

Cat Control Bill Passed By House

SALEM (UPI) — The Oregon House played cat and mouse with Rep. John Dellenback for a while this morning before passing his cat control bill 32-26.

Colleagues in a kittenish mood kidded the Medford lawmaker. One read from a veto message by former Illinois Gov. Adlai Stevenson saying cat control, carried to the ultimate conclusion, could even lead to state interference in the traditional struggle of bird versus worm.

There wasn't any pussyfooting on the part of Dellenback. Gravely serious except for an enigmatic smile, he explained the bill was permissive legislation to let counties with stray cat problems take steps to control them in a humanitarian manner.

He said stray cats in Jackson County threatened game birds and could spread diseases.

Rep. W. O. Kelsay said the bill would let counties like Jackson legalize trial cat control programs already underway.

Dellenback said the bill also would make cats personal property, enabling owners to really own them.

Cosponsors Grace Peck said the bill was "in the real interest of cats, particularly the poor, neglected cats."

Rep. Katherine "Kitty" Musa objected to a provision enabling counties to set a fine up to \$100 for violation of ordinances that might be passed under the bill.

Even when it came to the vote, the legislators couldn't stop kidding. At first it looked like the vote was going against the bill. Then several legislators let the cat out of the bag by changing their votes so that it would pass.

Rep. Clinton Haight answered the roll call with a "meow."

Although there was no comment from any cat of the feline variety, Rep. Richard Kennedy sauntered to a speaker to explain he voted against the bill because there is "already too much legislation controlling us cats."

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Prizes, Awards Taxable Says Revenue Service

Prizes and awards are generally taxable and the fair market value must be included in gross income on tax returns, A. G. Erickson, director of internal revenue for Oregon reminded taxpayers. Prizes and awards which are reportable include, but are not limited to, amounts received from radio and television give-away shows, contests, door prizes, raffles, lotteries and sweepstakes.

Prizes and awards such as shares of stock, building lots, merchandise, and vacation trips to luxury resort areas received by employees, salesmen, dealers, corporation officers, and others are taxable. These awards are usually received in connection with sales contests and promotion programs. Erickson emphasized that the fair market value of the

trips, services, or merchandise received is the amount to be included as taxable income.

This is also applicable if the recipient disposes of any such item by gift, or otherwise. However, Erickson stated that where a taxpayer does not accept an award the value is not required to be included in taxable income.

Although taxpayers are generally aware that cash awards are taxable to the recipient, Erickson stated that internal revenue is becoming concerned over misunderstanding by taxpayers who have received non-cash incentive awards and who have either omitted or understated their value for federal income tax purposes.

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SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown sent his long heralded tax reform program to the 1963 legislature Tuesday and frankly admitted it would bring the state a one-time "windfall."

The 12 bills were designed to avoid the need for new or increased taxes—a pledge Brown made many times during his fall reelection campaign and has repeated often since.

But the governor did not allude to the fact that they all were adopted during the current legislative session.

"If it is your decision to enact the two-year reforms over two sessions instead of one, that is your privilege," he said in a special message to the 80 assemblymen and 40 senators.

But he warned: "The necessity for enactment of withholding will be even more urgent next year and the narrow time span between enactment and compliance would create difficulties both for the state and for the taxpayer."

Assemblyman Nicholas Petris, D-Oakland, introduced nine bills, including one setting up a pay-as-you-go state income tax system beginning July 1, 1964.

Sen. James A. Cobey, D-Merced, was to author two "loophole" bills in the upper chamber and assemblyman Robert Crown, D-Alameda, had one bill providing that in the future \$9 million in tide-tide money will go into the state water fund.

Making a plea for the withholding principle, Brown told the lawmakers:

"The present system is grossly unfair to the taxpayer who must pick up the tab for the tax dodger or the new family that comes to California but does not pay its first penny of income taxes until a year or more later."

The major recommendations were these:

—Elimination of the installment privilege for the bank and corporation and personal income taxes after Jan. 1, 1964 to add \$117.5 million to the state's income during the coming fiscal year.

—Require quarterly payment of insurance taxes and bring the state a \$22 million windfall during the fiscal year beginning July 1.

—Adopt a withholding procedure for personal income effective July 1, 1964 with forgiveness for 25 per cent of the 1964 calendar year tax. This will add \$183.9 million to state revenues for fiscal 1964-65.

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In addition to recommending his two-year reform program "with two-year reservation" Brown asked the lawmakers to hire a nationally recognized taxation expert "with the highest credentials" to direct a thorough-going study of California's tax system through a tax advisory commission.

Other action in the legislature: Glue — The Assembly Public Health Committee postponed action for one week on a bill to outlaw the sale of model airplane glue to persons under 21 years of age.

Bonds—By a 12-6 vote, the As-

sembly Education Committee approved a proposed constitutional amendment to reduce from 66 to a simple majority the total vote needed to approve school bond issues. The bill was backed by the administration.

Children—An administration bill to set up a pilot program to aid so-called "culturally disadvantaged" children was approved by the Lower Chamber Education Committee. It was introduced by Sen. Eugene McAttee, D - San Francisco.

Labor—Assemblyman Petris in-

roduced a bill which he said was designed to prevent importation of "professional strikebreakers" into California. It makes it a misdemeanor for a person to "customarily and repeatedly" take the place of an employee involved in a labor dispute.

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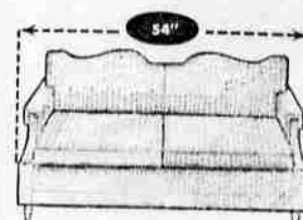
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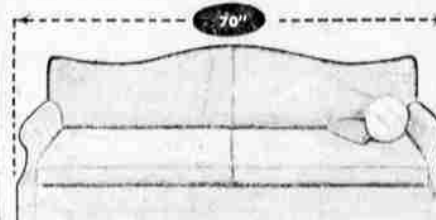
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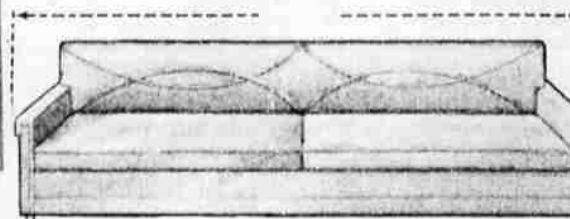
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