

Tempo of Legislature Quickens; Major Bills Reach Floor

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 Salem — The tempo of the 90-day-old Oregon Legislature quickened suddenly last week and major bills started coming to the floor, with more nearly ready to follow.

The Senate, waiting for the House to send over key measures, stayed with light schedules.

But more bills, and more controversial bills, started hitting the House floor and the lower chamber went into lengthy morning sessions that spilled over into three afternoons.

The House held its first afternoon meeting of the 1963

assembly Monday. It capped the week Friday by convening at 9:30 instead of 10 a.m. and acting on 27 measures in five hours.

Perhaps the most significant advances were made by the House Tax committee. The thinking of its members suddenly jelled on most features of a key income tax revenue-raising measure.

Here is how major issues stand:

Budget — A Ways and Means subcommittee made its first real policy decisions on cutting higher education's budget. Other trimmed budgets are clearing ways and means and moving through both houses. Work has started

on the big welfare budget. Proposals to revamp basic school support were advanced.

Tax — The House Tax committee decided on a new income tax law with a broader base, deductions, credits instead of exemptions, and elimination of the federal income tax deduction. A subcommittee was named to work out a graduated rate formula over the week end that would raise \$35 million in the new revenue. The bill is due on the House floor soon. Meanwhile, the committee sent a sales tax bill to the House floor in hopes it will be killed for good. A cigarette tax is back in committee after near death in the House.

Constitution — Joint committees on constitutional revision next week tackle their last big decision: Legislative apportionment. Then they will be ready to start giving final approval to revised articles in a proposed new constitution.

Reorganization — Gov. Mark Hatfield's proposal for a natural resources department was sent to the House floor with 6-2 committee approval. The State Game commission and its employees were accused of trying to fight the bill by "intimidation" of legislators. Other reorganization bills have gone nowhere so far.

Workmen's Compensation — The Senate Labor and Industries committee indicated it

is about ready to come out with a proposal to revamp Oregon's industrial accident insurance law. Crux of the issue is whether private firms should be brought into the field.

Labor - Management — The House Labor and Industries committee killed an anti-strikebreaker bill, increased unemployment benefits, and a proposed labor dispute mediation panel. The Senate committee held a hearing on a proposed \$1.25 minimum wage. A bill to prohibit employers from requiring lie detector tests as a condition of employment passed the House.

Sex Bills Passed — Military — The slashed civil defense budget is due on

the House floor Monday. The House approved a measure rewriting the Civil Defense law to bring other agencies more closely into advisory and coordinating functions. The House Military Affairs committee was told by National Guard officers that an inspector general would be nice, but wouldn't have prevented the Withycombe scandal.

Sex offenders — Three of six bills aimed at sex offenders passed the House and went to the Senate. They deal with "peeping toms," sentences, and jurisdiction over sex cases involving children. Another court jurisdiction bill was defeated, then revived. Two more, on commitment and on a police filing system, are due soon on the House floor.

Consumers — Bills on milk prices, trading stamps, bread loaves, gasoline, barber shop advertising, and truth-in-lending are still in committees.

Elections — The House passed a bill to have legislators run by position instead of at large in districts electing

more than one senator or representative. Bills for single senator and representative districts in Multnomah county were back in committee after near House defeat.

Highways — A bill to give the big truck weight-mile tax relief at the expense of smaller trucks passed the Senate

and went to the House. Traffic safety measures on "arrest for probable cause" and seat belts have cleared the House. The Senate killed the "implied consent" bill for chemical tests for suspected drunk drivers.

Others — Measures to ask voters to repeal the death penalty, and to increase minimum life imprisonment, passed the Senate and went to the House. A lobbyists' registration bill was given one hearing, then put off until April 23. The Senate passed a bill to extend summer daylight time to the last Sunday in October.

Impact of Lumber Industry on County Economy Is Reviewed

Chester Irish, Medford branch, First National Bank of Oregon, and County Judge Earl M. Miller Friday night told members of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association of the impact by the lumber industry on the valley economy.

The bank spokesman cited figures to show the lumber industry is the first major industry in the valley.

The county judge noted that 30 per cent of the money used to operate the county government comes from timber purchases of O and C and national forest land. The lumber industry is a vital part of the local government for that reason, he said.

service is trying to avoid clear-cut practices such as laying out a block of timber and allowing the industry to mow it down. Since this is a transition area with mixed timber species more selective cutting will have to be done, he explained.

Don Schofield, manager for the Medford district, bureau of land management, seconded Brown's remarks.

Curt Nashlem, district warden, state department of forestry, spoke briefly on the fire protection program. The southwest Oregon district has always been a bad fire area.

he said. It's difficult to predict how bad this year will be due to the recent blow down, although it is outside the state district.

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Attend Meeting
 Miller reported that he and other members of the county court attended a meeting last week of the Association of O and C counties. The forest inventory as prepared by a private firm for the western Oregon counties should be completed in two or three weeks and published, he reported.

This reappraisal of the allowable cut of government timber already must have had some effect, since the forest service recently increased the total allowable annual cut from 140 million board feet when the study was started to 177 million a year, he noted.

Accident Involves School Bus, Auto
 A car-school bus collision occurred Friday afternoon on Kings highway and Garfield st., state police reported.

No injuries were reported and only moderate damage resulted.

A car driven by Richard James Stemler, 20, of 405½ Earhart st., Medford, pulled out from a stop sign on Garfield st. into the left side of the school bus, state police said.

The school bus operated by Robert A. Daniel Daun, 50, of 2413 Kings highway, was loaded with 80 school children and headed south on Kings highway.

Department Warns Of Construction
 Salem — Red flags along Oregon's highways are as much a sign of spring as showers, flowers, tree buds, and women's bright, attractive dresses.

The red warning flags mean that the Oregon state highway department has started permanent repair of winter-ravaged highways or that new construction is under way.

Every attempt is made to keep traffic flowing smoothly with a minimum of delay when work is being done on the highways. To aid in this phase of their work, highway crews use many warning signs.

A red flag is displayed with each warning sign to help the public quickly tell the difference between the warning and the standard regulatory signs.

When necessary, flagmen are stationed at strategic points near the job to assist the traffic. A flagman's duty is to protect the crew and the traveling public. For this reason, it is important that a flagman's signals be closely heeded.

New construction will begin soon in many parts of the state, and this will mean the presence of heavy dirt-moving equipment and detours for which the public should be alert.

Tells of Trends
 Carroll Brown, supervisor of the Rogue River National forest, told SOCTFA members what the forest service has been doing in recent years and the general trends.

About 10 years ago, recreation had some importance and comparatively few people were interested in timber management. Now the forest service is developing more and more recreation areas. Both the public and lumber industry are watching timber management closely so the forest service has to be more exact in its practices than ever before, Brown explained.

More time is being spent on roadside park management, Brown said. Union Creek and Prospect areas are good examples. Fish lake area will be managed similarly so the general public will not be able to tell there has ever been any logging there.

Share in Responsibility
 The forest supervisor complimented Louis L. (Luke) Bieden, Prospect, on his careful job of road side strip logging. The industry has a great share of the responsibility on how forest property looks, he said.

Approximately 90 per cent of the timber cut this year will be on a selective basis, Brown explained. The forest

Non-O and C counties are taking a closer look at O and C monies in hopes of getting a share, Miller said. The O and C counties are taking steps to try to prevent this, he added.

No 'Civil Service' School Connected With Federal Agency
 The United States Civil Service commission, beset with complaints regarding activities of schools that offer correspondence courses claiming to be "civil service" schools, has issued a warning to the public.

No "civil service" school is connected with the Civil Service Commission, the agency of the federal government declared.

Neither the commission nor any other agency of the federal government gives coaching courses in preparation for civil service examinations. They do not have agents who offer such courses.

No Special Advantages
 The commission does not make recommendations regarding any school, the release further cautioned the public. No school can obtain special advantages for its students in

civil service examinations or appointments.

No school which gives special preparation for civil service examinations is given any advance or special information regarding civil service examinations, or any other civil service information that is not available to the public without cost.

No school can properly promise success in passing civil service examinations or guarantee employment in the federal civil service, the commission pointed out.

Announced examinations are competitive. A list is established from each examination, containing the names of persons who pass. The names of persons highest on the list are referred to appointing officials for filling a particular position, and selection is made from that list.

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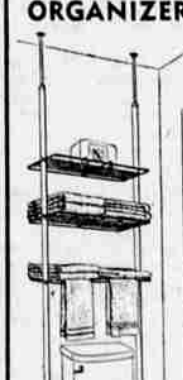
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