Pleas for Inventory Tax Relief Voiced

Salem –(UPI)– Pleas for inventory tax relief through a tax on net business income, and requests for property tax exemptions for labor temples and chamber of commerce property were heard Wednesday by the Senate Tax committee.

The Senate group took no action on these measures, but did approve a bill exempting pension, retirement and Social Security benefits from taxation.

Urging passage of the House-approved inventory tax relief measure were Doug Heider, Associated Oregon Industries; Roger Martin, an equipment wholesaler, and Lew Norris, Oregon Farm Bureau Federation.

Claimed Inequitable

All claimed inventory taxes were inequitable, hindered business expansion, and that the House bill was "a step in the right direction."

The House measure would levy a one per cent tax on net business income to pay for a 25 per cent reduction in inventory tax.

Sen. Walter Pearson (D-Portland) attacked the proposal, and accused businessmen of wanting businesses which do not now pay inventory tax, such as professional firms, to share in the inventory tax load.

Pearson said a sales tax should be enacted, and that inventory taxes should be eliminated.

Walter Lofgren and Tom Scanlon of the AFL-CIO said they wanted labor temples exempted from property taxes in the interests of "fairness and equity."

Lodges, Legion halls, Granges and other fraternal groups now are exempted from property taxes.

In a unique display of candor, the labor spokesmen said they did not feel any property should be exempted from property taxes, but as long as some were exempted, they wanted to share in the benefits.

Representatives of the Portland and Salem Chambers of Commerce said the House-approved bill which would grant the tax relief to labor temples should be amended to include property owned by Chambers of Commerce.

Five-Year-Old Boy In Critical Condition

Roger Donald Hein, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald William Hein, route 2, box 192, Gregory rd., Central Point, was reported in critical condition this morning after he ran into the path of an automobile about 4:45 p.m. Wednesday.

According to state police, the boy had returned to his home to get his fishing pole and was running to join his father and two friends when he was struck by the car.

Driver of the automobile was Rogers Roland Larson, 28, of 6303 Table Rock rd.

The boy was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance suffering head injuries and a fractured leg.

UN Delegates Talk Finances

United Nations, N. Y. –(UPI)– United Nations delegates today turned to private talks behind the scenes to seek a compromise solution for the organization's multi-million dollar financial troubles.

Secretary General Thant warned the assembly's budgetary committee Wednesday that the financial problem is perhaps the most serious one facing the United Nations.

"Despite the various measures that have been taken, the unhappy fact remains that the organization continues in a state of serious financial difficulty," he said.

The Budgetary Committee, instructed to find a better way to pay for the UN peace-keeping missions in the Congo and Middle East, recessed until Monday after its opening session Wednesday. The recess will give delegates time for private consultations.

The deficit now totals nearly $100 million. It is caused by the failure of the Soviet bloc, France, South Africa, Portugal, and some other countries to pay their share of the peace-keeping costs.

Foreign Briefs

SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS DISCUSSION TOPIC

London – (UPI) – European communications authorities will meet in Paris next Monday and in London in mid-July to discuss the United States' and international development of satellite communications, it was announced Wednesday.

U.S. ENVOY TO WEST GERMANY ARRIVES IN BONN

Frankfurt, Germany–(UPI)–George McGhee, newly-named U.S. ambassador to West Germany, arrived by plane today to take up his duties at Bonn.

NEARLY 1,000 HOMELESS IN PHILIPPINES FIRE

Manila, Philippines–(UPI)–An early morning fire that swept through the town of Bogo in Cebu province destroyed the homes of nearly 1,000 persons, according to the Philippines news service.

WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENT APPROVES BUDGET

Bonn, Germany – (UPI) – The West German Parliament Wednesday approved a budget of $14.42 billion for 1963.

A new law provides the increased budget will be paid for by raising the federal government share of income and corporation taxes to 40.5 per cent this year and to 41.5 per cent next year.

FINNISH PRESIDENT CONCLUDES VISITS

Helsinki, Finland–(UPI)–President Urho Kekkonen of Finland returned home Wednesday from a state visit to Yugoslavia and an informal visit to Communist Hungary.

Stock List Firm; Du Pont Dips in Mixed Chemicals

New York – (UPI) – Stocks held firm today.

Du Pont dropped about a point in an otherwise narrowly mixed chemical section. Autos showed good fractional gains but steels were only steady at best.

Rails once again showed the best gains. Electronics were scrambled featuring IBM up about 2 and Avnet and Beckman down nearly a point apiece.

Johnson & Johnson added another point to its recent gains but American Tobacco drifted about a point lower.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York–(UPI)–Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 724.34, up 4.50; 20 railroads 167.90, up 1.59; 15 utilities 141.41, up 0.56, and 65 stocks 257.68, up 1.66. Sales Wednesday were about 5.65 million shares compared with 4.74 million shares Tuesday.

Wednesday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	50½
Alum Co Am	63⅛
American Air Lines	23¼
American Can	45
American Motors (xd)	18⅛
A T & T	124
American Tobacco	31⅞
Anaconda Copper	50⅛
Armco	55½
Bendix Corp	54
Bethlehem Steel	31⅝
Boeing Air	36½
Brunswick	15⅛
Caterpillar Corp	41½
Chrysler Corp	56½
Coca Cola	93¾
C.B.S.	34⅞
Columbia Gas	29½
Continental Can	46⅝
Crown Zellerbach	54½
Crucible Steel	20¾
Curtiss Wright	23⅞
Dow Chemical	65¼
Du Pont	255
Eastman Kodak	114½
Firestone	36⅛
Ford	49⅝
General Electric	81⅝
General Foods	82¼
General Motors	71⅛
Greyhound	41⅜
Gulf Oil	45⅜
Idaho Power	34½
I.B.M.	472
Int Paper (xd)	31⅛
Johns Manville	49¼
Kennecott Copper	77⅛
Lockheed Aircraft	56⅝
Martin	20⅛
Merck	87⅛
Montana Power	38¾
Montgomery Ward	38
National Biscuit	48⅛
New York Central	20⅛
Pac Gas Elec	32⅞
Penney J. C.	47⅞
Penn RR	16⅞
Perma Cement	15
Phillips	51¾
Procter & Gamble	77⅛
Radio Corporation	65⅜
Richfield Oil	44⅛
Safeway	56⅞
Santa Fe	29
Sears	87⅜
Shell Oil	42¾
Socony Mobil Oil	65¾
Southern Co.	56⅛
Southern Pacific	24
Sperry Rand	13½
Standard California	64⅞
Standard Indiana	38⅛
Standard N. J.	65½
Stokely Van Camp	20⅝
Sun Mines	10⅛
Texas Co.	66⅞
Texas Gulf Sulfur	16
Texas Pacific Land Trust	64½
Thiokol	25⅜
Trans America	53
Trans World Air	17
Tri-Continental	42⅞
Union Carbide	110⅜
Union Pacific	39⅛
United Air Lines	40⅛
U. S. Plywood	58⅛
U. S. Rubber	48⅜
U. S. Steel	50
United Utilities	39⅜
West Bank Corp	39⅜
Westinghouse	36¾
Youngstown	39⅛

Contract Awarded For Office Building

The contract has been awarded to Harry Salter, Jackson county builder, for construction of an office building at the corner of Barnett and Murphy rds. in the vicinity of the Rogue Valley hospital, Robert McIntyre, of the Rogue Valley Land company, announced today.

Owners of the building will be Mont Crest Investment company, a newly formed business.

The building has been designed by Edson and Pappas, Medford architectural firm. It will be of frame construction and will have 4,000 square feet of floor space available for medical and other offices, McIntyre said.

It will be known as the Claude E. McIntyre building. Construction is scheduled to start within 10 days and occupancy is scheduled for Sept. 1.

The location is on the southwest corner of the Barnett and Murphy rds. intersection.

Opinion Asked on Overseas Air Fares

Washington–(UPI)–The Senate Commerce Committee today called for the State Department's opinion on a bill to give the Civil Aeronautics Board power to regulate international air fares.

The administration measure was sent to Congress Tuesday. Committee Chairman Warren G. Magnuson, who introduced it, said "we want to proceed promptly in this matter."

The bill would give the CAB specific authority to regulate international air fares in much the same way as it regulates domestic rates.

CAB Chairman Allan S. Boyd told the committee that once the authority is granted the United States can seek basic reduction on overseas rates, not just a repeal of the 5 per cent increase to which the CAB has submitted.

Educational Television Budget Cut $57,100 Less Than Amount Asked

Salem–(UPI)–A trimmed educational television budget of $906,900 – with a feature designed to stimulate state and local school participation–won legislative committee approval Wednesday.

The Ways and Means Education subcommittee voted for the sum, which is $57,100 less than the governor had proposed.

Furthermore, $70,000 of the sum approved by the subcommittee would be available only if the higher education system, the education department, or local school districts put up $2 for each $1 of state money.

Rep. John Mosser (R-Beaverton) expressed hope that would encourage the state's schools and college systems to take part more seriously in educational television.

The subcommittee abandoned a proposal to put educational television and radio under an independent council and decided to leave it under higher education, where it is a semi-independent branch.

Cultural Broadcasts

Most of the money approved by the committee for the 1963-65 biennium, $696,900 of it, would go to the system for cultural broadcasts and its "college of the air."

Of the rest, $60,000 would go to higher education and $80,000 to the Department of Education for school programming.

The effect of the budget approved by the subcommittee would be to hold back the expansion of the five-year-old state educational television system, which had hoped to increase its broadcast hours. Educational radio is included in the budget.

The subcommittee indicated it may also approve $101,000 in state matching funds to construct the proposed Mary's Peak broadcasting facilities which would increase the range of ETV farther up the Columbia river.

The subcommittee also discussed a new proposal on what to do about the state's two tuberculosis hospitals in Portland and Salem.

The legislators are trying to consolidate the operations.

The governor suggested moving all patients to Salem for a $600,000 saving. Opponents replied most patients come from the Portland area, and the expert medical help is mainly at the Portland hospital.

The Portland hospital, however, is not large enough for all patients, now about 160.

Rep. Ross Morgan (D-Gresham) revealed the Multnomah County Commission has expressed willingness to handle state patients at its county hospital and annex between Troutdale and Fairview, which would supplement the Portland hospital.

Morgan said the rate proposed by the county would save the state an additional $300,000.

No action was taken.

Brown's Income Tax Bill Passes

Sacramento – (UPI) – Gov. Edmund E. Brown chalked up victory No. 2 today on his tax reform program.

By a pencil-thin 8-7 vote the Assembly Revenue and Taxation committee late Wednesday cleared Brown's bill to establish a state withholding system for personal income taxes.

It would go into effect July 1, 1964, for an estimated 5 million of the state's taxpayers. But when they prepared their tax for calendar 1964, the taxpayers would be allowed to write off 50 per cent of the tax under a "forgiveness" principle.

Shortly after approving the withholding bill, the committee cleared another measure to exempt from any income tax single persons who would pay under $5 and married couples with a tax of less than $10.

This measure would affect about 850,000 taxpayers and cost the state $2.5 million a year in lost revenue. It fills a campaign pledge made by the governor.

Last week, the committee approved a bill to bring $22 million added revenue to the state next fiscal year by accelerating payment of the gross insurance tax from yearly to quarterly.

Freeway Replica Set for Display

An exact replica of a typical rural area freeway interchange, plus other exhibits, will be on display at an open house to be held Tuesday, May 28, at the state highway department offices, 2692 North Pacific highway, Medford.

The model shows exact detail of the Fern Valley interchange on the Pacific Highway south of Medford, according to R. L. Lammert, district maintenance superintendent at Medford.

Groups and individuals are invited to the open house to meet representatives of the state highway department and to learn of highway activity in the area. Open house hours are 2 to 9 p.m.

Besides the model interchange, other displays will include sketches and photographs of highways, an asphaltic concrete core taken from a section of paved highway and displays of maintenance equipment and signs.

The Medford open house is in conjunction with statewide observance of National Highway Week, May 26-June 1.

Lammert encouraged everyone to learn about highways because of their importance to regional and local economy.

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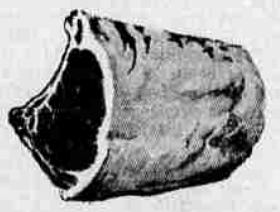

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