

Voters May Be Asked to End Death Penalty

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Committee Revises Reapportionment

Salem—UPI—The proposed new constitution that passed the House Monday was given a different reapportionment plan Thursday by the Senate Committee on Constitutional Revision.

Its immediate effect would be to benefit Eastern Oregon. The Senate committee also made several other changes. That means if the constitution gets the two-thirds vote it needs to pass the Senate, it will have to go back to the House, and perhaps to a conference committee, to resolve differences.

The House-passed document contained Oregon's present apportionment plan.

Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ore.) sponsored the replacement that was approved 6-3

by the Senate committee.

Both plans are based on population.

Effect Noted

But under Oregon's present population pattern, the effect of the Yturri plan would be a slight gain in strength for Eastern Oregon. Yturri said it would be equivalent to adding a 10 per cent land factor.

Population shifts in future decades could, however, remove the Eastern Oregon advantage.

Yturri said under his plan the maximum possible disproportion is not any greater than under the present plan. Sen. Don Willner (D-Portland) disagreed and said the differences in voter strength could be greater.

Yturri predicted his plan would gain votes in the Senate and the House would accept it. The committee ordered specific language drafted.

The Yturri plan would make the sizes of the house and Senate flexible, removing the problem of what to do when eligible districts under the present formula fail to add up to 30 and 60, as happened two years ago.

Would Keep Fractions

It would keep 1-30 and 1-60 of the population, however, to use in determining eligible districts as nearly as possible on a population basis. Determination on a pure population basis is impossible as long as districts follow county boundary lines.

It would honor all major fractions. A major fraction is leftover population in a district adding up to more than half the requirement for a legislator.

And, it would prohibit counties with at least one senator and representative from combining minor fractions leftover population worth less than half the requirement for a legislator in order to share a legislator.

Other Changes

The last probably would be most significant for Eastern

Oregon, where counties still could pool populations to qualify for a first legislator without losing any representation for minor fractions.

The senate committee also made these changes in the House-passed document:

-Deleted the anti-lottery section and voted to put it in the laws instead.

-Restored language of the present constitution on protection against double jeopardy.

-Excluded county judges and justices of the peace from the requirement that judges of the state's courts be attorneys.

-Restored the present method of electing judges to fill an end-of-term vacancy.

-Deleted the word "uniform" from a section on residence qualifications for voters.

The committee set another meeting for Tuesday evening.

Life in Prison For First Degree Murder Proposed

Salem—UPI—The House Constitutional Revision Committee voted Thursday to ask voters to remove the death penalty from the constitution, and by law to set the penalty for first degree murder at life in prison.

The move was separate from Senate committee consideration of the proposed new constitution.

Changes Penalty

The action came in amendments to Senate - approved measures which would change the constitutional penalty for first degree murder to life imprisonment, and by law require anyone convicted of first degree murder to serve 15 years before becoming eligible for parole.

The proposed constitutional change would be voted upon at the general election in the fall of 1964.

The committee action represented a major departure from the Senate - approved measures as it would allow the legislature to set the penalty for murder by law. Thus, a future legislature could reinstate capital punishment.

Voters Could Decide

The action was designed to give voters an opportunity to decide the death penalty question after they vote on the proposed new state constitution, which retains the death penalty.

The new constitution, already approved by the House, would be voted upon in the 1964 primary if it clears the legislature.

Meanwhile, the Senate Committee on Constitutional Revision indicated it may try to put the death penalty question on the same May, 1964, ballot.

The House committee also made major changes in the Senate-approved penalties for murder.

The new proposal sets life in prison as the penalty for both first and second degree murder. The 15-year minimum sentence was thrown out, and prisoners could become eligible for parole after serving seven years, as at present.

Lifetime Parole

A person convicted of first degree murder would be under lifetime parole supervision after release, while a person convicted of second degree murder could be discharged from parole.

Attempts to maintain capital punishment in cases of police killing, murdering kidnap victims, or committing murder while serving a sentence for first degree murder, were rejected by the committee.

Committee members felt that penalties should be created by statute.

California Health Agencies Urged To Go Ahead on Program of Birth Control

Sacramento—UPI—The author of a measure creating a statewide birth control program, who saw his proposal defeated in the legislature Thursday, today urged local public health agencies to go ahead with legislative "encouragement."

"There is no good reason for not having it (a local birth control program) except for the minority opinion of the Roman Catholic church," said Sen. Alvin C. Weingand (D-Santa Barbara).

Weingand's measure, a resolution, went down to an emphatic defeat Thursday after more than two hours of testimony before the six Protestant and one Roman Catholic on the Senate public health and safety committee.

In general the opposition arguments said that "artificial limitation of the race" violated natural law and that widespread distribution of birth control information would encourage "illicit relationships."

The testimony saw several doctors, a superior court judge and a Methodist minister supporting the birth control plan. Two Roman Catholic

priests and three lay members of that church opposed it.

Weingand said later that the negative vote "must have been from fear rather than conviction."

The resolution would have given legislative approval to family planning services administered by local health departments with general cooperation from the state department of public health.

It also said that the services could be given "only to persons who ask for such services, who are parents, and who profess that provision of such services would not be contrary to the principles of their church or religion."

Stocks Extremely Narrow; Blue Chips Hold Fractional Range

New York—UPI—Stocks were extremely narrow today. Blue chips, except for Chrysler which rose around 1½, held to a fractional range.

International oils and steels were steady, chemicals mixed and autos and nonferrous metals firm among the major groups. Rails gained slightly on balance while the utilities gave a little ground.


In the general list the only features were Beckman, California Packing, Virginia-Caroline Chemical and Cessna with point-sized gains and National Gypsum, Polaroid and Texas Instruments with comparable losses.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York—UPI—Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 721.97, up 3.43; 20 railroads 184.40, up 0.89; 15 utilities 139.83, up 0.89, and 65 stocks 255.28, up 1.28. Sales Thursday were about 5.6 million shares compared with 5.14 million shares Wednesday.

Thursday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	51½
Alum Co Am	62½
American Air Lines	22½
American Can	44½
American Motors	19¾
A. T. & T.	123½
American Tobacco	23½
Anaconda Copper	48½
Armco	34½
Bendix Corp	33½
Bethlehem Steel	37½
Boeing Air	37½
Brumwich	15½
Caterpillar Corp	39½
Chrysler Corp	104½
Coca Cola	63½
C.B.S.	53
Continental Can	29½
Crown Zellerbach	54½
Cruible Steel	20½
Curtis Wright	31½
Dow Chemical	65
Du Pont	254½
Eastman Kodak	137½
Firestone	37½
Ford	42½
General Electric	82½
General Foods	80½
General Motors	72½
Greyhound	42½
Gulf Oil	45½
Homestake	45½
Idaho Power	35½
I.B.M.	470½
Int. Paper	30½
Johns Manville	48½
Kennecott Copper	73½
Lockheed Aircraft	58
Martin	20½
Montana Power	38
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Northern Pacific	46
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Richfield Oil	45½
Safeway	28½
Salt Lake	28½
Sears	86
Shell Oil	43½
Socomey Mobil Oil	63½
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Southern Pacific	34
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Standard N.J.	68½
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Texas Gulf Sulfur	13½
Texas Pacific Land Trust	63½
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Trans America	53½
Trans World Air	15½
Tri-Continental	47½
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Union Pacific	39½
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Community College Clampdown Hinted

Salem—UPI—A clampdown on state-aided community college expansion was indicated Thursday by the Ways and Means Education subcommittee.

The committee indicated, however, it might soften slightly a bill that would put a two-year moratorium on new community colleges.

The legislators indicated they might permit the creation of new community colleges without state aid.

The group is considering a community college budget calling for \$3.6 million in state aid for operation of existing community colleges and \$2.1 million for construction.

TB INCREASING

Washington—UPI—The Public Health Service said Thursday there was an increase of 826 in the number of new active cases of tuberculosis reported in the United States during 1962.

Foreign Briefs

KENNEDY TO SPEND SEVEN HOURS IN BERLIN

Berlin—UPI—President Kennedy will spend seven hours in West Berlin on June 28, Presidential Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said today.

Salinger and other White House aides flew home this morning in the President's jetliner after a day of mapping out the President's tour through divided Berlin and along the Communist wall.

BRITISH OFFICIALS TO REVIEW PROBLEMS

London—UPI—The Foreign office announced Thursday that Senior British officials in the Far East and Southeast Asia will meet in Singapore May 27-29 to review problems of their areas and the international situation.

BRITAIN'S PEERS TO BE FREED OF SHACKLES

London—UPI—Britain's reluctant peers will be freed of their hereditary shackles by the time of the next general elections, the government promised Thursday.

Ian MacLeod, leader of the House of Commons said legislation to allow peers to give up their titles will be adopted by that time. General Elections must be held before October, 1964.

The British House of Lords is considered a political graveyard by law, however, all peers must sit in it and may not run for Commons.

THANT EN ROUTE TO LONDON VIA ROME

Belgrade—UPI—Secretary General Thant left by plane today for Rome at the end of a three-day visit to Yugoslavia.

From Rome, he was to go to London for scheduled talks with British Foreign Secretary Lord Home.

SWISS KIWANIS CLUB RECEIVES CHARTER

Basil, Switzerland—UPI—The second Kiwanis club outside of the western hemisphere received its charter here Thursday.

The first Kiwanis club in Europe to be given its charter in the course of the first Kiwanis International tour of Europe was that of Vienna, Austria, on May 4.

1,900 Degrees Will Be Conferred at OSU

Corvallis—More than 1,900 degrees, including a record number of advanced degrees will be conferred June 2 at the 94th annual commencement program of Oregon State University.

About 100 more degrees will be conferred by President James H. Jensen this year than last and the total of approximately 1,940 degrees will be the second largest in OSU's history.

Only the veteran-filled class of 1949-50 had more graduates. That year, 1,988 degrees were conferred, 1,765 of them bachelor's degrees.

Since then the degree pattern has changed, OSU officials point out, with the number of advanced degrees showing rapid increases. This year, about 1,400 bachelor's degrees will be conferred along with about 445 master's degrees, 78 doctor's degrees, and four professional engineering degrees.

Dynamite-Loaded Truck Explodes

Ritzville, Wash.—UPI—A pickup truck loaded with dynamite exploded on U.S. Highway 19 one mile north of here Thursday, but no one was hurt.

Slate Trooper Ronald Snowden said Kenneth D. Viegel, 29, Mead, was driving the truck when a fire started in the back of the pickup.

Viegel stopped the truck and dashed down the road to divert traffic. He was about a block away when the dynamite exploded, disintegrating the truck and blasting a hole 8 by 10 feet. Debris was scattered over a quarter of a mile radius.

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