

Auto Insurance Proposal Meets Strong Opposition

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield's proposal to force insurance companies to add uninsured motorist clauses to their insurance policies ran into a strong front of opposition Thursday night from insurance interests.

The proposal means that every insured motorist would have a clause added to his policy protecting him and his passengers

against personal injury caused by an uninsured motorist or a hit and run driver.

Hatfield, who took office Jan. 12, made the proposal as a counter proposal to former Gov. Robert D. Holmes' recommendation that every motorist be required to carry liability insurance. Insurance companies oppose that, too.

George E. Birnie, representing the Assn. of Casualty & Surety Companies, told the House Financial Institutions Committee that the bill is unconstitutional because it forces a motorist to buy insurance to protect himself, placing the "emphasis on the wrong person." He said it also illegally would let the insurance commissioner write the terms of the coverage.

"This is the first important step to sweep us into compulsory insurance, and then we couldn't stay in business," he said.

The only witnesses in support of the bill represented the Oregon Assn. of Insurance Agents. They said there is no real problem in dealing with accidents caused by uninsured motorist, since 96 per cent of Oregon's car owners carry liability insurance.

Richard P. Denton, representing this group of agents, said the bill is the best approach to the problem, but that even compulsory insurance would not eliminate the problem.

He said 15 companies, doing half the business in Oregon, now voluntarily put the clause in their policies. The coverage costs \$1 to \$2 a year.

William J. Masters Jr., of the National Assn. of Independent Insurers, said the bill eventually would lead to the state taking over the insurance business. He recommended that chronic traffic violators be required to have liability insurance, that school driver education be made mandatory, and that traffic laws be strictly enforced.

Masters also recommended curbs on youthful drivers.

Sen. Dan Dimick (D-Roseburg), who favors compulsory insurance, said the bill is unconstitutional in that it would take property without due process of law.

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State Labor Commissioner Hits Lowering School Age

SALEM (AP)—State Labor Commissioner Norman Nilsen said Tuesday night that reducing the compulsory school attendance age from 18 to 16 would be a mistake that would be hard to remedy.

Nilsen told the House and Senate Education committees that much would be lost by dropping troublesome students from school.

But Circuit Judge Ralph Holman, Oregon City, member of the Interim Committee on Judicial Administration, which recommended the change, said many students are damaged by forcing them to stay in school after 16.

He said they hinder the educational system, and that Oregon is one of the few states which keep children in school after 16.

Nilsen said that employers would be reluctant to hire students who quit school before reaching the age of 18. He said the present school law could be improved, however.

Judge Holman questioned the claim that youngsters who quit school would find it hard to get work.

He said the states which have the age at 16 do not have this problem. He reminded the committee that the interim committee also recommended that the labor laws be changed to make

it possible for young people to get jobs.

He said attendance and education are not the same.

Nilsen said students are too immature to decide when to quit school.

Gerald Hamann, principal of a Multnomah County grade school, said the proposed law would provide an exit for students who have ability but lack interest.

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Court Records

KLAMATH FALLS MUNICIPAL COURT

Desmond Keith Oliver, drunk, disorderly conduct, \$30 or 25 days.
Charles Donahue, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
Lindsay Pompey, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
Charles H. Pabst, drunk, \$25.
Simon Riddle Jr., drunk, escape, \$50 or 30 days.
Annette Kira Weeks, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
Alfred Dwayne Isaacs, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
Cecil Dixon, vagrancy, \$100.
David Wallace Miller, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
Jane Green, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
Robert Kennedy, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.

JUVENILES

One, arrested for possession of stolen property.

KLAMATH COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

George Stanley Church, improper muffler, dismissed motion of district attorney.
Eliel Norman Lund, no PUC permit, dismissed motion of district attorney.
Thomas McCarthy, truck speeding, \$5.
Belle Jeanne Whitterson, violation basic rule, \$7.50.
Milton Eugene Frost, passing insufficient clearance, \$7.50.
Earl Dee Bunnies, combination overload, \$20.
Howard Pearce Newell, violation basic rule, \$18.50.
Robert James Shearer, improper muffler, dismissed.
Dorothy Irwin Lamsburg, no wheel covers, \$7.50.
James Edward Rutledge, violation basic rule, \$5.
Marion Parker Gayden, combination overload, \$27.
Wayne Monte Shamboltzer, fail transfer title, \$7.50.
Andrew Wesley Ford, fail stop and give responsible attention in animal at, for striking same, \$10.
Wallace Cohen Jr., driving while intoxicated 30 days and \$200 fine and costs or 90 1/2 days in lieu of fine, committed.
Delbert Ralph Potts, fail signal right turn, \$7.50.
Phillip Thomas Louch, fail dim headlights, \$5.
Wayne Francis Pruitt, fail stop at stop sign, \$5.
Wilford Deville Dalbeck, fail drive single lane, \$5.
William Bruce Saunders, violation basic rule, \$12.50.
Raymond William Delbrick, truck speeding, \$5.
Norris Rae Bukosky, violation basic rule, \$12.50.
Harry Lawrence Orem, violation basic rule, \$12.50.
John Herbert Collins, violation basic rule, \$7.50.
Oma LeVina Williams, violation basic rule, \$20.
Walter Vanston Bishop, violation basic rule, \$11.50.
Clyde Edward Jones, violation basic rule, \$2.50.
Donald Ray Walker, violation basic rule, \$17.50.
Audrey Vivian Brink, fail display license, \$7.50.
Jack Reed, fail display license, \$7.50.
Donald Neil Adamson, violation basic rule, \$10.
David William Detroit, violation basic rule, \$12.50.
Marvin Eldredge Brown, engine without license, \$20.
Harold Hooker, Brower Jr., engine without license, \$20.
Billy Ray Lancaster, violation basic rule, \$15.
Phillip John Bothenbacher, improper muffler, \$5.
Joe Mark Chaves, violation basic rule, \$7.50.
Melvin Leroy Reeves, improper muffler, \$5.
Robert Louis Duret, improper muffler, dismissed.
Robert Louis Duret, violation basic rule, \$12.50.

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