

Judiciary Committee Speeds Study Of Proposed Constitution Revision

SALEM (UPI) — The House Judiciary Committee moved Tuesday night to speed up its consideration of a proposed new state constitution.

The commission decided to abandon plans for a step-by-step familiarization with the various plans for the benefit of members during its meetings. Rep. John Detenbeck, R-Medford, called a general discussion Thursday night and planned to continue hearing public testimony next week.

The Senate Constitutional Revision Committee is scheduled to meet Monday to vote on sending its version of a revised constitution to the floor. The document before the House committee differs in the number of elected officials, the legislative apportionment provisions, and a few other sections.

Testimony heard Representatives of the Bipartisan League to Retain Equal Representation and the American Civil Liberties Union testified on behalf of the "one-man, one vote" concept Tuesday night.

Janet McLennan, Portland, executive secretary of the league, urged the committee to reconsider the original legislative article proposed by the State Constitutional Revision Commission.

The plan did not include a specific apportionment formula, although it did demand equal representation for all citizens. It also did not require that county boundaries be rigidly acknowledged, as do the versions before both the House and Senate. She said the commission's ideas would provide more flexibility "in meeting the chal-

lenges of a contemporary society."

Bills At Odds
"The county, as we have known it, is an archaic form," said Mrs. McLennan. She pointed out that bills to reduce the number of counties have been introduced even while home rule provisions are making some of them stronger.

"The legislative article should not be chained to a system that

is in political flux," she said.

She also suggested that each house have an odd number of members, to prevent deadlocks. The House bill retains the present 69 members in that chamber and 39 in the Senate. Michael Katz, Portland, representing the ACLU, also urged the "one man, one vote" concept and praised the bill of rights contained in both the Senate and House bills.

Oregon Industrial Leaders Push Inventory Tax Repeal At House Hearing

SALEM (UPI)—Oregon industrial leaders presented their support for inventory tax repeal to a House committee Wednesday with promises that the revenue loss would be offset by economic growth.

The House Taxation Committee session also gave individual lawmakers a chance to put in plugs for a net income tax on business, a cigarette tax and sales tax.

Plan Essential
Douglas Holder, Salem, a spokesman for Associated Oregon Industries, said the inven-

tory tax repeal was "essential for job creation, greater economic growth and fairness." He contended the estimated tax loss of \$18 million a year would be more than offset by taxes collected as a result of increased profits, more business and more jobs.

AOI President Robert R. Carey of La Grande agreed that repeal "should not be considered as a matter of revenue loss but as a matter of job creation and economic stability."

Specific problems were out-

lined by Leonard Fairchild, controller of the Albany division of Wah Chang Corp., and Portland industrialist Gilbert Schmitzer. Fairchild said his firm had paid \$200,000 in inventory taxes in the past five years, and had operated at a loss every year. He said the money could have been used to buy tools and equipment that would have allowed the firm to do more of its work in Oregon.

He pointed out that depressed market conditions always mean a large inventory in the rare metals industry, "and the tax state-

then must be paid when we can't afford it."

Shutdown Due
He warned that Wah Chang will shut down parts of its operation and eliminate some jobs temporarily at the end of this year to reduce its inventory.

Schmitzer said Oregon could become a major distributing point on the West Coast if it abolished the inventory tax. He said a recent decision of Oregon Steel Mills to move to Vancouver, Wash., was influenced by a lower inventory tax in that state.

Rep. Joe Rogers, R-Independence, won from both Fairchild and Schmitzer an admission that they would prefer a business tax based on net income.

Schmitzer also said he favored sales and cigarette taxes, Rogers and Rep. James Redden, D-Medford, have introduced bills calling for the latter. Rogers also is a sales tax proponent, but hasn't introduced such a plan this session.

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that part of the revenue less to local governments would be offset by an appropriation from the state general fund.

However, Portland City Atty. Alexander Brown testified that the plan would not make up all the loss, and would throw the rest of the burden on local property tax payers. He also said the Mosser formula for distributing the money was inequitable.

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Shots Claim Marchioness

PERTH, Scotland (UPI)—The American-born Marchioness of Landsdowne, 46, seriously wounded by a shotgun blast at her home Friday, died today in the same hospital where her eldest daughter died of gunshot wounds almost nine years ago.

The shooting occurred at the marchioness' Scottish home, Melkior House, in Perthshire. She was the former Barbara Stuart Chase of Santa Barbara, Calif.

The news that Lady Landsdowne had been wounded was not disclosed until Monday. However, the procurator-fiscal of Perthshire said that from all information, it was an accident and no one else was involved.

The weapons were believed to be a 12-gauge shotgun.

Lady Landsdowne was an expert clay-pigeon shot and a former British champion.

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