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Committee Approves Raises For Teachers & State Employees

Salem—(UPI)—Some \$5.1 million in pay raises for college teachers and state employees, over and above automatic merit raises, has been approved by the Ways and Means committee.

Acting on a 21-bill agenda Friday, the committee also:

—Turned down raises for the governor, secretary of state, treasurer, attorney general and labor commissioner.

—Approved a bill to broaden Oregon's two-year-old program of hospital and nursing home assistance for the elderly.

New Judge

—Okayed a new circuit judge for Washington county, but rejected one for Lane county and one for the Polk-Yamhill district.

—Approved a bill revising the public employees retirement system.

—Recommended a bill to let the Welfare Commission liberalize the food stamp and surplus food programs.

—Approved the establishment of new district courts at Grants Pass and at Gresham.

—Restored a \$750 appropriation for the Rogue River Coordination board that was turned down earlier by the House.

—Approved district judge salary increases from \$10,500 to \$11,000.

—Okayed budgets for the State Scholarship commission, the state Labor-Management Relations board, the secretary of state, and four state institutions.

The sum approved to raise salaries for college faculty members during the 1963-65 biennium was \$1.5 million, compared to \$2 million sought by the governor. Rep. John Mosser (R-Beaverton) was unsuccessful in trying to get the committee to increase the sum.

The committee approved \$3.6 million for state employees. The governor had asked \$4.4 million.

James Daniels, executive secretary of the Oregon State Employees association, promptly termed the commit-

tee's recommendations "ill advised" and said the problem of state employees quitting their jobs could be severe enough to necessitate a special session of the legislature.

Boy Scout Dinner Scheduled Tonight

Officers will be elected and three silver beaver awards will be presented at the 39th annual meeting and recognition dinner of the Boy Scouts' Crater Lake council at 6 o'clock this evening at North's Chuck Wagon restaurant in Medford.

The silver beaver awards are the highest tribute a Boy Scout council can pay to a volunteer leader within its area.

Charles Gill, Grants Pass mayor, will be master of ceremonies. He will introduce the various Scouters who will present "key men awards," "wood badge training awards," "golden leaders awards" and awards to the outstanding Boy Scout circuit ticket salesman and the silver beaver presentations.

The Medford High school choir will provide the music.

Redding Airport Comes Under Fire

Redding, Calif.—(UPI)—An attempt to put the city out of the airport business was begun Friday following the third light plane crashup in two weeks at city-owned Benton airport.

All three pilots walked away with little more than scratches after their planes overshot the runway, bounded across a public highway and stopped in a ravine.

Following the first such landing May 1, the federal aviation agency checked the field and declared it safe.

Petitions which would put before city voters the question of whether the city should continue operation of the airport were circulated Friday by former Mayor Bud Puryear.



RESIGNS—George F. Kennan, shown here in a 1961 photo, resigned Friday as U.S. ambassador to Yugoslavia. Kennan, considered one of the nation's foremost experts on communist affairs, denied he was quitting because of a disagreement with President Kennedy. The White House issued a statement saying Kennan resigned in accordance with a long-standing plan of his to return to academic duties as professor at the institute for advanced study at Princeton. (UPI)

House Votes Against Capital Punishment 45-13

Salem—(UPI)—A proposal to strike capital punishment from the state constitution has been approved 45-13 by the House.

The measure would be voted upon at the 1964 general election, and would apply both to the present and proposed state constitutions.

But the House sent back to committee Friday a companion measure which would have set the statutory penalty for murder at life in prison.

Rep. John Dellenback (R-Medford) said he would put the bill amended so the death penalty could be retained in case of cop killing, a prisoner killing a guard, and the killing of a kidnap victim.

Both the proposed constitutional change, and the statute already have passed the Senate.

The Senate version changed the constitutional penalty for first degree murder from death to life in prison. The House amended this to delete all reference to murder from the constitution, and the Senate must agree with this before the measure can go to the voters.

The Senate set the statutory penalty for first degree murder at life in prison, required a minimum of 15 years be served, then required lifetime parole supervision.

The House took out the 15 year minimum, retained the lifetime supervision provision, and then set the penalty for second degree murder at life in prison, with release from parole possible after seven years.

Dellenback told House members he did not think the penalties were severe enough to offer protection to the public. The House voted 35-23 to send the bill back to committee for amendments.

Influenza Still Leads Disease List

Influenza still topped the list of communicable diseases in Jackson county with a total of 69 cases last week, Dr. A. E. Merkel, director of the Jackson County Health department, reported.

Measles was in second place with 21 cases in the Gold Hill, Medford and Central Point areas.

The greatest number of influenza cases, 30, were in Medford.

There were 18 cases of mumps, 19 of German measles, four of chicken pox and one of scabies.

Goose Lake Measure Clears Legislature

Salem—(UPI)—A proposed Oregon-California Goose Lake interstate compact, for cooperative use of water resources in the Goose Lake area on the Oregon-California border, cleared the Legislature Friday.

Similar legislation is pending in California. Congress also must approve.

Consumer Protection Bill Goes To House

Salem—(UPI)—The Senate approved a consumer protection measure patterned after California law by a 25-2 vote Friday, and sent the bill to the House for action.

The measure restricts "loss leaders," and outlaws quantity limits on advertised goods.

Senate - House Tax Conference Committee Starts Discussions

By 2A. STARK
 United Press International
 Salem—(UPI)—The threat of a referral by the voters clouded Saturday's meeting of the Senate-House Tax Conference Committee.

The Senate-approved plan would raise \$52 million from increased income taxes, and use the \$12 million one-shot money only if needed—a total of \$64 million.

The House income tax measure includes a modified net receipts tax.

The Senate bill hits hard at large families on the theory that most of the state's general fund goes to pay for education.

No Action
 The Senate Tax Committee has not yet acted on the cigarette tax, and probably will let it die in committee.

The House has refused to approve a sales tax bill, although Senate Tax Committee members claim a sales tax offers the only way to cut in-

come and property taxes. Many senators said Friday they were voting for the tax package simply to get it to conference committee.

Less than an hour after the Senate voted, rules were suspended in the House and both the Senate income tax and one-shot bills were rejected and the conference committee members named.

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