

Capitol Memo

By Zan Stark



Key Legislators Feel Bill Doomed

SALEM (UPI) — Many state officials and key legislators who publicly are supporting the tax increase measure admit privately that they're convinced the bill is doomed.

They're divided on what should be done if the tax measure is defeated at the Oct. 15 special election.

Some feel a "no" vote will be a mandate to cut spending. Others believe voters are not opposed to the \$404 million general fund budget, but are in revolt against increases in the state's income tax bite.

Sen. L. W. Newberry (R-Ashland) said he feels Jackson county residents are strongly opposed to the tax increase measure adopted by the 1963 legislature, but do not object to the spending program adopted for the 1963-65 biennium.

Undecided on Vote

Newberry, who voted for the tax bill, but admittedly hasn't made up his mind on how he will vote Oct. 15, says he has concentrated on explaining the budget, not defending the tax measure, in public discussions.

Freeman Holmer, director of finance and administration, said opponents of the tax bill "seem to fall into one or both of two camps: Those who believe that government is too expensive, and those who believe that Oregon needs a different kind of tax."

Holmer explained the need for a tax increase this way: "Stated over simply, we do not have a tax problem, we have a birth control problem."

He points to increased enrollments in the state's schools and institutions.

Senate President Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) and House Speaker Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) disagree on what defeat of the measure would mean.

Public Mandate

Musa says he feels a defeat would be a public mandate to cut spending. Barton says the answer lies in making some cuts, and adopting some new taxes.

Gov. Mark Hatfield has not yet said whether he would call a special session of the legislature if the tax bill is defeated.

The governor, however, has made it clear he does not want to call a special session.

Some Democrats say this is window dressing. They don't believe Hatfield would want to accept full responsibility for cut-backs. They say he will pass the buck to the legislature.

Joplin Civic Leaders Praise Bowling Lanes

JOPLIN, Mo. (UPI) — When a youngster spins a black ball down a bowling lane here, civic leaders cheer it as a strike against juvenile delinquency.

The teen-age rage in Joplin and the neighboring towns of Webb City, Mo., and Galena, Kan., is to be a member of the Tri-City Junior Bowling Association. About 40 per cent of the eligible youth belong.

"Since the association was started two years ago," Woodson Oldham, juvenile judge, said, "juvenile delinquency has dropped noticeably. Not one junior bowler has ever been in juvenile court or arrested by authorities for questioning."

Roi S. Wood, superintendent of Joplin schools, praised the program as a year-around boon to extra-curricular activities for youth. He said it kept the children active and out of mischief. Also, students who play hooky are barred from bowling.

Large Program

Harry Hoffman, a radio newsman, and Bill Marshall, president of local bowling lanes, spearheaded the movement. Marshall said the junior bowling at his lanes was the largest program at any single establishment in the nation.

The association has 2,500 members and a school census shows that there are only 6,200 persons in the area who are eligible by age — 8 to 18 — to join.

Hoffman said the organization was a bonanza he had not expected. Parents now take their children to neighboring areas for tournaments, besides visiting the lanes to watch the youngsters roll.

Strict rules are enforced. No smoking is permitted. Use of vulgar language, liquor and bad sportsmanship are taboo. Hoffman and Marshall also instituted a "New Year's Eve Baby Sitting Party." Children bowled while their parents celebrated. "We're the largest baby sitting party in the world," Marshall said.

Old Trolleys Are Transformed For Many Uses

By NEIL MARTIN
WASHINGTON (UPI) — What has wheels, runs on tracks and can be used as a church, school, hunting lodge or even an object of international commerce?

The streetcar, of course. Threatened with the fate of horse-drawn carriages, knickerbockers and ankle-laced shoes, the trolley is finding a new place in U.S. society, thanks to American ingenuity.

Been Converted

In Omaha, Neb., several old trolleys have been converted into modern hunting and fishing lodges; in Lanham, Md., a minister recently transformed a streetcar into the town's First Baptist church; and, in Fort Worth, Tex., a department store is using streetcars to transport employees and customers through an underground tunnel

from parking lots to the store. In other cities, local transit firms may soon re-examine the potential market value of trolleys now sitting idly in company storage yards.

A local company here has been supplying the demand for unused streetcars which it sells, depending on condition and serviceability, anywhere from a few hundred dollars to \$2,000.

Like most cities, Washington's streetcars recently gave way to modern, air-conditioned buses. Since then, the company has been steadily selling its stock of trolleys to individuals and groups in the United States and Europe.

The Yugoslav city of Srebravo recently purchased 75 of the company's streetcars for its municipal system. Barcelona, Spain, bought 28 trolleys and is considering buying 60 to 70 more.

From its initial stock of 405 streetcars in 1962, the company's supply has dwindled to about 75 cars.

Unserviceable streetcars, which are cheaper, are being sold for unusual and often ingenious uses.

Bought Streetcars

Milton Q. Ford, a local radio personality, recently bought 200 of the less useful streetcars which he is transforming into playrooms, workshops, clubrooms, baby-sitting facilities, children's movie theaters and parking lot waiting rooms.

Ford said plans also are underway to design cars as stadiascope vehicles for home and display vehicles for art studios, restaurant equipment, and coin-

Senate Vote Approves 'Great Debate' Series

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate approved a resolution Wednesday to allow another series of "great debates" during the 1964 presidential election.

The resolution, which was sent back to the House, would suspend the "equal time" provision of the federal broadcasting law to allow the debates similar to the Nixon-Kennedy discussions in 1960. The resolution applies only to major party candidates for President and vice-president.

operated laundromats.

If this burgeoning movement continues, American transit companies may find themselves in the peculiar position of not having enough streetcars to meet private demands.

WORK SMARTER — NOT HARDER

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Home is a wonderful place, but if it's safety you want, you may be better off in a factory, on the highway or at the swimming pool.

Almost as many people are injured in home accidents each year as in all other accidents put together. And this just counts those which were serious enough to cause a person to stay home for at least a day. Twenty thousand people are injured at home each year and 34 per cent of these injuries are due to falls.

For safety, be sure waxed floors are well buffed, don't put throw rugs at the top or bottom

of stairs, have all halls and stairs well lighted.

It's helpful to children if parents tell them what they can do as well as what they can't do. This is the suggestion of Mrs. Roberta Frasier, OSU extension family life specialist. Instead of a "don't do that" try providing the youngster with a better way of doing. "Wait at the corner" brings better results than "don't run in the street."

One little five year old put it very well when after a series of "no's and don'ts" he said to his daddy, "Isn't there any-

thing little boys can do?" Check up on yourself some time. How many "no's" and how many "can do's" do you offer in a 15 minute period? If the balance is on the "no's" side, try to change them into "can do's."

Brown spots or tiny holes which show up in clothes when you iron them may be due to metal buttons or zippers. This damage comes from a tricky process called electrolysis.

When you roll up a damp garment and set it aside, a chemical reaction can take place between the metal and minerals in the water or detergent which was rinsed out.

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