



Salem Scene

By Everett E. Cutter

A legislative bill to ban pay toilets or washrooms from public transportation terminals still languishes in its original committee. The House has voted to prohibit dumping auto bodies into state waters. And a proposal to repeal provisions for grasshopper control districts already has been signed into law by Gov. Tom McCall.

REORGANIZATION

After failing to agree on total Constitutional revision for several sessions, the Senate and House now are looking with favor upon individual revisions in government structure and processes. They have passed legislation creating an Executive Department, proposed by Gov. McCall to coordinate planning functions of several executive-administrative agencies.

The House has approved creation of a State Department of Employment. Bills to create Departments of Revenue, Natural Resources and Human Resources are under consideration. The House has okayed a change in line of succession to the governorship, placing secretary of state and treasurer before the Senate president and House speaker.

Of bills introduced, fewer than 100 have cleared both houses and been signed by the governor. Two are in conference committees, where Senate and House differences are ironed out; only a handful have failed floor votes or been indefinitely postponed.

Many, of course, have been tabled or set aside in various committees. But most remain under active consideration, and heat is generating as lawmakers rush to adjourn in mid-May.

AIR, WATER QUALITY

As the pace quickens on getting remaining bills out for floor debate, here is a brief rundown on the status of some legislation:

TAXATION

Most significant action has been early agreement on a property tax relief program. Voters will decide on June 3 on the package to gain local property tax relief via the 3 per cent sales tax and 16.6 per cent corporate tax increase.

The House last week approved a measure to phase out Oregon's inventory tax over a 12-year period. It also has passed bills to tax fraternal organizations, churches and certain hospitals at 25 per cent of their assessed property values, and to tax at 100 per cent fraternal organizations or lodges which practice discrimination.

Seeking to strengthen the impressive array of anti-pollution laws passed in 1967, the legislature is working closely together in this area. The House already has approved bills revising procedures for fire permits for field burning, re-defining "air pollution," strengthening penalties and enforcement powers of the State Sanitary Authority, and the one to outlaw placement of motor vehicle bodies in state waters. Other bills being considered would provide standards for vehicle exhaust emissions and means for measuring air pollution emissions at their source.

LABOR - MANAGEMENT

The Senate has approved a boost in maximum weekly unemployment compensation benefits to \$55. Legislation to

revise and liberalize benefits for injured workers is under study in a House committee. A proposal to raise Oregon's minimum hourly wage to \$1.60 in steps through 1971, still is in committee. The House has passed legislation to strengthen Oregon's employment discrimination law.



AN EXPRESSION OF FAITH IN THE "innate decency and dignity of Oregon's young people" was part of the challenge given by Governor Tom McCall when officers of the Oregon Youth Temperance Council met in his office recently to receive the Governor's Statement in support of Youth Temperance Week, April 20 - 26, 1969. "Arm yourselves with enduring resolve," he told them, "to help remove from our homes and highways the scourge of alcohol-induced tragedy." Youth Temperance Education Week is promoted annually by the Youth Temperance Council, the youth organization of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

During this week there is special emphasis on getting information concerning the dangers from the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics into the hands of young people through news media, schools and churches. In Oregon the YTC sponsors a poster and essay contest and packets of literature are distributed in schools. One of the highlights of Youth Temperance Education Week this year will be the annual Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest on Alcohol and related problems. Oregon has won national and world acclaim for the outstanding speakers which the Oregon WCTU contest has produced.

GRANGE NEWS



Members of Oregon Trail Grange met in regular form on the evening of April 17, with Master Don Somers presiding. Master Gene Honey of Nu Acres grange was escorted to the master's station where he gave a short talk on pleasures of visiting neighboring granges. Grange Insurance Agent Wilbur Atherton gave a report on the various types of insurance offered.

CONSERVATION RECREATION

The Senate has endorsed bills to establish state policy toward scenic rivers and recreational trails preservation, designating some 196 miles of rivers in Oregon for inclusion in the program. Last session's "beach bill" is likely to be amended to define lines of public-private ownership roughly along natural vegetation growth lines.

In the final weeks of the 1969 session, hundreds of measures will come up for final debate, voting and consideration of the governor.

Bills signed by the governor automatically become law 90 days after the legislature adjourns, unless they contain specific dates of effectivity or an emergency clause. The emergency clause makes a bill take effect upon signing by the governor.

TUESDAY MEETING

Regular meeting of Treasure Valley Christian Business and Professional Women will be at 7:30 p.m. May 6 in the La Paloma cafe.

Music will be by Alice Nishitani and her daughter, Lissa, both of Nyssa. Special feature this session presented by Mrs. Kimi Rice of New Plymouth, will be "Origami," Japanese art of entertaining children. Speaker will be Mini Jane Johnston, a national worker. For reservations call Pauline O'Harra, 889-5719.

grange were Mrs. Gene Honey, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Neely. Visitors from Boulevard grange were Mrs. Wilbur Atherton, Mrs. Harley Noah and Alva Amidon.

Refreshments were served to 25 members and 11 visitors by the Frank Parris and Don Somers'. Next regular meeting will be May 1, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Grange women are reminded of the women's activity committee meeting to be held Tuesday, May 6, in the home of Mrs. Orland Cheldelin, with Mrs. Eric Boenig as Co-hostess. All Grange women are welcome. - Ellen Jones, reporter.

April Birthdays

April 11, 1789 - The first political newspaper in the United States, Gazette of the United States, was published in New York City.

April 14, 1863 - The first printing press to use a continuous web or roll of paper was patented by William Bullock, of Pittsburg, Pa.

April 17, 1941 - The first helicopter flight from water was accomplished by I. I. Sikorsky.

April 20, 1837 - The first carpet loom was patented by E. B. Bigelow of West Boylston, Mass.

April 24, 1783 - The first college named after George Washington was established -- the Washington College in Tennessee.

April 27, 1938 - The first yellow baseball was used in the Columbia Fordham game in New York City.

It is a great deal more important to be human than it is to be prominent.

Big Game Hunters Report Excellent Season In 1968

IN APPRECIATION

Summary of the 1968 big game seasons shows that around 362,900 licensed hunters took 151,380 deer, 9,410 elk, 408 antelope, about 2,900 black bear, 5 mountain goats, and 3 bighorn sheep.

This is the 1968 take of big game animals in Oregon as reported by hunters on the annual questionnaire survey recently completed by the Game Commission.

John McKean, state game director, said that deer hunters enjoyed the third best hunting season on record, being exceeded only by the 1960 and 1961 seasons. The high take of deer last year was expected by the Commission because of the excellent hunting weather which prevailed and the high numbers of deer recorded in field checks during the season.

According to the tally, more than 303,100 deer tags were issued to hunters last year, an increase of more than 17,000 deer hunters from 1967. Deer taken included 89,000 mule deer and over 62,300 black-tailed deer. Bucks totaled more than 106,700, and the unit permits provided for a take of about 44,600 antelopeless animals.

Overall deer hunting success was just about 50 per cent, slightly below the usual average, and hunters reported spending about 1,579,600 man-days in the field.

The number of elk hunters climbed back near the record set two years ago with 68,600 hunters purchasing elk tags. These hunters reported taking 9,410 elk for an overall success of 14 per cent. Of the elk taken, 7,660 were bulls and 2,870 were antelopeless animals. The harvest was down by about 1,000 animals from 1967.

As expected by the Game Commission when it shortened the Rocky Mountain elk season last fall plus the closing date at midweek, the reduction in the total harvest occurred in eastern Oregon. The tally shows 6,150 Rocky Mountain elk taken, of which 4,170 were bulls. West side elk hunters enjoyed the best success in the past five years, chalking up a harvest of 3,260 Roosevelt elk, of which 2,990 were bulls. Elk hunters spent an average of almost six

We take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to Dr. K. A. Danford, Malheur Memorial hospital staff, and other friends and neighbors who furnished transportation, brought food and in any way helped us during the recent illness and loss of our loved one, Oscar J. Kurtz. We also want to thank the ALCW of the Faith Lutheran church for the dinner. Our heartfelt thanks. - The family of Oscar J. Kurtz.

Archers numbered 12,400 and reported taking 1,133 deer and 250 elk.

Again, as in 1967, the 1968 big game seasons were generally excellent in terms of hunter conduct, although some vandalism and illegal acts were reported. Hunters were careful with fire, and no large fires resulted during any of the general big game seasons.

McKean said that a complete summary of the 1968 big game seasons will be published in the April issue of the Bulletin.

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