

Election Measures

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Under the present constitution, opponents of any tax measure can block passage of the law by use of the referendum within the 90 days following the end of the legislative session which has passed the particular tax law. Oregon's referendum law provides that 5 per cent of the number of registered voters who voted for supreme court justice in the preceding general election is all that is required for the referendum (normally about 20,000 out of about 700,000 total registered voters in the state).

REFERRAL

Thus, any tax law passed by the Legislature must face the possibility of referral by a small pressure group. If the tax law is referred, it is held in abeyance until the next general election (usually about a year and one-half) when the people can vote on the measure.

Legislators, and tax experts, have stated that this fear of referral has affected the voting of the Legislature and has had an adverse effect on any attempt to work out an equitable tax program for the state. Passage of the 45 per cent income surtax by the 1955 Legislature has been blamed on this fear of referral of any other tax measure needed to raise the necessary funds to meet the expanding needs of the state. The provisions of the income tax law allow increases or reductions in the rate merely by action of the Legislature without the possibility of referendum.

AMENDMENT

If the emergency clause amendment is passed by the people, certain safeguards against abuse of the use of the clause would remain:

1. Proposed tax legislation would still have to pass both houses of the Legislature.
2. The governor could veto the bill as a whole, or he could veto the emergency clause attached to the bill.
3. The tax law could be initiated by petitions containing signatures of 8 per cent of the voters and then placed on the next general, or special election, for vote by all the people.
4. Members of the Legislature, if they passed stringent or unworkable laws, whether tax or otherwise, would have to face the votes of their constituents in the next general election.

TAX PROGRAM

Members of the Legislative Committee have stated that passage of Proposition One would permit the legislators to work out a more equitable tax program for the state than now exists. It would permit all future legislatures to work out sound, balanced, long-range tax programs.

Opponents of the amendment state that if the people of Oregon wish to retain control over state taxes they pay then they must vote no on Proposition One.

It is felt by those opposing the amendment that due to the restrictions placed on the Legislature in tax matters Oregon has retained a much more simple tax system than other states. Many of the states allowing the use of the emergency clause on tax laws require that two-thirds of the Legislature must approve the attach-

ment of emergency clauses to such laws. The Oregon amendment would allow use of the emergency clause on tax laws with only a simple majority.

PASSAGE

Passage of Proposition One would remove the restrictions of the referendum from tax laws, opponents of the measure point out, so that any tax measure, or change in existing laws would become law immediately upon signing by the governor or passage over his veto.

Use of the emergency clause would mean that the tax law would go into effect immediately and the people would be unable to repeal it in less than from 18 to 22 months. It is then conceivable that if the people repealed the tax law, the Legislature could re-pass the bill over the protests of the people and it could not then be repealed for another 18 to 22 months.

If the legislators completely ignored the wishes of the people, then this process could go on and on, those opposing Proposition One state. They indicate fear of passage, and perpetuation, of a state sales tax in this manner, if the Legislature so desired.

OPPONENTS

It is also feared by opponents of the emergency clause that it is more than just a means of working out an equitable tax program; that it is a direct attack on the referendum, one of the safeguards of democratic government. As the referendum and initiative were pioneered in Oregon, it is felt that these constitutional provisions have fostered and preserved the state's progressive legislation in various fields, those favoring retention of the constitution as it now stands argue.

Proponents of the emergency clause sincerely feel that passage of Proposition One is necessary and essential to the healthy tax climate of the state and urge approval by the voters.

Opponents of the measure just as sincerely argue that a vote against Proposition One will retain for the people of Oregon the right to stop bad tax measures and keep control of the taxes paid in the hands of the people.

It is up to the individual voter to decide for himself which course he, or she, believes is best for the state and so vote.

Crater Tourists Total Reported

Superintendent Tom Williams reports that Crater Lake National Park had a total of 59,210 people pass through the park entrance stations during September. That is 10,000 more than the previous similar period high recorded in 1954.

Visitors thus far this year total 347,996, exceeding by 1,000 the previous nine month record established during 1954.



GORDON E. DUKES, U.S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Dukes, 1050 Kane Street, is currently home on leave from the San Diego Naval Training Base. Dukes will report for duty aboard the U.S.S. Carrande, a destroyer - escort for duty as a commissaryman at the end of this leave.

BLM Ranger To Portland

LAKEVIEW—R. C. Burgess, district manager for the Bureau of Land Management, announces that Al Leonard, range conservationist, has been transferred from Lakeview to the state office of BLM in Portland. The transfer includes a promotion to state range conservationist, which is a new position recently created. The Leonard and their three children will leave this weekend.

Coming from Burns to a range management position here is William LaVelle, who will report to the Lakeview BLM office this week end. He has a wife and three preschool age children.

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California Kidnap-Holdup Similar To KF Episode

A kidnap-robbery similar to that pulled off in Klamath Falls about three weeks ago was duplicated in Vallejo, California Sunday night. However, the pair of gunmen became much more entangled in their business during the Vallejo attempt.

They first called a cab and directed the driver to take them to a given address. While en route they overpowered the cabbie at gunpoint, tied and gagged him,

and locked him in the trunk of the car. After that they went to one of the city's Safeway stores, waited for the assistant manager to drive away, and followed in the commandeered cab.

When the assistant manager arrived at his home he was put under the gun and made to go back to the store in the cab. When it proved that he did not know the combination to the safe, he was ordered to take the men to the home of the store manager. The two gunmen and the assistant manager entered the manager's home, after which one of the men took the manager and returned to the store and the other remained at the house where he kept the

assistant and the manager's wife and two children under guard. A short while later the manager and the one gunman returned with \$2,000 from the store safe, the victims were left bound in the home, and the men left in the cab.

A few minutes following that they knocked at another door, told the woman of the house they would like to use her phone to report a

wreck, and put the woman and her husband under gun orders after gaining entrance. The man and his wife were bound and gagged, after which the men stole the couple's automobile and left.

An hour or so later the cab driver kicked his way free from the trunk of the abandoned cab and related his story to police.

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LAKEVIEW—Lake County United Fund chairmen met at Van's Tuesday morning, October 16, for breakfast get-together. R. C. (Bud) Burgess reported that the goal of \$11,920 would be achieved when the contributions are all turned in. The actual treasury report still shows a shortage of about \$2,000, but this will be made up in the final reports.

Section workers who were present for the breakfast included John Buell, Tom Flynn, Carter Fetsch, Raymond Johnson, Les Shaw, Jack Pendleton and Burgess.

NEW TV STAR

HOLLYWOOD — Comedian George Gobel's daughter is going to work at the age of 5. Gobel obtained a social security card for Georgina Leslie so she can appear on his television series.

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