

Rep. Emil Stunz Reports Legislature Sets All-Time Record With 1338 Bills Already Introduced in 1961 Session

By Rep. Emil A. Stunz

The Oregon legislature set a new record Friday for number of bills introduced. The total has reached 1,338, compared with the previous high of 1,336 set in 1957. More bills will be introduced.

The major controversial bills should be acted upon this week—those being labor-management, industrial accident, reapportionment and government reorganization.

Here is the status of some of the bills that I have previously commented on:

HB 1639, which would have prohibited the sale of raw milk for human consumption, has been tabled in committee.

Saito, Henigson Testify on Bill

HB 1647, the migrant farm labor bill, was passed out of the House Agriculture committee March 16. I will carry this bill on the floor of the House this week. Joe Saito and Hal Henigson were here to testify at a hearing on this bill March 14.

SB 417, sponsored by Sen. Yturri and co-sponsored by myself and other eastern Oregon legislators, would remove the state property tax from rights on federal grazing lands. This bill passed the Senate and is now in the House Taxation committee.

SB 351, relating to dentistry advertising, etc., has passed the Senate and is in the House Health and Welfare committee.

HB 1569, the trading stamp bill, has been in the committee on State and Federal Affairs since Feb. 20. A hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22.

SB 502, the bill that would regulate picketing of places harvesting perishable crops, was referred to Senate Labor and Industries committee March 9.

Passage of Bills Recommended

SB 334, the three-way workman's compensation bill. The Senate State and Federal Affairs committee has recommended passage of this bill and also the labor management relations measure. The three-way bill would permit employers to be covered by State Workman's Compensation law through State Industrial Accident Insurance, self insurance or insurance through insurance companies.

The other bill, which was approved unanimously by the committee, sets up a list of unfair practices and provides for enforcement procedures against them. Purpose of the bill is to cover firms which are not covered by federal law.

HB 1001 and 1002, pertaining to income taxes, will go to the House again in a few days.

HB 1010, the inventory tax bill, is also in committee.

Homestead Tax Bill Approved

The House Taxation committee has approved for passage a bill that would allow deferral of taxes on homesteads. The committee removed all limitations on value of property or income of owner. The tax would become due, with

8 percent interest, on the death of owner or spouse, or whenever the property might be sold.

HB 1557 relates to farm truck licenses and would provide that any truck with a combined weight in excess of 24,000 pounds would be subject to a weight mile tax. This bill has been tabled in the House Highway committee.

HB 1089 would authorize the state fire marshal to make and enforce regulations relating to transportation, storage and handling of flammable liquids. The governor is to appoint an advisory committee to assist in making regulation which would go in effect Jan. 1, 1962. This bill passed out of committee by a 3 to 5 vote and should come up for consideration of the House early this week.

I plan to oppose this measure on the grounds that in our highway committee hearing no one could testify that there had ever been any fires caused as a result of emptying supply trucks into underground tanks at service stations. It was also brought out at the hearing that many city ordinances have been passed with the thought in mind more of the economical condition of the city rather than the safety factor.

This might be true in some cases but I feel that HB 1088 is a measure that big oil companies are promoting under the guise of a safety factor when in reality it is an economical factor to them where no savings are passed on to consumer. Furthermore, if this bill passes it would nullify any city ordinance that would be in conflict with the law.

Discusses Reapportionment

Last week I stated that the committee on elections and reapportionment would have a reapportionment plan bill ready for House to consider on Wednesday, March 14. This plan would have taken away only one representative from eastern Oregon and is spoken of as the "preferred plan." The committee voted this out but later reconsidered in order to conduct a hearing in the presence of a member of the attorney general's office, as the constitutionality of the plan has been questioned. I attended this hearing and after much discussion it was decided that several parts of the plan might be questionable.

A few weeks ago Senator Yturri ably outlined what the duties of the legislature are regarding reapportionment as outlined in the Oregon Constitution. Any reapportionment bill that passes both the House and Senate will not then be acted upon by the attorney general but by the State Supreme Court and if they reject it they will have to come up with a plan of their own.

Blood Drawing Held

A blood drawing was conducted at the Capitol last Wednesday to replace blood that is being used by the ailing Senator White. Joe Saito of Ontario, who was here on business, took time out from his very busy schedule to make

Extension Unit Hears Program By County Agent

By Karla Krieger

NEWELL HEIGHTS—AKH extension unit met Thursday with Alice Laan. Seventeen members and five guests heard Mrs. Edna Mae Wimsatt give a program on color in the home. She explained how different tones and hues of color can change a room's appearance.

Dorothy Kygar and Virginia Timmerman will take the four-day series of April sewing lessons in Ontario. Mrs. Timmerman, Mrs. Kygar and Francis Worden were appointed as a nominating committee.

Kay Borge, Nancy Hill and Frank Pratt are spending spring

vacation from college at the homes of their parents.

Marie Borge, Eugene Pratt, Gene Worden and Lanae Hammon were among those attending a St. Patrick's party Saturday at Adrian grade school.

Verna and Gary Costley visited Saturday with Mrs. Lydia Worden.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Hill and family and Mrs. Oda Sipes of Ridgeview visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Cees Hopman visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Luit Stam.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John Timmerman and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holly attended a birthday dinner Sunday for Jane Timmerman at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerritt Timmerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Piercy and family visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krieger and family.

Alice Simpson, Marlene Slippery, Ellen Jones and Karla Krieger accompanied by Mrs. Earl Kygar went bowling Thursday evening.

Mrs. Edna Cowling was a Tuesday luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pratt and Mrs. Anna Pratt.

Ladies Receive Game Prizes At Club Meeting

By Mrs. Frank Byers

OREGON TRAIL—Merry Matrons club met March 15 with Cora Rookstool as hostess. Fourteen members answered roll call with Pollyanna suggestions.

Whoopie was played with Hazel Farr and Alberta Tyner winning prizes. Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Reva Edens.

Next meeting will be March 29 at the home of Virginia Rookstool.

Mary Beth and Kristian Gress-

ley visited Thursday and Friday with their grandparents, the Russell Gressleys.

Mrs. Conant Returns Home

Mrs. Willis Conant, who has been staying at the Glenn Brown home for several weeks recovering from surgery, was able to return Friday to her own home.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Horton and daughter, Mrs. Allie Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Adams and David and Carol Adams, all of Boise, were Sunday dinner guests at the Alfred Adams home. Mrs. Thurman Hill and daughters of Apple Valley were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Byers and Kenneth of Corvallis are visiting this week at the Frank Byers home and with other relatives.

CARD OF THANKS

We deeply appreciate the love and consideration given our father during his illness, the good care given him at Malheur Memorial hospital by Dr. Sarazin and the nurses. We also appreciate the many kindnesses shown us while we were in Nyssa.

—The Family of
Fred R. Levi and
Norma Jameson

Mrs. Kenneth Godbout and daughter of Ontario spent Tuesday with Mrs. Glenn Brown.

Glenda Lou Brown of Boise spent from Wednesday until Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown.

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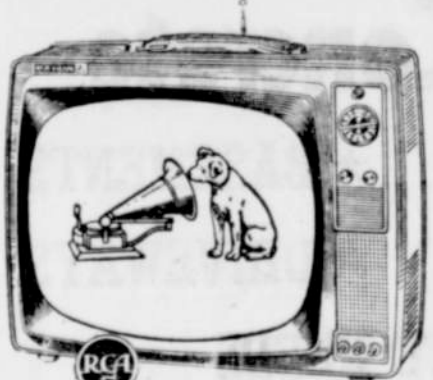
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