

Status of Congressional Bills

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Status of major legislation:

Income Taxes — Administration-supported bill would reduce income taxes on individuals and corporations by \$11 billion with \$7 billion of relief effective on 1964 incomes and rest taking effect in 1965. House — Ways and Means committee approved bill; floor debate starts a week from today. Senate — awaiting House action.

Stocks and Bond Taxes — To retard flow of American capital abroad, Kennedy has proposed that purchase taxes be levied on Americans who buy foreign stocks and bonds from foreigners. House — Ways and Means committee concluded hearings. Senate — awaiting House action.

Railroads and Employees — Rails and unions agreed on compromise formula for requiring larger employer and employee contributions to railroad retirement fund to avert long-range shortage. House — Committee approved floor action under way. Senate — Subcommittee concluded hearings.

Military Pay — Administration asked \$1.2 billion annual pay and benefit boost for servicemen, reservists and retirees. House and Senate have passed modified and differing versions. Compromise between the two measures expected to be worked out in House-Senate conference.

Fallout Shelters — President Kennedy wants authority to make federal contributions toward construction of Civil Defense fallout shelters in schools, hospitals and other non-profit institutions. House — One-year, \$190 million bill approved by Armed Services committee; floor action scheduled this week. Senate — scheduling.

Foreign Aid — Administration asking \$4.5 billion. House — Passed bill setting appropriations ceiling of \$3.5 billion. Senate — Foreign Relations committee has partly completed action on bill. (Actual appropriations to come later.)

Treaty — U.S., Russia and Britain have signed treaty banning nuclear tests in air, space and underwater; ratification requires two-thirds vote of Senate. Senate — Committee approved by 16-1 vote. Floor debate under way with vote expected this week. House — No action required.

Health Insurance — President wants hospitalization program for persons 65 and older financed through Social Security taxes. House — Ways and Means committee expected to hold hearings next month. Senate — Awaiting House action.

Mental Health — Administration wants long-range program for community mental health treatment centers; research on and treatment of mental retardation. House and Senate have passed sharply differing versions. Compromise between Senate 10-year, \$847 million program and House's \$238 million program expected to be worked out in House-Senate conference.

College Construction — Kennedy originally asked for federal funds to build class rooms and laboratories as part of larger \$5.3 billion school bill; agreed later to separate bills. House — Approved \$1.2 billion in grants and loans for colleges. Senate — Hearings completed awaiting subcommittee action.

Vocational Schools — President asked that annual aid for vocational schools, now limited to \$37 million, be gradually boosted to higher levels. House — passed bill that would over four-

year period boost ceiling on annual aid by \$100 million; Senate — Subcommittee approved House bill with amendments which raised fourth-year increase to \$243 million and added other educational aid programs.

Schools — President wants aid continued for "impacted" schools (those attended by many children of Federal employees, military personnel.) Senate — Subcommittee has added this authorization to House-passed vocational aid bill. House — Approved as separate bill with amendment forbidding use of funds for segregated facilities.

Libraries — President wants expanded federal aid for library services. House — Education and Labor committee approved. Senate — Approved as part of House-passed vocational bill.

College Student Loans — President wants bigger program. Senate — Included in subcommittee-approved bill. House — Hearings concluded on separate bill.

Voting — President Kennedy asked for controls on use of literacy tests, speedier voting rights suits and extension of the Civil Rights commission's life for four years in his original request last winter. House — Judiciary subcommittee action under way. Senate — Judiciary subcommittee approved four-year extension of Civil Rights commission.

Public Accommodations — Kennedy's main request in his second rights message was for legislation outlawing segregation in use of hotels, stores, restaurants, theaters and other public accommodations in interstate commerce. He also asked for new authority to initiate school desegregation suits and optional authority to withhold federal aid to states that practice racial discrimination. House — Judiciary subcommittee action under way. Senate — Commerce committee considering public accommodations feature. Judiciary committee hearings on full Civil Rights package in recess.

Employment — Kennedy endorsed fair employment practices commission legislation to bar job discrimination by private businesses and labor unions. House — Labor committee has approved FEPC. Senate — Labor subcommittee hearings completed; Commerce committee has approved ban on discrimination by unions.

Cotton — Administration backed subsidy plan would provide cheaper cotton for U.S. textile mills; includes lower support prices for large-scale growers and potential relaxation of planting restrictions. House — Bill approved by Agriculture committee, cleared by Rules committee, but not scheduled for floor action. Senate — Hearings completed.

Mexican Farm Hands — 12-year-old law permitting importation of Mexicans for temporary work on American farms expires Dec. 31; administration requested one-year extension with new safeguards to protect domestic workers. Senate — Passed one year extension with safeguards. House — Bill to extend program two years defeated on House floor. Agriculture committee has approved simple one-year extension without safeguard amendments.

Mass Transit — Kennedy proposed \$500 million in subsidies to improve city rail, bus and subway services. House — Banking committee approved bill, pending in Rules committee. Senate — Approved \$375 million program.

Wilderness — President wants to establish a national program to reserve public lands in their natural state. Senate — Passed, with provision covering 8 million acres immediately and possibly up to 25 million acres eventually. House — No committee hearings set.

Outdoor Recreation — Kennedy asked new \$100 million youth conservation corps for outdoor work in forests and parks; home town youth corps for local civic projects. House — Education and Labor subcommittee has approved. Pending in Rules committee. Senate — Passed.

Depressed Areas — Kennedy

asked Congress to expand sharply program of federal re-development aid to local industries designed to create jobs in areas of chronically high unemployment. Senate — Approved additional \$455 million authorization. House — Rejected, but Banking committee has approved a "second-try" \$355 million bill.

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Domestic Peace Corps — Pres-

ident asking for new organization of 1,000 to 5,000 skilled volunteers to carry out work in this country similar to Peace Corps projects abroad. \$5 million first year cost. House — Education and Labor subcommittee concluded hearings. Senate — Passed.

Price-Cutting — Administration-opposed bill backed by druggists and some other retail groups is designed to stop retail price-cutting of brand-name merchandise. House — Commerce committee approved, pending in Rules committee. Senate — Commerce subcommittee resumes hearings this week. Awaiting Signature.

Medical Schools — Congress approved Kennedy's request for

federal aid for construction of medical-dental schools and loan aid to medical and dental students. Three-year program would cost about \$236 million. Laws Enacted:

Draft — Congress granted Kennedy's request for four-year extension of selective service and doctor draft.

Feed Grains — Congress extended for two years temporary program of paying farmers to hold down surplus production of corn and other feed grains.

Silver — To combat shortage of silver for coins, Congress gave administration authority it requested to replace existing silver-backed \$1 bills with gold-backed \$1 bills. Women Workers — Starting

next June employers must provide equal pay for women workers who do the same work as men; new law applies to jobs covered by minimum wage-hour law.

Taxes — Congress in response to administration request extended for another year present temporary tax rates on corporation profits, liquor, cigarettes, automobiles, telephone calls and airline tickets which had been scheduled to drop to lower levels July 1. (Corporation tax rates would be permanently revised downward, if Kennedy's tax-reduction program is enacted.)

National Debt Limit — Congress granted President's request to extend through Nov. 30 temporary ceiling of \$309 billion

on national debt. Ceiling would have reverted to \$295 billion Sept. 1 without the new legislation. Current debt about \$20 billion above that figure.

Rail Dispute — Congress authorized creation of seven-man

board to arbitrate two key work rules issues, thus averting nationwide strike. Award to main in effect for two years, other issues not subject to arbitration but strike over them barred for at least 180 days.



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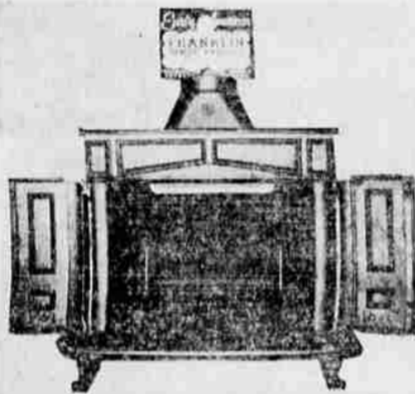
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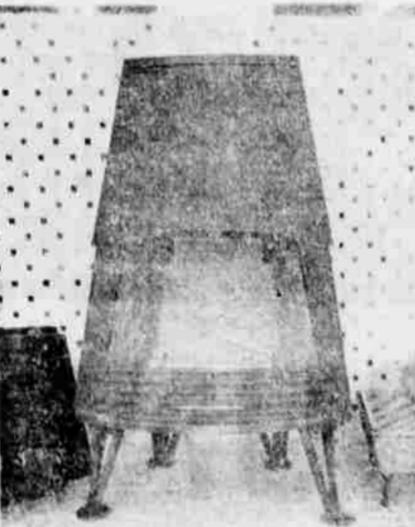
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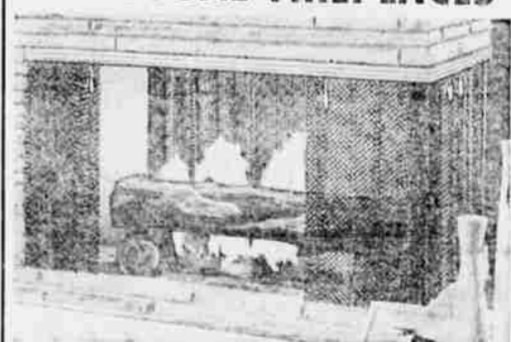
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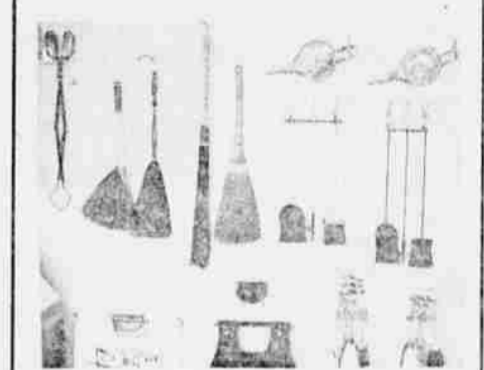
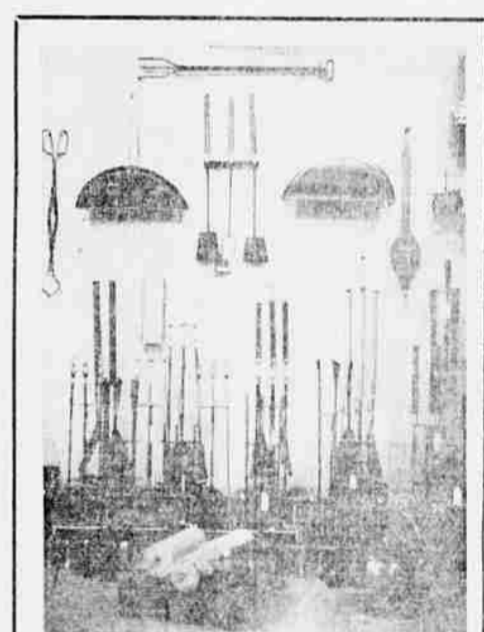
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Bill Bowman Receives Naval Appointment

Ashland—Bill Bowman, son of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Bowman, Ashland, has received an appointment to the Regular Naval Reserve Officers Training program at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Dr. Bowman is professor of mathematics and education at Southern Oregon college.

Bowman, who has been employed by the U.S. forest service since his graduation in June from Ashland High school, will begin his studies Sept. 18. His appointment was the result of national examinations and personal interviews by screening officials in Portland.

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