

### E. Stunz Discusses Educational Bills; Reports House Passed 2.7% Business Tax, Eliminating Personal Property

By Rep. Emil A. Stunz  
Tomorrow, April 10, will be the 92nd day of this session. A lot of the bills that I have been reporting to you are still in committee and I am hoping to be able to get those that I have sponsored or co-sponsored, that directly benefit our area, out and passed before the session ends, which may be in a couple more weeks.

I will now report on a few new bills that will be of special interest to you and get you up to date on some of the old ones.

House Bill 1143, which increases the fine from \$75 to \$150 for throwing away lighted tobacco or other material, has passed both houses and been signed by the governor. Since this measure carried the emergency clause, it immediately became a law upon being signed by the governor. So be careful; that lighted cigarette or cigar that you might throw out your car window could cost you \$150!

SB 322, if passed, would curtail the practice of a bookkeeper doing work for others unless he is licensed and has a public accountant's certificate. This has passed the senate and is now in the House Financial Affairs committee.

HB 1502 would authorize local government units to adopt daylight savings time.

SB 351, the dentists' bill, has been returned to the House Judiciary committee. This bill is said to have already been rendered ineffectual by house amendments.

HB 1015 relates to moving the public welfare office. Both houses have voted to keep the office at Portland. It is said that the governor might veto this measure.

HJR 6 is a resolution which calls for repeal of capital punishment and would submit the proposal to the people for their vote in 1962. It has been taken from the table. The house might now have the opportunity of voting on this measure.

**Legislation on Education:**  
No change will be made in the distribution of the basic school support money at this legislative session. SB 480, which had backing in Eastern Oregon, would have distributed money to counties on the basis of student population. About the only change that can now come out of this legislature, as far as school financing is concerned, is a possible increase in the amount of the state's contribution to the basic school support fund, from \$105 to \$115.

A bill which would appropriate \$2,553,000 for community college buildings (which would be state owned) and another bill which would provide \$867,000 to help pay the operating costs of the colleges has been recommended by the State Education committee. The Central Oregon college located at Bend is the only college eligible for aid at this time. This money would be in addition to \$1.3 million requested for community colleges in the Department of Education budget.

A bill has passed the house that would take tenure away from school administrators, such as principals, but would leave them with tenure as teachers. This would make it easier to get rid of principals although the district would have to retain the individual as a teacher.

**Racing:**  
A bill relating to horse racing that had been defeated on the floor of the house was brought out for reconsideration Friday and referred to committee. This bill would cut by 40 percent the state's share of gross racing revenues and that amount would be added to the purses, thus making

it more of an inducement to have better horses.

Proponents contend that the state of Oregon is an ideal place to raise thoroughbred horses and that passage of this bill would give this industry a shot in the arm. Those opposing the bill are afraid that its passage might jeopardize the counties fair board money and funds going to 4-Hers and Future Farmers and other groups. This would be true if the attraction to the races brought about by better horses, didn't bring about a substantial increase in attendance.

**Liquor:**  
A bill has passed the house which requires that persons between the ages of 21 and 26 years of age must have an identification card in order to buy liquor. The \$1 annual permit would be retained and the bill also specifies that anyone over 21, resident or non-resident, would be able to buy a 25-cent, 14-day liquor permit. This bill would help liquor dispensers in refusing service to those under 21.

**Voting:**  
A proposed constitutional amendment to reduce the voting age from 21 to 18 years of age has been defeated in the house on a vote of 34 to 25. The main argument was over whether teenagers are mature enough to vote.

**Taxes:**  
The house has voted, 48 to 11, to eliminate Oregon's personal property tax and replace it with a 2.7 percent net income tax. This bill, which will now go to the senate, will do away with the personal property tax by which Oregon business now pays in \$26 million a year to support local government. The 2.7 percent business tax would be distributed to local governmental units in proportion that they at present receive revenue from the personal property tax.

A bill has been tabled which would have increased the interest rate on GI loans from 4 to 4 1/2 percent.

HB 1702 is, in effect, a reintroduction of a bill that was introduced and failed to pass in the 1959 legislative session and provides pensions for elected officials. Under provisions of this new bill, county officials who have served for a period of 12 years would be eligible for pensions if they were defeated for election, voluntarily retired or were disabled.

Benefits would vary according to service, age and the average salary received during their years in office. These benefits would run from 25 to 40 percent of the salary and would be payable to the office holder or his or her spouse for life. The official would pay 50 percent of the cost and the county would pay the balance. The bill, which carries the emergency clause, would become effective immediately and officials who were otherwise qualified could receive all the benefits without contribution to the fund.

There is another feature of this bill that makes it unattractive. That is the provision which states that any official who had paid into the fund and who was defeated prior to the time his length of service would have made him eligible for the pension, could withdraw the amount of money he had paid into the fund or in case of his death his heirs could collect this amount from the fund.

County Commissioner Jake Fischer and Mr. Cox of Ontario, who were in Salem Thursday to attend a school dealing with tax equalization, visited us at the capitol Thursday morning.

### 1961 Square Dance Festival Scheduled Friday in Caldwell

The 13th annual Caldwell square dance festival will be sponsored this year by the T.V. Highnites, Lads 'n Plaids and the Heart association of Canyon county, it has been announced by Zelma March, publicity chairman.

The annual event will be held Friday, April 14, at 8:45 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Caldwell high school.

The Lloyd Wanzer trio will furnish music, the first time in eight years that participants have danced to live music during the festival. Masters of ceremonies for the affair will be Doug Hyslop and Don Rising.

Among callers will be Neil Peterson of Nyssa and the Petterson couple will be among those leading the grand march.

Square dances on the program will include New Line Cannon Ball, Angry, One Time Too Many, Western Moon, Jealous Heart and many others. Round dances will include Shortcake, Calcutta, Bye Bye Blues, Three Penny Waltz, Silk and Satin, Navajo Trail, Daisy Waltz and Del Rio.

Dancers are expected from all surrounding towns and all proceeds will go to the Heart fund.

### GIRLS VISIT RESIDENTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Girl Scout troop 81 members are studying international friendship which is a second class requirement.

When the girls met April 4 in the grade school building, they divided into groups and visited area residents who came here from various countries.

Girls who visited and those whom they called on are: Sallee Morgan and Kathy Burris, Mrs. W. H. Whincup from England; Trudy Olsen and Carol Greig, Mrs. Gerrit Stam from Holland; Lucille Bertram and Joan Stunz, Mrs. James Hartman from Egypt; Noreen Smith and Jerri Ableman, Mrs. Don Lytle from France.

Joan Stunz, Mrs. Ray Holly

### Mrs. Michael C. Zamora of route 1, Nyssa, left Thursday for San Pedro, Calif., where she will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jayo and Miss Linda Moncur of Boise spent the weekend at the home of the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moncur.

from Italy; Linda Mecham and Donna Connors, Mrs. George Rush from Canada; Krista Skow and Marcia Jackson, Mrs. Larry Saito from Japan; Lorraine Wilson and Mary Danford, Mrs. Niklei Sutschkow from Germany; Stephanie Wilson and Teresa Haburhak, Lena Kalaya from Greece.

—Teresa Haburhak, Reporter

### Drivers License Tests Slated Here Friday

A drivers license examiner from the Department of Motor Vehicles of Oregon will be on duty in Nyssa Friday, April 14, at city hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Persons wishing original licenses or permits to drive are asked to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure time for completion of the required license test.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Robb and family of Moses Lake, Wash., are visiting this week at the Hudson Robb and Bill Hamilton homes.

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