

Senate Group May Pass Out Major Tax Bill

Salem — (UPI) — The Senate Tax committee may pass out its version of the major income tax bill Monday, Chairman Boyd Overhulse (D-Madras) told UPI late Friday.

The announcement gave rise to the belief that the Senate version was hammered out at a series of informal, unannounced meetings that were not attended by reporters. Overhulse told UPI on several occasions on Thursday and Friday that he was not going to call a Senate tax meeting because committee members had "conflicts" with other work.

Late Friday he admitted the tax committee had held an "informal" session Thursday. The two-hour meeting broke up about 6:30 p.m. No newsmen were present at the unscheduled meeting.

At noon Friday Overhulse said there would be no Senate tax meeting until Monday. That afternoon UPI discov-

ered Overhulse, Senate tax committee Counsel Evelyn Scott, House tax committee Chairman Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Madras), House tax Advisor Forrest Amsden and several others in the Senate Tax committee meeting room. When asked by UPI if the group was holding another in-

formal tax session, Overhulse replied, "No, we are discussing another matter." Agreement Sought About two hours later Overhulse admitted the group had discussed the "Green Belt Law," but said the major income bills had not been discussed.

The "Green Belt" bill, which has passed the House and is now in the Senate Tax committee, grants property tax relief to farmers in areas adjacent to cities. The Senate may be proposing changes, and seeking agreement with the House tax people before sending the bill to the Senate for action.

No reporters were present for Friday's discussion of the "Green Belt" measure.

House Speaker Clarence Barton said he was unaware of any "informal" meetings between House and Senate tax officials, and said he would not agree to allow House members to participate in secret sessions.

The last open meeting of the Senate Tax committee was held Wednesday afternoon. Some discussion of the House-approved income tax measure was held at that time. Most of the meeting was devoted to other bills, however.

Because of the apparent wide gap between Senate and House feeling on the major

revenue bill, newsmen have been waiting for the Senate group to begin public discussion of its plans.

Overhulse said Friday evening the committee had gotten some revenue figures from the tax commission, and had asked for additional information.

Other Highlights Overhulse also said he expected tax committee member Sen. Walter Pearson (D-Portland) to substitute a sales tax bill for one of the House measures. "I expect it will get as far as the House," Overhulse committed.

Time — A bill to extend summer daylight saving time in Oregon to the last Sunday in October was allowed by Gov. Mark Hatfield to become law without his signature.

Education — The Ways and Means Education subcommittee voted to increase funds for programs for mentally retarded and physically handicapped children by \$1.1 million over the governor's requests. It declined to make recommendation on what should be done with the state's special program for migrant children.

Salaries — A special salary subcommittee started kicking out salary recommendations, including better pay for district judges and more retirement money for circuit judges.

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3,000 Trees Donated To Josephine County

Grants Pass—Grants Pass and surrounding Josephine county areas will become more beautiful because Portland nurseryman Paul Doty has chosen to live here when he retires.

Doty, who has built a home on the Rogue river near Galice, recently presented to the city and county a vanload of approximately 3,000 trees and shrubs to be used in beautifying entrances to the city, freeway interchanges, parks and county buildings.

Included in the shipment were 1,000 Norway maples, 600 pin oaks, 220 silver maples, 200 flowering crab, 200 each of pink leaf and sycamore maple, and lesser amounts of weeping and golden willows, green ash, sycamore, blue ash, tulip trees, sugar and amur maples, red oak and box elder.

Doty also donated a number of trees last year for Indian Mary Park on the Galice rd. He first came to this community in 1927 and has been coming back each year since that time.

House Passes Bill On Sex Offenders

Salem — (UPI) — Sexually dangerous persons would be civilly committed to the state hospital and given special treatment under a pioneer program approved 53-3 by the House Saturday and sent to the Senate.

Rep. Ross Morgan (D-Gresham) estimated it would involve 15 persons in Oregon in the next biennium at a cost of \$136,000.

Rep. Berkeley Lent (D-Portland) said the rewritten bill

"ensures adequate safeguards" for the individual.

Rep. Beulah Hand (D-Milwaukie) replied the language was so broad it "could set off a witch hunt." She also questioned the \$9,000 per patient cost, and said the money could be spent in other areas where needs are higher and results could be greater.

The measure is one of a package of six sex offender bills.

Morgan said criminal conviction of a sex offender often is impossible when the victim is a small child. He said the intent of the bill was to get these persons out of circulation.

Accused Person Under the bill, civil commitment proceedings could be brought against a person though sexually dangerous. The accused person would be entitled to two jury trials.

The first trial would determine whether proceedings should be continued or dropped.

If the jury thought there was evidence of sexually dangerous tendencies, two psychiatrists would be given 30 to 40 days to make a report.

If one or both agreed, the accused would have another hearing and could request another trial where commitment would be determined.

After commitment, he could demand a new hearing each year to determine whether he should be released.

Eagle Point Man Receives Degree

Eagle Point—Russell Rodney Ragsdale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ragsdale, route 1, box 202, Eagle Point, received his bachelor of divinity degree at commencement exercises at Hinson Memorial Baptist church, Portland, recently.

He was graduated from the Western Conservative Baptist Theological seminary in Portland.

Attending from this area were his parents; a brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Ragsdale, and a brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lamplsey, all of route 1, box 202, Eagle Point.

Ragsdale is a 1953 graduate of Eagle Point High school, later attending Oregon State college, and Southern Oregon college from which he was graduated in 1959. He taught school for one year at Butte Falls before entering the seminary in 1960.

Harper Elected New Commander of Post

Bruce Harper, Valley View, Ashland, has been elected commander of the Medford American Legion post for the 1963-64 year.

Other officers elected recently are John Revis, Eagle Point, first vice commander; Herb Alford, 517 West 10th st., Medford, second vice commander; Patrick Kilby, 24 North Orange st., Medford, adjutant; Earl Bigelow, 2010 East Main st., Medford, finance officer; Ralph Eitel, 724 West Second st., Medford, chaplain; Frank Wright, Eagle Point, sergeant-at-arms; Edward Russell, 204 North Ivy st., Medford, executive committee member, five-year term; Granville Brittan, Talent, executive committee member, four-year term; and Eugene Orr, Old Military rd., Central Point, executive committee member, three-year term.

Russell, Bigelow and Eitel were elected delegates to the state Legion convention Aug. 1-3 at Fendilton.

Olson Lawyer Bids High for Timber

Olson-Lawyer Lumber Inc., Medford, was high bidder last week for 10,410,000 board feet of timber in the Upper Woodruff blowdown area, Prospect Ranger district, Rogue River National forest.

Forest Supervisor C. E. Brown reported the high bid totaled \$227,131, compared to the forest service appraised price for the timber of \$222,315, an increase of 2 per cent.

Next high bidder in the oral auction for the timber was Fir-Ply Inc., Medford.

The timber in the unit consisted of 5,740,000 board feet of Douglas-fir bid at \$25.55 per thousand board feet; 2,320,000 board feet of sugar pine, western white pine, and ponderosa pine bid at \$23.95 per thousand board feet, and 2,350,000 board feet of white fir and other species bid at \$10.60 per thousand board feet.

99 Influenza Cases Reported in County

There were 99 cases of influenza reported in Jackson county last week, Dr. A. E. Merkel, director of the Jackson County Health department reported.

No other communicable disease approached influenza in prevalence. There were 28 cases of measles, 8 of pneumonia, 6 of mumps, 3 of whooping cough, 3 of German measles and 2 of chicken pox. One case of scalp ringworm and one of gonorrhoea also were reported by the health department.

Medford reported the greatest number of influenza cases with 40.

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Research Urged On Fallen Timber

Salem — (UPI) — The Columbus Day storm toppled billions of feet of timber that invites the attention of pests and disease — and researchers.

Witnesses appealed to a Ways and Means subcommittee here Friday for \$50,000 for additional research into forest insects and disease in the natural laboratory created by the storm.

The state money would be shared between insect and disease research programs now financed by the timber industry at the Oregon forest laboratory at Oregon State university.

James B. Corlett, manager of the Oregon Forest Protective association, said more than two billion board feet may never be salvaged, turning into a breeding ground for beetles and other pests that could threaten live trees.

Corlett's appeal was seconded by Rudy Callender of the forest laboratory, David Burwell of Hosboro Lumber Co. at Springfield, and four legislators.



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Shepherd Attends Credit Union Event

Douglas W. Shepherd, 2223 Canal st., Medford, vice president of the Jackson County Federal Employees Federal Credit Union, represented approximately 135,750 Oregon credit union members at the annual meeting of the international credit union organization in New York City last week.

About 1,000 delegates and guests took part in the week-long event. The Credit Union National Association (CUNA) delegates represented about 17 million credit union members in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Jamaica, Barbados, British Honduras and Ireland.

Shepherd was also elected a director of CUNA in 1962. CUNA is the non-profit international association serving 29,000 credit unions in 67 countries.

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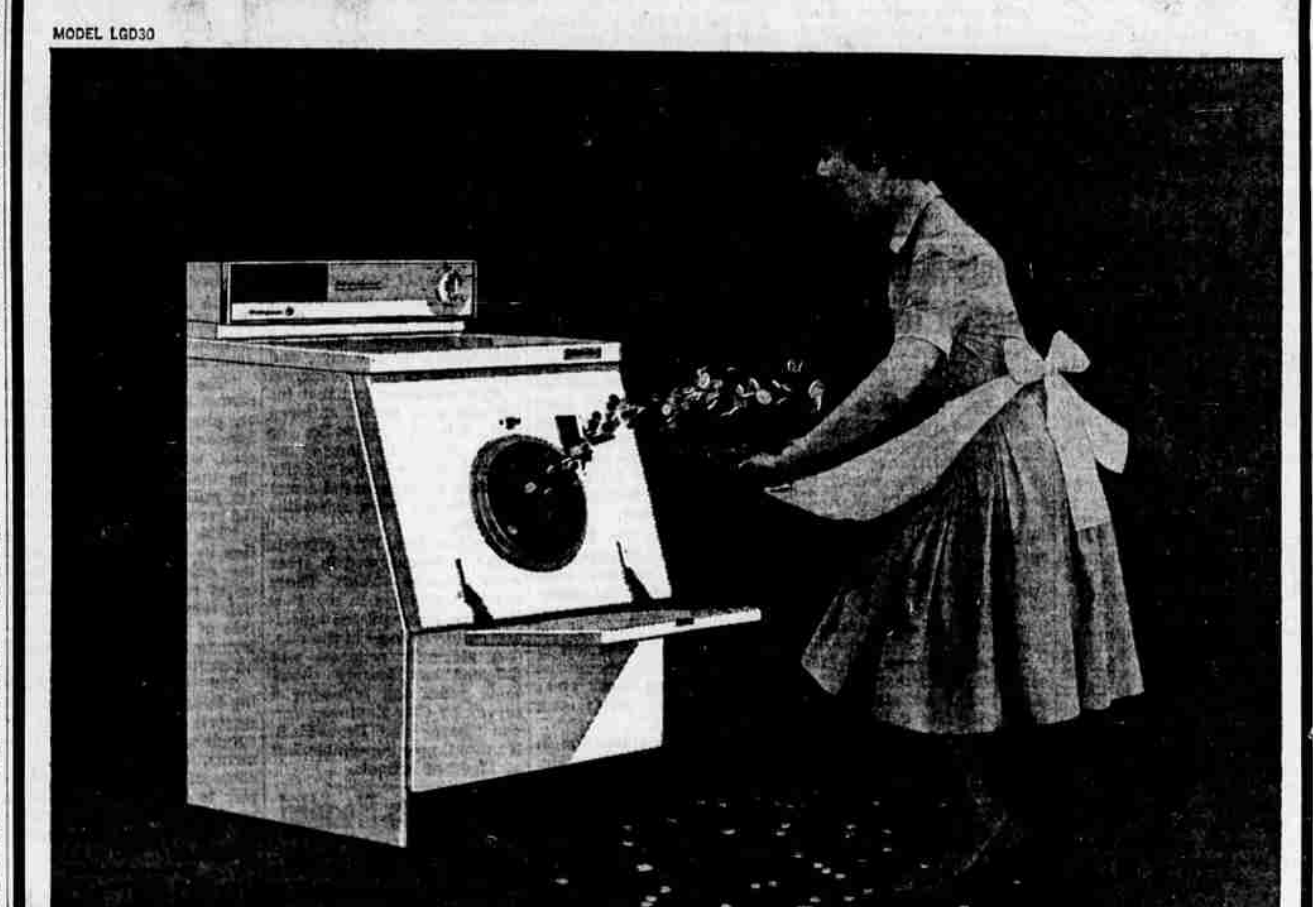
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