

Capitol Memo

653 Measures Given Legislative Vote; 9 Vetoed Outright

By ZAN STARK
Salem — (UP) — The 1963 legislative session ended late Wednesday as far as the governor's office was concerned. That was when the final measures approved by the 1963 legislature were sent on to the secretary of state's office. Gov. Mark Hatfield allowed 25 measures to become law without his signature.

One was the \$60 million tax increase package which already is under threat of referral to the voters. During the 141-day session, the legislature approved 653 measures. Hatfield vetoed nine outright, and the effective date of another. During the 1961 session, which lasted 122 days, the legislature approved 725 measures. Eight were vetoed, and all the rest signed by the governor. The figures for the 115-day 1959 session included 718

measures approved by the legislature, 23 vetoed, and two allowed to become law without signature. Of the 25 unsigned measures, 19 were appropriation bills, one extended daylight saving time, one dealt with capital punishment, another dealt with forest protection costs, and three were tax measures — including the major revenue bill of the session. All measures that did not carry the emergency clause, or a special effective date, will become law on Sept. 2 — 90 days after adjournment.

The big question still revolved around the tax increase measure. The Citizens Committee for Economy and Equitable Taxation, headed by Albany weekly newspaper editor J. Francyl Howard, has announced plans to refer the tax increase bill. If they follow through, and get the needed 23,185 signatures, a special election will be held Oct. 15. If the tax measure is rejected by the voters, a special session may be called, and drastic cutbacks in state programs will result.

Now that the tax measure has been sent on to the secretary of state, its future rests with Howard's group. Portland — (UP) — A two-state action conference will be held here July 8 at which disaster plans for combating the forest fire threat resulting from the Columbus Day storm will be discussed. Oregon State Forester Dwight Phipps and Bert Cole, Washington land commissioner, will serve as cochairmen of the meeting. More than 100 top forest

protection officials have been invited. Govs. Mark Hatfield of Oregon and Albert Rosellini of Washington warned in a joint statement: "Tinder dry, red slash resulting from the Columbus Day hurricane covers the forest floor in our two states to depths ranging from 2 to 20 feet. Never in our history has the threat of forest fire disaster been so great."

Bids Are Opened For County Grader

Balzer Machinery company, Portland, was apparent bidder on a Jackson county grader Wednesday. Balzer bid \$23,016, less \$6,876 for trade-in of an old county grader, for a net bid of \$16,140. Other bidders and net bids were Howard Cooper corporation, Medford, \$21,576; Bunting Tractor company, Portland, \$17,900; Crater Lake Machinery company, Medford, \$17,986 and Hauptert Tractor company, Medford, \$18,800.



MILITARY INSPECTION—President Kennedy, left in front car, gets a look at some of the heavy stuff as he rides by a display prepared by the U.S. V Corps at Fliegerhorst Kaserne near Hanau, West Germany. The Chief Executive flew from Bonn to the Frankfurt suburb to inspect 15,000 American soldiers and their military equipment. (UPI)

Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS
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The Simple Wooded Area Became A Wonderland
The wooded area of the farm occupied nearly all of the "back forty." Inasmuch as it was owned by a Mr. Black, was reason enough to call it Black's Woods. As far as our boyish observations were involved, Black's Woods hadn't changed at all in many, many years. There were many, large maple trees in the woodlot that every spring were tapped for maple syrup. During the other 11 1/2 months of every year, the area was seldom visited except by some of the boys that lived in the nearby village.

woodland residents. In every fence corner some little thing had its home. Inside the rails were any number of unseen insects that were chewing, boring, gnawing, and recreating themselves. "Even the vines and plants," explained the man, "depended on the zigzag fence for survival. In fact, I believe the rail fence has really done more for the wildlife of an area than any organized plan that man attempted to conserve these resources. I don't think" continued the man with the camera, "we should call this Black's Woods; it's more like Wonderland."

Much to See
To enter Black's Woods, from any direction, one had to climb over an old rail fence which enclosed the entire area. On lazy summer afternoons it was a delightful experience to sit on the top rail and watch the activity that went on among the trees. There was much to see, and to marvel at.

Eastern Nebraska Again Soaked by Heavy Rainfall
By United Press International
High winds and more than an inch of rain battered flood-stricken eastern Nebraska early today. Heavy rains hit the southeast and caused flooding in Georgia. Nearly 1 1/4 inches of rain fell during the night at Wahoo, Neb. Winds up to 57 miles an hour toppled power poles in the Norfolk, Neb., area and winds hit 48 m.p.h. at Omaha. The U.S. Weather Bureau at Omaha said the "touch and go" situation concerning further flooding will depend on how hard it rains during the day and where the rain falls. Most Nebraska flood waters were receding rapidly but the new rain posed a threat of more high water. Families Removed
Thirty families were removed from their homes in a southeast Savannah, Ga., subdivision after more than seven inches of rain fell in about eight hours. Many Savannah streets were impassable because of stalled cars and accidents. A 6-year-old boy drowned while playing with two companions near a canal which was over its banks. The rainfall was general throughout the southeast part of the nation, although the amounts varied considerably. Athens, Ga., received 3.71 inches during the six-hour ending at midnight. Jacksonville, Fla., which has had much rain recently, had 2.67 inches for a 24-hour period, and Miami Beach, Fla., got 1.27 inches during the same time.

Struck by Lightning
Lightning had struck a huge basswood tree once, a long time ago, ripping a great hole from the heartwood. This proved to be an ideal place for the storage of honey, and the busy insects could be seen coming into the woodland from every direction. The trees, the shaded coolness, squirrels, bees, and flying insects were all accepted by us as a part of Black's Woods until the day the man with the camera came. Then there was a change, for the man was a student of the outdoors.

New Meaning
What, to us had been just an old rail fence took on a new, and fuller meaning. In every zig and every zag we found something of interest. Even the moss and lichens that festooned some of the old rails that were partly shaded by the nearby trees, was examined and named. What we had considered just "a bump on a log" now received a definite name and an explained purpose. "The rail fence," the man said, "was a highway for any number of four footed

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