UP) - The Senate voted unanimously today to revise Oregon's truck mile tax schedule as proposed by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

The bill raises the weight mile tax for smaller trucks, and reduces the levy for large trucks.

The "flat fee" option feature for log truckers was increased 15 per cent.

The bill now goes to the House.

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario) said the measure had the approval of the governor, the highway department and the trucking industry.

He said while the revised fee schedule would indicate a \$500,000 a year loss in revenues, increased use of highways by trucks would offset the loss.

He pointed out the revenue from the weight mile tax in 1962 was \$16.7 million, and due to increased volume should be about \$17.5 million this year.

The weight mile tax is designed so truckers will pay about one-third the cost of highway construction. Truckers have long argued they were paying more than one-third the cost.

A bill to change the truck mile tax was approved by the 1961 legislature, but vetoed by the governor. Hatfield said he wanted to see results of road tests being conducted in Illinois before the rates were changed.

Yturri said the measure approved in the Senate today represented a "compromise" between the 1961 bill, and results of the Illinois tests.

Two Teen-Agers Treated After Sunday Accident

Two Medford youngsters were treated as outpatients Sunday afternoon after they were injured when the motorbike they were riding hit a bump and careened out of control at the entrance to an alley on 13th st., according to city police.

Injured were the driver of the vehicle, Manfred Bruno Stamm, 16, of 1315 West Main st., and his passenger, Tala Mae Bell, 15, of 944 South Ivy st.

Police said the girl was thrown from the motorbike when it hit the bump, but the boy struggled to regain control of the vehicle for about 100 feet before crashing into a fence. The accident occurred about 2:42 p.m.

Police also checked two other vehicle accidents Sunday and two Saturday. No injuries were reported, officers said.

B. M. Knetz, route 3, box 226B, reported to police that his car was damaged by an unidentified vehicle about 11:55 p.m. Sunday while it was parked in a lot at 2330 Crater Lake ave.

Vehicles operated by Betty Lou Grissom, 33, of 871 Swing lane, and Leonard Talmadge Harris, 41, Horsecreek, Calif., collided about 8:39 p.m. Saturday at Central ave. and Fourth st. Harris was cited for disobeying a traffic signal.

Chester Glenn Bowles, 919 Chestnut st., reported to police that his car was damaged by an unidentified vehicle some time between 3:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. Saturday while it was parked in a lot at West Main st. and North Oakdale ave.

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BODIES REMOVED—Rescue workers are shown removing bodies from a bus which went out of control and rolled down a slope into the Feather River Canyon about 18 miles north of Oroville, Calif., Saturday. Eight persons were killed and at least 20 injured. (UPI)

Reno Authorities Seeking Slayer Of British Skier

Reno - (UP) - Puzzled Reno police, trying to find the slayer of British skier Sonja McCaskie, 24, today awaited results of laboratory and fingerprint tests to provide a lead.

"We're pinning our hopes on reports from the pathology lab and a fingerprint check by the FBI in Washington," Detective Sgt. Carl Shoemaker said.

The body of the attractive blonde divorcee was discovered Friday night in her Reno apartment.

Washoe County Dist. Atty. William Raggio, heading the investigation, hinted that a break might come in the case this afternoon. He said that more than 40 persons, including the skier's ex-husband, had been questioned.

No Motive Uncovered

Raggio said that as yet no motive for the killing has been discovered.

Jeff Schmidt, 31, ex-husband of the Scottish-born Miss McCaskie, was given a lie-detector test along with four other persons. Police said results of the test cleared all five of any complicity in the slaying.

Miss McCaskie, who worked as a secretary for a Reno meat-packing company, competed for Great Britain in the 1960 Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley, Calif. She came to the United States as a child.

Draft Goldwater Movement Started

Washington - (UP) - Formation of a draft-Goldwater-for-president movement was announced here today.

Peter O'Donnell Jr., Republican state chairman of Texas, and Mrs. Ione F. Harrington, Republican national committeewoman from Indiana, said they will be co-chairmen of the national draft-Goldwater committee.

O'Donnell and Mrs. Harrington told a news conference they had not consulted Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) about forming the committee. Goldwater previously had requested those wanting him to run for the presidency to give him a year to consider whether he wanted to make the race or not.

Parks, Recreation Meeting Postponed

The regular meeting of the Medford parks and recreation commission has been postponed from this Wednesday to April 17, according to Robert L. Haworth, parks and recreation director.

The change was made, Haworth said, so the commission could meet with a representative from Royston, Mayes, Hanamoto and Beck, a San Francisco planning firm, who will be in Medford on April 17 to present preliminary plans for the redevelopment of Hawthorne park.

NATO PLAN ATTACKED

Moscow - (UP) - The Soviet Union, in notes to the United States and other Western nations, attacked the proposed NATO nuclear force today and hinted to retaliatory measures if the West Germans receive nuclear arms.

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NEWS BRIEFS
 ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

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