

Oregon Legislature Still Faced With Pile Of Bills, May Be Second Longest

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SALEM (AP) — Facing a big job of work, Oregon's legislators are still hoping they can go home in two weeks. But doubts that they will finish by that time are increasing daily.

House Speaker Rudie Wilhelm Jr. says the lawmakers definitely can finish in two weeks. But Senate president Eugene E. Marsh has his doubts.

If the Legislature runs two weeks or longer, it would be the second longest in history. The longest was the 116-day session of 1951, and an end in two weeks would make it 97 days.

During this week, the Legislature completed work on only two major pieces of legislation. The Senate passed the tax simplifying bill and sent them to the governor, and it killed the bill to extend unemployment compensation to firms with fewer than four workers.

That leaves all of the following legislation requiring action before the Legislature quits:

1. Convention to write a new Constitution. No action by either house as yet.
2. Tax legislation. The bill to reduce income taxes for families with two or more children has passed the house. No action has been taken on bills to make public all income tax compromises over \$500.
3. School reorganization bill. No action by either house, but the Senate probably will vote on it Tuesday.
4. Opening the welfare rolls to public inspection and tightening the relative responsibility law. Passed by the House.
5. Banning organizational picketing by labor unions. Passed by the House.
6. Increased unemployment and industrial accident benefits. No action yet.
7. The civil rights bill. Passed by the Senate.
8. The bill to allow appeals from the Hydroelectric Commission. Defeated once by the House, it now is back in House committee on reconsideration.
9. The 20 million dollar program for new college and institution buildings. A seven-man building committee started work on it Friday.
10. Prison bills. No action taken yet on the prison budget because of the new warden being appointed only last Tuesday. Bills to have a full-time parole board and state reformatory haven't received any consideration.
11. High salaries. The pay boost for elected state officials now is through both Houses, but no final action has been taken on raises for other officials.
12. The Anderson report. There has been no action yet on this report, which would provide for training both grade and high school teachers at the University of Oregon, Oregon State College, and the three colleges of Education.
13. Bill to ban billboards from new highways. Passed by the Senate.
14. Licensing rainmakers. Each House has passed its own version, and now it's before the Ways and Means Committee.
15. Putting tolls on the Vancouver-Portland Highway Bridge in order to finance a second bridge. Passed by the House, and scheduled for Senate action Monday.
16. Child labor bill. Passed by the House.
17. Interim committees to study property taxes and highways. No action yet.
18. Increased timber tax to create fire fighting fund. Passed by the House.
19. Legislative counsel and legislative analyst. No action yet to create these two new jobs.
20. Closing the Coquille River to commercial fishing. Passed by the Senate.

Butter Price Battle Rages

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Aiken (R-Vt.) said Monday President Eisenhower has ample authority to unload the millions of pounds of surplus butter now in government hands under the price support program.

All the President needs to do, said Aiken, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, is to direct the armed services and foreign aid programs "to use a few million pounds."

The President told his news conference last week he would rather see the government-owned butter sold at a big loss than spoil while some people are starving. Some, he said, is near the point of spoilage.

He also said butter is pricing itself out of the market.

Aiken, a former dairyman, said he agreed with Eisenhower that butter prices must come down. "Although temporary continuation of present government price supports is necessary."

Secretary of Agriculture Benson held a two-day series of talks last week with 75 representatives of the dairy industry to discuss what to do with the 120 million pounds of butter, 74 million pounds of cheese and 185 million pounds of dried milk the government holds.

Some dairy leaders are known to have urged the use of government subsidies, perhaps to sell the products abroad at prices lower than those prevailing in this country. Benson has several times stated his opposition to use of subsidies in farm programs.

Easter Crowd Jams Gotham

NEW YORK (AP) — Decorum returned in great degree to the traditional Easter parade on Fifth Avenue Sunday.

The antics and outlandish costumes of exhibitionists and the displays of models and other commercial eye-catchers were few and far between.

The weather was the best for Easter in years. The crowd in the vicinity of St. Patrick's Cathedral was estimated at 1,250,000 by a high police official who said it was "a record crowd for Easter Sunday, and the most orderly."

Churches on Fifth Avenue and in the vicinity were jammed to capacity, and many had waiting lines.

After last year's Easter parade, a movement was started to return dignity to the religious holiday turnout. Civic association officials, police and radio and television people united to usher away the offenders and to deny them publicity.

A record detail of more than 400 police in the St. Patrick's Cathedral area quickly and quietly got rid of the relatively few offensive folk Sunday. Television crews had no platforms that might draw the models in front of the cameras.

Former OLCC Boss Dies In LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Aaron Holtz, 72, former Portland businessman and first Oregon liquor administrator, died at his home here Sunday after a two-month illness.

Holtz was appointed by Gov. Julius Meier as administrator for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission after the Knox Liquor Law went into effect in 1933.

Before retiring and moving here in 1942, Holtz was active in the department store business in Portland, and in the East.

The widow, Selma, Beverly Hills, and a son, Merriman, Portland, survive.

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Log Truck Smashes Through House

SAVANNAH, Tenn. (AP) — "Most of the victims were pinned in the house. It looked like a cyclone hit it."

That was the description given by a state highway patrolman after a heavy truck-trailer roared off the highway at nearby Crump Sunday night, plowed through a house injuring 13 persons, and finally crunched to a stop 50 feet behind the building.

Patrol Cpl. John Varden said 11 of the victims were sitting in the living room when the truck crashed through. The other two were in the truck.

Varden said he had not determined why the truck left the straight stretch of U. S. Route 64. It was pulling a two-wheel log trailer.

Rail Hospital Unit Readied

PUSAN, Korea (AP) — A U. S. Army hospital train unit is prepared to transport sick and wounded Communist prisoners of war northward on two hours notice, a reliable source said Monday.

All that's needed is an agreement at Panmunjom on the exchange of disabled POWs.

Details of the plan are secret. But medics of the 813th Hospital Train Unit here were ordered Sunday to keep a train ready to roll on two hours notice. Five additional trains are standing by.

LSTs (landing ship, tank) in the harbor of this Southeast Korea port are awaiting orders to bring the patients here from the United Nations prisoner of war camps at Koje and Cheju Islands off the tip of South Korea.

Other Red prisoners are in a hospital near Pusan.

Col. Richard Boerem, Ontario, Calif., deputy commander of the Allied prisoner of war command, said a message ordering that details of the plan be kept secret was received from the headquarters of Gen. Mark Clark, U. N. Far East commander, in Tokyo.

He said the order specifically prohibited the POW command from disclosing the number of Communist sick and wounded prisoners held by the Allies.

Most of the sick and wounded Reds have been in U. N. prison camps two years or more.

The surgeon said tuberculosis is the most common ailment among

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Earlier in the evening, the Suburban crew was called to the W. E. Estes home, 3442 Milyard, where an oil stove had become overheated. No damage was reported. City Firemen, at 3:50 yesterday

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