

# Officials Hit Plan To Abolish Board

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.  
SALEM (AP) — Two members of the state Board of Control Wednesday night sharply attacked Gov. Mark O. Hatfield's plan to abolish the board.

Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. called it a disorganization plan that would be more costly and less efficient.

State Treasurer Howard C. Belton sent a statement that the board system is efficient, and that the governor's plan would remove the institutions further from the people.

The governor is chairman of the board, which runs the state institutions.

The bill, part of the governor's reorganization plan, was given a hearing by the House State and Federal Affairs Committee.

It would put the correctional institutions in a department of corrections; the blind and deaf schools in the department of education; the mental institutions in a division of mental health; and the tuberculosis hospitals in a health department.

Freeman Holmer, state finance director, said the proposal would place more emphasis on programs. He said the board devotes most of its time to mere housekeeping functions.

Holmer said that no board of control could have the knowledge that would be available under reorganization. But he admitted that the board does provide an advantage of having the experience of three members.

He said the governor has no plan to recommend that the offices of secretary of state and treasurer be made appointive by the governor. Both positions are elective by the people.

Appling said he opposes "the plan because it fails to accomplish these very objectives under whose banner it masquerades."

Instead of reducing the number of state agencies, he said, it actually creates three more.

Appling said that, for instance, he couldn't see the logic of placing Hillcrest School for Girls in the same department as the Liquor Commission, Racing Commission and Military Department.

"It would be enlightening," he went on, "to learn what liquor, racing and soldiers have in common with a girl's school."

He said the administrative separation of the institutions from one another would result in higher cost and loss of coordination and efficiency.

Appling also denied that the bill would place increased responsibility under the governor, and that it would place "four layers of bureaucratic insulation between the people and the institutions."

Belton's statement was read by William Ryan, who retired last year after 14 years as secretary of the Board of Control.

He said it is easier for people to see one of the three board members about institution affairs than it is to see the governor. He pointed out that the secretary of state and treasurer have much more time to deal with institution affairs than the governor does.

He also said that the various boards of control have raised the standards of the institutions.

"Usually one does not break up a winning team or a successful system for one that is untried," he said.

Rep. Clarence Barton, D-Columbia, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, supported the governor's plan.

He said thousands of dollars

have been wasted on buying obsolete bakery and plumbing equipment for Dammach State Hospital, and that under the board system, he can't place the responsibility for it.

But with the governor's plan, he would be able to put the blame on the governor, he said.

"The Board of Control is not exercising proper control," Barton said.

Then Rep. Grace O. Peck, D-Portland, chairman of the House Public Health and Welfare, vigorously defended the Board of Control system.

She said that Oregon's institutions are the envy of other states, and that the board deserves the credit.

"No one man," she said, "can make a one-man show of the state government. This plan of the governor's is a serious mistake. It would be selling the institution inmates down the river."

She said the state Department of Finance and Administration "is getting to be pretty much of a monster, getting into little things it shouldn't get into."

Rep. Norman Howard, D-Portland, chairman of the State and Federal Affairs Committee, asked Holmer why the governor wanted the Board of Control abolished when he was in the legislature, why he wanted it retained in 1957 and 1959 when he was secretary of state and governor, and why he now wants it abolished.

Holmer replied:

"That shows Mark Hatfield is still growing."

Holmer joined the committee and the audience in a hearty laugh.



**JAMES L. COX**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cox, 1025 North Seventh Street, has been nominated by Congressman Al Ullman as a candidate for appointment to the Merchant Marine Academy, Cox, 17, a senior at Sacred Heart Academy, came here four years ago from Hawaii.



**JAMES VAN WORMER**, 17, a native of Fort Klamath, and senior at Chiloquin High School, has been nominated by Congressman Al Ullman as a candidate for appointment to the Air Force Academy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Van Wormer.

# Late Dividend Is Often Best

By ANN LANDERS



Dear Ann Landers: You're a fine one to be telling a 42-year-old woman that she ought to be having a baby. How old are you anyway?

Here this woman has a son in college and a daughter in high school. Her life has just about reached the point where she can relax a little. And now she has to start with 4:00 a.m. feedings, whooping cough shots, diapers, baby food and the whole bit.

I was 41 when my third son was born. My kids were in high school. Everyone told me how happy I should be. My husband was delirious with joy. Men always are. Their lives don't change no matter how many kids are at home.

Well, I wasn't happy about it then and I'm not happy about it now. The little boy is three and he's wilder than the two older ones were, put together. Wherever I go people ask me how old my grandson is. It doesn't make sense to them that a woman my age should have a boy in rompers. And after slugging that kid night and day I know they're right—X-HAUSTED

Dear X: Cheer up, Toots. When the two older ones are married and gone you'll be glad you have this boy at home. It may be hard to believe now but hundreds of mothers wrote to tell me that their late dividend was the best of all.

woman who had shock treatments for mental illness is an example. She was lucky to have had an understanding man. Mine wasn't. When my psychiatrist told him the visits would cost \$25 each and the treatments were extra he said to me, "Why don't you commit suicide? Your bills will drive me crazy, too."

I had a severe anxiety neurosis and was in terrible agony. I couldn't eat or sleep. I cried for no reason at all and didn't want to live. After 15 shock treatments I was 1,000 per cent better — no bundle of joy, mind you, but able to live a normal life, do my housework and meet people face to face.

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Dear Friend: Many thanks for those warm words. It's letters like yours that make this work so rewarding. I'm deeply grateful.

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(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

# Seven Bills Are Signed

SALEM (AP) — Seven bills were signed into law Wednesday by Gov. Mark O. Hatfield.

One increased the appropriation of the Oregon Historical Society, giving it \$122,000 in the next biennium. It received \$99,550 for the current biennium.

Another bill signed into law extended the special provisions of the civil defense act granting extraordinary powers to the governor in the event of war until July 1, 1967.

Also signed were appropriation bills for the boards of nursing, accountancy, architect examiners, auctioneers and clock and watch makers.

# Senate Approves Truck Tax Cutting; But Highway Commission Objects

SALEM (AP) — A bill to reduce weight-mile taxes on heavy trucks was approved 23-6 by the Oregon Senate Wednesday. The Highway Commission objects that it would reduce highway construction money by \$1 million a year.

The measure was prepared by the Legislative Interim Committee on Highways. It said the big trucks now are paying too much.

The Highway Commission says they don't pay their fair share, considering the damage they cause to highways.

After the vote, Sen. Richard Groener, D-Milwaukie, who charged that the bill was a \$1 million annual bonanza for the truckers, served notice he would move to reconsider. But his chances of gaining the 10 votes he needs to defeat the bill are virtually non-existent.

The bill, which goes to the House if Groener's motion fails, would reduce taxes on trucks weighing more than 44,000 pounds.

All agree that truckers should pay their fair share of highway costs but this bill would eliminate inequities, Sen. Anthony Yturri, D-Ontario, said in support of it.

Sen. Al Flegel, D-Roseburg, said although he is in the trucking business the bill would not help him. He said that big trucks should be taxed the same as other trucks.

Yturri said the tax bite increases at a constant rate on trucks up to 44,000 pounds but then jumps sharply upward on bigger rigs. He said this bill would make the climb steady.

Groener said if highway taxes are to be reduced the break should go to all the motorists and not just big trucks. He said he saw no indication that the truckers would reduce their rates to the public if they get the tax reduction.

Improvements in highways, Groener said, have reduced truck

costs. He said heavy trucks also have created demand for stronger highways, slighter grades, more passing lanes and also do more damage to roads.

At its afternoon session, the Senate passed a bill permitting candidates for public office to use nicknames. The bill now goes to the House. The Senate also passed and sent to the House a bill to permit counties to increase salaries of officers annually.

A House-passed bill raising the state Board of Higher Education's bonding capacity for self liquidating projects from \$24 million to \$34 million was passed and sent to the governor. Another House-passed bill approved by the Senate would increase fines for logging lighted material on forest lands.

The Senate adopted and sent to the House a resolution expressing sorrow over the death last April of Albin W. Norblad, father of Rep. Walter Norblad, R-Ore.

A Senate memorial was adopted asking the state of Washington for reciprocity in farm vehicle movements back and forth across the state line. This was asked by farmers who operate on both sides of the line.

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# New School On Budget Is Scheduled

A budget school, the first of its type to be conducted in Klamath County, is scheduled for next Friday, Feb. 24.

The purpose of the school will be to explain budget practices and procedures to officials of park and recreation, cemetery and fire districts and also to interested citizens. George Proctor, one of the attorneys for the city schools, will be the instructor. He has had considerable experience in the area of budgets and finance.

Mrs. Eva Cook, county treasurer, arranged the program after numerous requests for budget information. Mrs. Cook said 14 districts in the county have been invited to send representatives to the session.

The school will be held in the circuit courtroom in the courthouse.

# Young Kennedy To Lose Money

BOSTON (AP) — When Edward M. Kennedy, youngest brother of the President, agreed Feb. 7 to waive a \$5,000 salary and a \$1-a-year assistant district attorney, he forgot about the state retirement law.

State Treasurer John T. Driscoll notified Kennedy Tuesday all state employees must join the contributory pension fund and pay in 5 per cent of annual base pay—in Kennedy's case \$250.

The treasurer said an employe may waive his salary but not the pension payment.

That means a net loss of \$240 for \$1-a-year Kennedy.

# Dear Ann: I'm a girl 18, high school senior, and old enough to know the boys with whom I want to go out.

My mother is always arranging dates for me and I'm fed up with the creeps she decides are "wonderful fellows." The guys are usually sons of her friends and they always seem to have rich fathers. This may be a coincidence but she hasn't fixed me up with a poor fellow yet.

Do I have the right to refuse to go with these fixed-up dates? She says her judgment is better than mine because she's older and has seen more of life. One fellow was 28 years old and I felt like I was out with my grandfather. Please hurry your advice. I need it—HELPLESS

Dear Helpless: Tell your mother you appreciate her interest but you refuse to accept another fixed-up date. She may mean well but she's not being fair to you.

Dear Ann: Your column has hit so close to home that at times I think you must be writing just for me. That letter from the

# To Destroy 2 Pinball Machines

Two pinball machines worth about \$500 each were ordered to be destroyed as public nuisances Wednesday afternoon by District Judge Hal F. Coe.

District Attorney Dale T. Crabtree sued the two machines Jan. 26 on the grounds that they were played for profit in Lucky Lanes Bowling Alley on Jan. 12. The action was the first of its type to be filed in Klamath County.

The machines were owned by the Southern Oregon Music Company, 1330 Klamath Avenue. Company manager Eddie Tomlin said he would "look into it" when the suits were filed but the company made no official answer or appearance in court. Judge Coe ordered the machines destroyed after no one showed up to contest the suits.

When informed that the machines were to be destroyed, Tomlin had nothing to say.

Sheriff Murray Britton will reduce the machines to firewood and any money found in them will be turned over to County Treasurer Mrs. Eva Cook. The machines are presently in the Klamath Falls State Police Office, where they were placed after being confiscated Jan. 12.



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