

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Rep. D.E. (Denny) Jones

We've been having real large calendars every day, and yesterday we finally caught up with all the work on the floor that has been held over from days past.

A big change from traditional legislative procedure occurred twice this past week. Deviation from tradition seems to be the norm this session. Speaker Eymann appointed a new Revenue Committee—a special committee to formulate a new tax package. It meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and is separate from the regular Revenue Committee, which is intact the same as it was—this committee meets Tuesdays and Thursdays. The special committee will continue to work without interruption, and the members (listed below) are excused from other committee work. They are: Howard L. Cherry, Chairman; Richard Eymann, Vice Chairman; Stafford Hansell, Vice Chairman; Earl Blumenauer, George Cole, Robert Elliott, William Gwinn, Roger Martin, Larry Perry, Jack Sumner, Paul Walden and Martin Wolfer.

There is some thought among members of the new tax committee that perhaps they may take parts out of the several tax proposals that have been offered and put together a tax package from that angle. I heard one comment made that they thought they could have a tax proposal ready for a vote on the floor by the third week in May. This might mean that we could possibly adjourn right after the first of June. This is just a guess, though, on my part.

The second occurrence this week, which was a real upheaval and caused some regret among members, was a change in the membership of one particular committee. Wednesday, as we were ready to adjourn the day's session, the Speaker announced

that he was relieving Rep. Dick Magruder and Rep. Jeff Gilmour of their positions as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Consumer and Business Affairs Committee. Rep. Bill Gwinn, a member of the committee, was appointed Chairman, and Rep. Ed Stevenson was appointed Vice Chairman. Rep. Grannell and Rep. Marx were appointed to fill the committee vacancies. This naturally has caused quite a stir down here. We don't know what will be the status of our bills that are in Consumer and Business Affairs Committee.

I'll list here some of the bills acted on this past week which are of importance and interest to my district. House Bill 2092, which failed, would have exempted from ad valorem tax federally owned land that is under permit for the purpose of building summer homes or other homes. This I thought was a good bill because if land under permit that has a home on it can be taxed, then a tax may sometime be able to be levied on our federal grazing land. House Bill 2713, which passed, would have restricted the probation officer from performing his duties without the consent of the court. This restricts the authority of the probation officer. I voted in opposition to this bill, but it passed anyway. HB 3119 passed, requiring livestock dealers to be licensed and bonded. They would have a minimum bond of \$5,000, and the maximum amount would be set by the Department of Agriculture. This should help us some. HB 2406, which is the federal forest fees distribution formula, has been amended with 75% for roads and 25% for schools. The population figure that was in the original statute was removed, and the upper limit of \$600,000 was removed. Under the present bill counties would have an option that if they had more money

than they needed in their road fund they could transfer it over to the school fund. This seems like a good compromise. HB 2263 (the public employees collective bargaining bill), which we sent back to committee last week, is expected to come right back out again within the next few days. There is a question of whether there are votes enough on the floor to stop it. A new bill has emerged, HB 3210 which has to do with shoreline control, which applies to our ocean shores and to almost all of the rivers in the State of Oregon that run at least 20 cubic feet of water. Also it includes lakes of 20 acres or more. I am not sure, as I haven't studied this completely yet, but it looks like there might be some question whether we can water our cattle in the river if this passes.

TAKE ZEST OUT OF THE PEST

Many recent agricultural studies are in agreement about one thing: strong, healthy vegetables seem to be the least tempting to most destructive insects and diseases. So the first thing to consider in pest control is that well-tended, organically grown vegetable crops put you halfway home in your battle with pests.

As to the other half, there are ways and means of battling nuisances—if you are consistent. One way to be consistent is to use a very effective, insecticide called Spectracide, which is a broad-spectrum, nonpersistent chemical containing diazinon that can be used not only for vegetables, but flowers, fruits and lawn pests.

Here are some anti-pest precautions for vegetable growing:

1. Use crop rotation in your vegetable garden.
2. Choose disease- and insect-resistant vegetable plants varieties wherever possible.
3. Always remove dead or diseased vegetables.
4. Cleanliness is vital. Keep the vegetable garden free of trimmings and waste.
5. Dust or spray with an insecticide every two weeks during the growing season, up till 10 days before harvesting for most vegetable crops.

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NEWS OF ECOLOGY

TURNING TRASH INTO CASH

The average American family disposes of nearly 100 pounds of trash at home and on the job every week... or over 2½ tons per year! This is about twice as much as a typical family threw away twenty years ago.

Not only the quantity, but the quality of trash has changed in the last two decades. In the early 50's, we were throwing out 40% food, 40% paper, 20% miscellaneous. Now we discard 40% plastics or non-perishables, 40% paper, 10% food and 10% miscellaneous.

Piling up is the correct term for the trash situation because the volume is a chief part of the problem. Cities who use sanitary landfills are fast running out of available dumping areas, and additionally the collection of increasingly large volumes of trash has sent disposal costs to cities skyrocketing.

In a recent pilot program aimed at solving these problems, the city of Coral Gables, Florida, in co-operation with the General Electric Company, installed trash compactors and food waste disposers in 100 homes on a selected collection route. Coral Gables retained a once-a-week curbside pick-up, but eliminated the previous twice-weekly back door pick-up. After six months, 85% of the test families said they preferred the new system. Study results are presently being reviewed by the city with an eye to the possibility of requiring trash compactors and food waste disposers in every home to help

reduce trash collection and disposal costs.

The city entered the test program to see if it could forestall the need for sharp increases to residents in monthly collection charges. Elimination of the need for special collection trucks and the re-



duction in frequency of pickups, indicates a significant savings to the city may be possible.

Following the test program more than 70% of the participants elected to purchase the compactors for their continued use.

The General Electric compactors used in the test reduce cans, cartons, plastic containers, paper and bottles to about one quarter their original volume while automatically spraying them with a deodorant. A handy bag caddy aids removal of the full bag and provides a neat and convenient way to carry the bag to the curb.

"When a couple of young people strongly devoted to each other commence to eat onions, it is safe to pronounce them engaged." (James Montgomery, Bailey)



The Bird of Prey Finds Friendly Man

A stray bullet in the wing grounds a golden eagle, another cripples a hawk, and a great horned owl suffers from malnutrition, but all find new life in the friendly atmosphere of Busch Gardens in Los Angeles, Ca.

Known for its Trained Bird Circus, the huge walk-through flight cage in the 23-acre family entertainment center in now recognized as a haven for rescued birds of prey.

"At any given time we are usually boarding nine or ten such birds—for free," Larry Wickline, zoo manager, said. "We've had as many as 20 at a time." Busch Gardens is owned and operated by Anheuser-Busch, Inc.

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