

Thornton Emerges As Power Influence At Special Session

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SALEM (UPI)—Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton has emerged as a vastly powerful influence at the special session of the legislature.

The Democratic political foe of Gov. Mark Hatfield has probably had more influence than any other single individual over the deliberations under way here.

Legislators and the governor's staff were forced to look to Thornton to settle policy questions.

It's a new role for Thornton, who has been deliberately circumvented for most of Hatfield's administration.

The legislature ground to a halt Thursday to give Thornton time to decide if the proposed solution to the Boardman problem was constitutional.

The solution to the fiscal crisis was drafted to suit legal guides set down by Thornton. Hatfield had pointed to a method of allotment controls to meet demands of the voters' Oct. 15 rejection of the legislature's tax increase.

But Thornton said Hatfield's plan was an unconstitutional transfer of legislative authority to the governor, and that the governor could not exercise selective cuts over agency budgets.

Faced with these opinions, legislators had to draft bills to meet guides set out by Thornton.

The role of attorney general is unique. His opinion, although they do not carry the weight of a court decision, have tremendous impact.

If an attorney general does not choose to rule on a question lawmakers can proceed and let the courts decide constitutional issues if they are raised.

Invite Test
But if an attorney general does issue a ruling, the state is forced to accept his advice—for to move in opposition to such a finding would invite a court test.

And an attorney general would not be called upon to defend an arm of state government which had flaunted his advice.

Thornton's opinions are scorned by Hatfield and Republicans—and many Democrats.

Thornton has emerged, through a peculiar chain of circumstances, as the major policy maker at the special session of the legislature.

HARVARD SERVICE
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