

# Proposed Tax Limit Jeopardizes Schools

"Now is the time to go slow" in expanding and improving the Beaverton area schools, State Representative John D. Mosser told the District 48 Board of Directors Monday night.

Mosser, along with Representative Elwin Paxson and State Senator Victor Atiyeh, all of Washington County, discussed upcoming problems in education legislation.

The most immediate topic taken up was the possible affect on public schools if the proposed one and one-half per cent property tax limitation initiative is successful.

If the limitation is passed at the polls next fall it would mean the curtailment of all new programs in the schools, and cut backs in others Mosser said. Budget for the Beaverton schools would be cut almost \$2.5 million.

"The hue and cry is for property tax relief," Senator Atiyeh stated." But the voters realize that if they want the services



SERIOUS EXPRESSIONS are worn by state legislators Elwin Paxson (left), Victor Atiyeh, and John Mosser. The threesome discussed problems posed by the one and one-half per cent tax limit initiative.

they have to foot the bill. It's just a matter of how the bill is paid."

The legislators warned the board to take a close look at expansion projects, in event that the proposed limit is passed. Mosser warned them to study all alternatives to the District's proposed bond issue.

Representative Paxson said he felt that the tax limit initiative is largely an emotional reaction, and that a proper program educating voters to the dangers in cutting back needed funds was necessary.

"We need to get people to look at the schools," Paxson stated. "They are

a tangible use of the voter's tax dollar."

The legislators also discussed the need for local vocational schools on a post high school level for the non-college bound, education financing, and manner of application for federal grants in aid.

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**GEORGE WOLLENBERG** (left) Portland manager of Sears Roebuck, presents a \$3,600 check to **Victor G. Atiyeh** (right) president, Portland Area Council of Boy Scouts and **W. F. Robinson**, Portland Coun-

oil training chairman. The money is a grant from Sears Foundation and will help subsidize cost of training 36 Council Junior Leaders at Philmont Scout Ranch Training Center, Cimarron, N. M.



STATE SEN. Anthony Yturri (left), Ontario and State Rep. F. F. (Monte) Montgomery, Eugene, are registered by Mrs. E. E. (Polly Sue) Steffens, Mrs. Oregon of 1958-59, at tea addressed by GOP panel group Wednesday.

## Republicans Predict Victory Over Democrats

By MERVIN SHOEMAKER  
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Republican legislators in Portland Wednesday thought they could see their party wresting control of the State House of Representatives away from the Democrats in the 1963 session, and they are willing to tackle the problem of bringing in "\$75 million or \$80 million in new money" for the next biennium.

That prospective revenue estimate came from State Rep. Victor Atiyeh, Washington County, a member of one of the "Alert Oregon" panel groups with which the GOP blanketed the state on Oregon's 103rd birthday.

State Sen. Anthony Yturri, Ontario, Republican leader in the Senate, told a press conference at Multnomah County Republican headquarters at noon that the legislators are alerting the state to "the necessity for electing Republicans in November."

Other members of the Portland panel were State Reps. F. F. (Monte) Montgomery, Eugene, Republican leader in the House, and Sidney Bazett, Grants Pass.

Similar groups fanned out over the state Wednesday for Republican meetings.

After the press conference the panel group spoke at a tea attended by approximately 60 persons at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Carl W. Geist, 1505 SE Moreland Lane.

given by the Portland South City Club of the State Federation of Republican Women.

Republican support of a tax something like the so-called "net receipts" tax advocated by Gov. Mark Hatfield was indicated by the panel members. This would broaden the base of the present income tax structure, and is argued by supporters as something to make a sales tax unnecessary.

Atiyeh said he personally prefers base-broadening by this method, rather than by a sales tax, and both Yturri and Montgomery said they thought other colleagues would feel the same.

Atiyeh said he can see a budget of possibly \$385 million for the 1963-65 biennium, compared to \$366 million in this biennium, and the Legislature will be without the surplus of more than \$30 million which was used in this biennium.

Bazett said he considers communism the nation's great-

est threat, and strengthening of the American economy the greatest defense. He considers the economy threatened, however, "by spiraling labor costs."

Bazett favors national legislation to "outlaw the Communist party," and favors Oregon legislation that "would not permit state-supported platforms to be used by anyone advocat-

ing overthrow of the government by force and violence."

The Grants Pass man said he considers a "right to work law" is "not an absolute requirement," because he feels that "labor and management can get together."

Such getting together, he said, is imperative if Oregon is to be an attraction to new industry.

Yturri told the tea audience that Republicans must seek to stop "the movement toward a situation of dependency" and help curb inflation if the country is to be spared "increasing regulation and control, which stifles incentive."

Montgomery told the women that Republicans must not be unduly impressed by Democratic preponderance in voter registrations.

He cited several Republicans who had won in the face of Democratic majority registrations.

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# Oregon Legislators C



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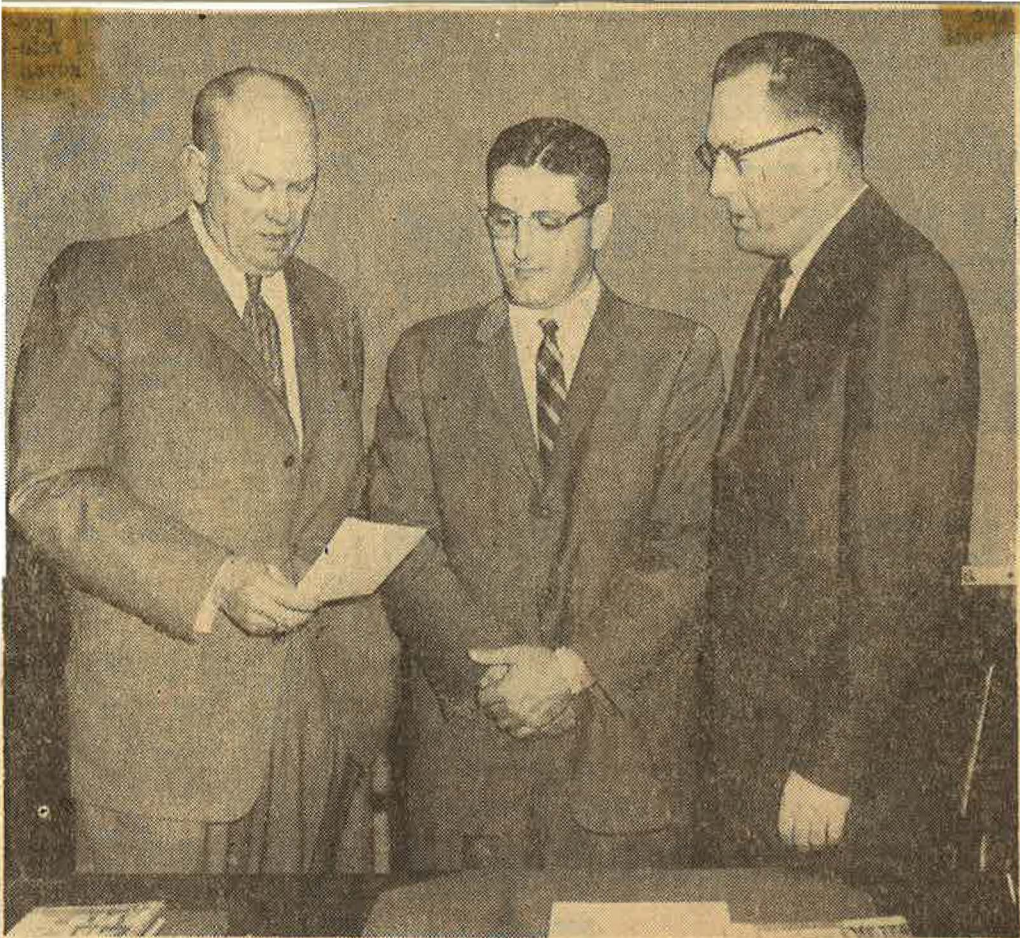
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## *New Governor's Mark on First Bill*



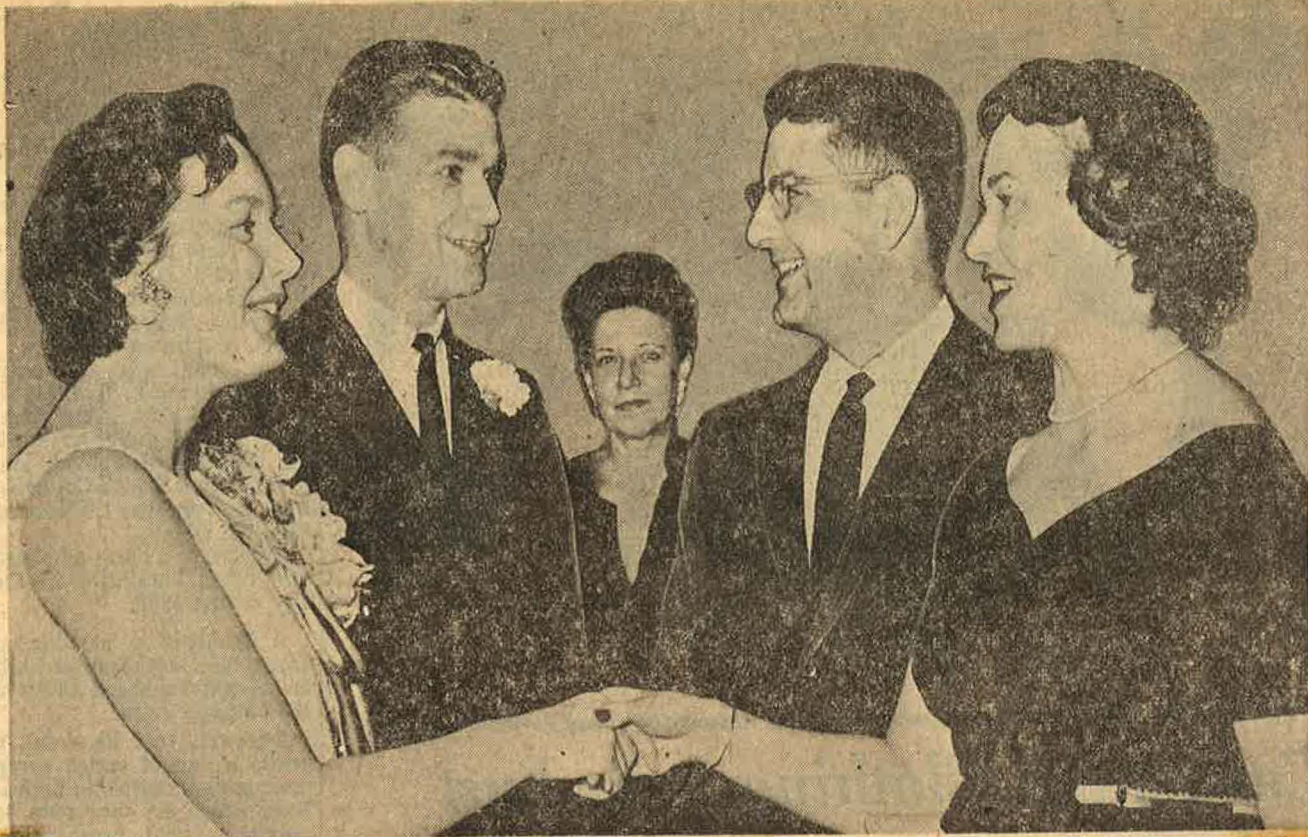
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# Sly Tells Solons 'High Service' Means Higher Taxes

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STATE HOUSE, Salem, (Special)—If Oregonians want a "high-service" state, they will have to pay taxes to support it.

That was the gist of the report given to an informal, joint session of the Legislature and some 400 other persons here Saturday by Dr. John F. Sly, head of Princeton Surveys, who recently concluded a study of the state's tax structure.

"Would you favor making Oregon taxes more regressive?" asked a questioner from the floor.

"I would if I wanted a high-service state," Sly retorted.

A regressive tax is one bearing harder on those less able to pay, such as a sales tax compared with a graduated net income tax.

## Alternatives Listed

Taking cognizance of appreciable resistance to his recommendations, Dr. Sly said he entered upon his study with the thought that the state's economy was his chief client, and he wanted to improve the economy by making the state more attractive to industry.

The Sly report forecasts increasing needs for revenue, to which legislators generally agree, and lists a number of alternative recommendations for increasing state revenue.

They include taxes on cigarettes and real estate transfers, and the application of gross income tax to low-income earners. He also recommends enactment of a capital gains provision for the in-

come tax, elimination of property tax on manufacturers' inventories, and a greater degree of uniformity in property tax assessment.

Oregon, said Sly, has a "basically good tax structure." The danger, he said, lies in "pushing it too high." Sly said he does not favor "increasing the personal income tax rates" and he does not favor a sales tax "at this time."

He likes to see a surplus in the general fund, but "not too large a surplus." He recommended about 15 million dollars.

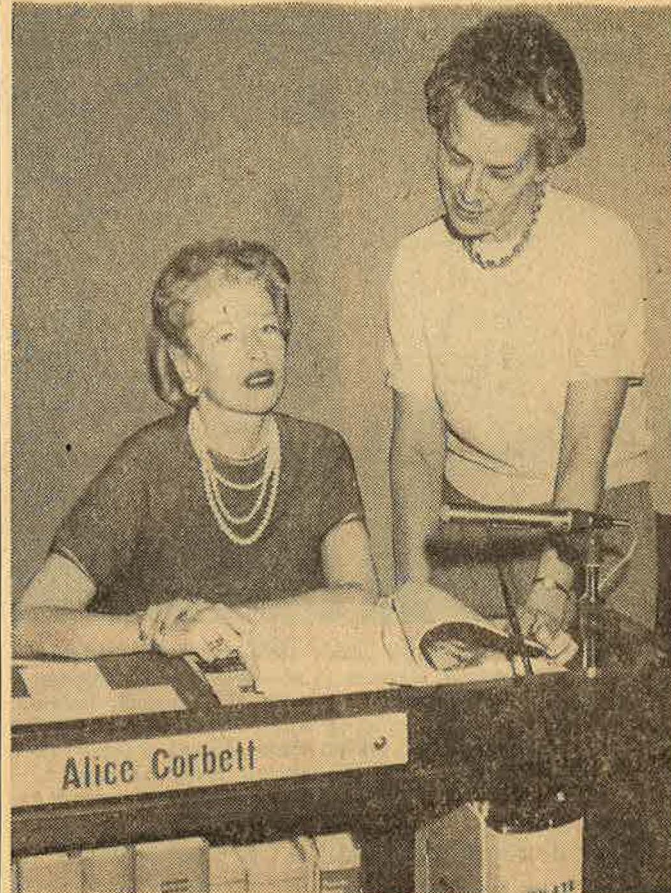
The budget submitted to the Legislature by Gov. Holmes would use all the 30-million-dollar surplus expected to be on hand next June 30.

Dr. Sly posed one Oregon tax problem not mentioned in his report, and said it was a hard one to solve, if it can be solved by taxation.

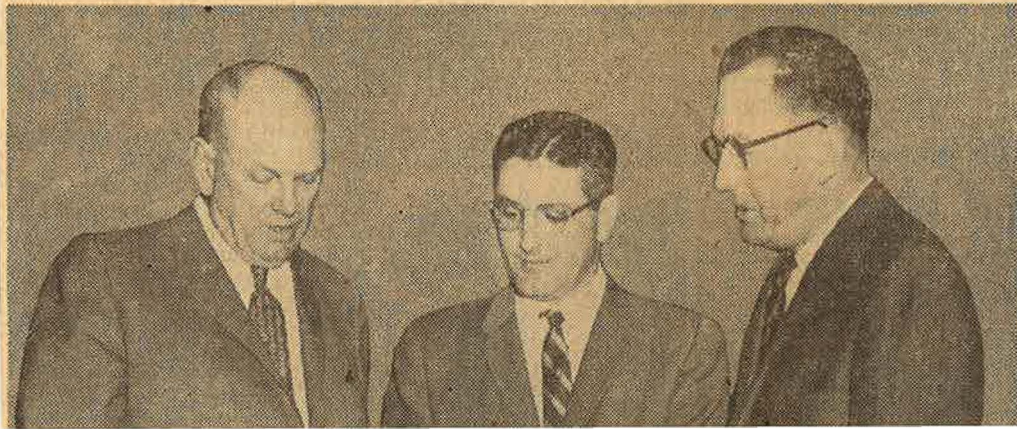
"The problem in Oregon is not so much taxes," said Dr. Sly, meaning the business problem. "It is transportation. We're on the end of the line. I thought of some kind of corporation excise tax credit to offset the disadvantage of competing with eastern points. A study was made, but it is a very complex problem."

Dr. Sly took note of the fact that this session of the Legislature will wrestle with the problem of increasing and protecting the reserve of the Unemployment Compensation Law.

Critics of past practice say that (1) employer contributions have been too low and (2) that benefits have been too high and too freely given.



Sen. Alice Corbett, Portland (seated), gets some pointers from veteran Sen. Jean Lewis, Portland, at Saturday's informal tax-briefing meeting of the Legislature which convenes Monday. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Corbett, both Democrats, are only women members of Senate for new session.



"Business is more afraid of an unemployment compensation tax than of a corporation income tax," Sly asserted. "This session will be working on that. It will cost money, but it always costs money to extricate ourselves from situations into which we slip."

## Holmes Draws Distinction

In discussing property tax assessments the tax expert commended Oregon on its statewide reappraisal program, in progress since 1951, and said the state "should stay with it."

Gov. Robert D. Holmes, at whose instance the tax survey was ordered by the State Department of Planning and Development, spoke at the morning session, and drew what he said was the important difference between this study and the one conducted by the interim committee of each session of the Legislature.

"An interim committee," said Holmes, "usually wants to prove either that the system is good or bad. It starts with a conclusion.

"Dr. Sly was told not to try to 'prove' anything, just to study the system and make his recommendations."

Ira Keller, Portland, of the advisory committee of the department of planning and development, presided at both sessions.

# Oregon Solons Bypass 'Big Change'; 600 New Laws Enacted

By MERVIN SHOEMAKER  
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STATEHOUSE, Salem (Special) — The 51st Legislative Assembly passed up most of its opportunities for big change in the Oregon way of doing things, but it put a large volume of new legislation in the books, much of it important.

Some 600 new laws resulted from the record number of 1,432 bills introduced.

When the final gavel dropped Wednesday, on the 122nd day, it ended the next to longest session in the state's history, second only to the 128 days of 1957. And in 1957 the delay was blamed on two weeks lost by a Senate organization deadlock.

The length of the session could be attributed partly to the large volume of work, partly to the existence of more conflict than usual.

There was an unusually promising crop of freshmen in this session, but there was also a new high in scrapping between parties, factions, the two houses, and individuals. Veteran lobbyists said they had never seen so much vote-trading in modern times.

Biggest bust of the session was Gov. Mark O. Hatfield's government reorganization, which was responsible for 25 of the bills introduced. All that survived was a system of community mental health clinics, and that was put under the State Board of Control, which Hatfield sought to abolish.

Following is a summary of the more important legislation enacted:

## Budget And Finance

The Legislature appropriated a record \$366,102,141 for the biennium beginning July 1, compared to approximately \$313 million appropriated for the current biennium. This is an increase of some \$53 million.

Revenues for the next biennium are estimated at \$333 million, and the difference will be made up by the nearly \$34 million surplus expected to be on hand next June 30.

The Joint Ways and Means Committee requested — and will get — a liquor price increase that will bring in about \$2.2 million in the biennium.

The budget is about \$8 million over Hatfield's recommendation. Major items in the increase are \$1.7 million for community colleges, \$1.5 million to counties from liquor funds, \$701,000 for surplus food distribution, and an additional \$2,750,000 for basic school support.

The Ways and Means Committee estimated its ending balance will be \$885,670 on June 30, 1963.

Owners of growing timber and farms adjacent to cities wore the broadest smiles when taxation dust settled.

The discount factor for ad valorem taxation of Western Oregon timber was stabilized at a top of 30 per cent by an industry-approved compromise bill that taxes fast-cutters a little higher and slow-cutters a little lower. The tax

most deductions, including that for federal income tax paid. The income tax law was virtually unchanged.

However, out-of-state residents will be able to use the standard deduction.

Both houses voted a \$1 million — a — year tax reduction for big trucks, but the governor vetoed it.

## Labor-Management

Employers failed to break the state's dominance in the field of industrial accident insurance, but the so-called "three-way fight" slashed into all labor-management legislation considerations.

The workmen's compensation battle, easily the most heavily lobbied and expensive campaign of the session, tied the hands of labor lobbyists and prevented organized labor from making any significant gains.

Small firms got a portion of "Little Landrum - Griffin type legislation" when an elections procedures act won approval. It will permit employees of small firms to hold NLRB-type elections and decide whether they want to have union representation or not. This is expected to strike a blow at organizational-type picketing.

Labor did not oppose the elections procedures legislation, but did fight against a labor-management act that died in the House labor and industries committee. This

Union on a nation-wide basis, failed to get out of a pro-labor House Committee after the bill received only luke warm support from other segments of labor. Striking printers in Portland claimed the bill was the outgrowth of the Portland newspaper strike.

Slight liberalization of the unemployment compensation laws were obtained, but fell short of what labor leaders would have liked.

## Business, Industry

Industrial and business development got a boost in Oregon when legislation permitting off-shore oil exploration and leases, the development of space age operations and the signing of a contract with the Boeing Co. for Boardman lands won legislative approval.

A new measure that will permit private, public and municipal power firms and utilities to eliminate duplications of services under the guidance of the public utility commissioner in all but the Portland and Springfield areas won approval after a heated fight in the House.

Milk producers won the right to set up marketing districts and price controls at the farmer level when emergency legislation was passed after a milk war broke prices in the closing weeks of the session. The new milk law will automatically end Dec. 31, 1962, giving farmers a chance to set up a federal marketing area in the meantime.

Effort to enact regulations aimed at ending the gasoline war failed. Also defeated, was a move that would have resulted in restricting dental advertising. But dentists won new legislation allowing them to tighten up ethical practice codes.

The business and finance world will get to examine a new commercial code, covering the whole spectrum of transactions. The legislature



THIS IS ONE of the conference committees seeking agreement between House and Senate on the closing day of the session. From the left: Rep. Victor Atiyeh, R-Washington

County; Sen. Donald R. Husband, R-Eugene; Rep. Richard Eymann, D-Mohawk, and Sen. Ward Cook, D-Portland, meeting was in the Senate. (Falconer Photo)

dered two bond issues of \$4,000,000 each for the rebuilding of portions of Highway 42 in southern Oregon and Highway 197 in the northern part of the state in Wasco County.

Efforts to order bridges built at Oswego, Ontario, Dayton and Albany failed.

The Legislature took most of the steam out of the billboard fight when it approved a scenic commission to regulate billboards and a measure that will give the state a federal bonus for their regulation on interstate highways.

Schemes for reflectorized and permanent license plates died under the hot glare of legislative scrutiny. Compulsory auto insurance died, but schools were offered more money for driver training courses and given permission for Saturday classes. The schools also got the right to contract for policing of traffic regulations on their property.

The Legislature disagreed with the governor on what constitutes driver safety and turned down efforts to modify Oregon's basic rule law with speed limit provisions, and rejected seat belts because of uncertainty as to how to make

The state superintendent of public instruction was made appointive by the state board of education, rather than by the governor. The board was empowered to accept grants, and an initial appropriation was made for later participation in a foundation-supported Oregon Improvement Program.

Programs for educating gifted and retarded children were continued.

The 60 per cent requirement for blocking school district reorganization was reduced to 50 per cent.

Teacher certification procedure was streamlined, as was procedure for decertification. A battle over the basic school distribution formula was expected, but the opposing bills both died in the Senate Education Committee.

## State Government

Hatfield's government reorganization program, the 25 bills of which died either in original committee or another one, was opposed partly on philosophy, and partly was the victim of its scope. A high percentage of individuals who would have been affected ear-

A constitutional revision commission will work during the interim on a revision to be submitted to the 1963 Legislature, which, if it approves, will submit it to the people.

Two commissioners will be appointed by the governor and two by the supreme court chief justice. The Senate president will appoint three senators and three public members, and the Speaker of the House will appoint four representatives and three public members. Political division must be nearly even.

A \$5,037,320 building budget was approved for the State Board of Control—the governor, the secretary of state and the state treasurer—which administers the state hospitals and correctional institutions. This sum includes \$500,000 for purchase of Capitol mall property, and \$356,000 for a women's prison.

State government employees got salary increases averaging about 10 per cent, and totaling \$8,086,000.

## Welfare

Both the legislative and executive branches of the gov-

The biggest welfare program came with the adoption of a \$10,000,000 budget to provide medical care for needy persons over the age of 65. The state will pick up about \$3,330,000 of the costs, the counties \$1,430,000 and the federal government the balance.

Surplus food distribution got state aid to the tune of \$700,000. Counties volunteering for the program will pay 30 per cent and the state 70 per cent of the administrative cost for distributing \$12 million worth of food.

Relatives who owe the state money for welfare care costs will be forgiven 50 per cent of the principal and all the interest up to Aug. 20, 1957. The welfare commission was given power to negotiate the balance owed.

Fathers seeking custody of their children were given a break with a new law giving them equal rights with mothers in custody cases.

A sweeping proposal to permit the state to aid counties establish community mental health clinics passed both houses, but had an uncertain future in that it put the administration of the program under the Board of Control, a proposal contrary to the governor's recommendations.

Enabling legislation permitting the welfare department to use federal funds to provide aid to dependent children whose fathers are unemployed was approved during the session. This is a temporary federal program and will require welfare decisions to determine unemployment eligibilities.

## Agriculture

Agriculture, second only to timber in Oregon's economy, got its customary respectful handling by the Legislature.

In addition to giving milk producers a minimum price,



Counties, which do not now get liquor sales money, will receive 5 per cent of the state's profit, amounting to \$1.5 million in a biennium. Cities, which now get 10 per cent of liquor profits, will get 12½ per cent.

The City of Portland had its share of gasoline tax revenues upped about \$65,000 a year.

A bill to let the public utility commissioner regulate Portland's sale of water outside the city was passed by the Senate but died in a House committee.

Counties were allowed to use Bancroft bonds to finance improvements, but they were denied the right to issue revenue bonds and the right to license businesses outside incorporated areas.

## Miscellaneous

Legislation that would control the dissemination of obscene material failed to go as far as some proponents sought but went as far as the recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions allow. One measure seeks to protect children from obscene material.

Persons between the age of 21 and 25 may apply for free ID cards that will help prove they are over 21 and eligible to purchase liquor. The measure is aimed at protecting liquor by the drink establishments.

An effort to change the food regulations required of liquor establishments failed and the matter was mostly left in the hands of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Oregon's wire-tap law was amended so that narcotic agents may use special tape recorder devices to obtain information on suspected narcotic traffickers.

Funds were appropriated to help the counties clear up stream obstructions as a fish conservation measure. Also the Chinook salmon was made the state's official fish.

Persons who maliciously damage property while hunting or fishing face loss of licenses. The problem of determining the speed of motor boats will be put in the hands of the State Marine Board.

In addition to constitutional revision, interim committees will study welfare, public employees' retirement, local and metropolitan government and ports, education, agriculture and county fairs, highways, natural resources, small business and divorce and sex offenses.

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## Atiyeh Reply Raps Pearson

STATEHOUSE, Salem, March 6.—Senate Pres. Walter Pearson was taken to task today by a Republican member of the house tax committee for his "dictatorial manner" in stating what taxes will or will not be enacted.

Rep. Victor C. Atiyeh (R-Washington) said "when one man can dictate, with certainty, those bills that will be passed and those that will not, in defiance of the elected legislators, we have reached a sad day in government of the people."

**THE SENATE** president Thursday predicted no new income taxes and no chance of a cigaret tax.

"It is inconceivable that one man can assume a position of telling this legislature what it will and will not do," Rep. Atiyeh said.

Atiyeh called the stand of Sen. Pearson an "affront" against the will of the people. "His dictatorial manner is intolerable to those whose assigned duty is to listen to all the people before any decision is made," he said.

request of former Governor Holmes after making a budget. It eliminates almost all personal deductions including federal income taxes, contributions, interest on mortgages and other obligations but allows personal and dependent exemptions, medical costs above 15% of net income and certain business expenses.

This bill is one for tax accountants to analyze but there are some major generalities readily understood.

This bill will have to be considered with Governor Hatfield's proposals because with Democrats controlling the legislature the Holmes bill is bound to get attention. The bill is 74 pages long and there are 84 new sections replacing the present law. Until it can be compared section by section with existing law its import cannot be briefly summarized.

The State Tax Commission has prepared a comparative analysis of the present income tax, the Hatfield plan and the Holmes (HB 380) plan for eight classes of taxpayers from Single to Couple with five dependents. We present four typical examples:

SINGLE—NO DEPENDENTS			
Income	Present	Hatfield	HB 380
\$ 1,000	\$ 7	\$ 14	\$ 7
2,000	34	32	22
3,000	72	58	48
5,000	168	122	138
7,000	274	206	268
10,000	451	370	478
15,000	754	714	828
20,000	1018	1064	1178
50,000	2136	3358	3278

JOINT—NO DEPENDENTS			
Income	Present	Hatfield	HB 380
\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 10	\$ 5
2,000	14	28	16
3,000	38	43	36
5,000	103	106	98
7,000	187	184	204
10,000	337	340	404
15,000	643	678	754
20,000	964	1028	1104
50,000	2538	3316	3204

JOINT—TWO DEPENDENTS			
Income	Present	Hatfield	HB 380
\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 10	\$ 5
2,000	0	20	10
3,000	7	36	24
5,000	58	82	66
7,000	129	148	126
10,000	270	284	276
15,000	562	606	606
20,000	839	956	956
30,000	2439	3232	3056

JOINT—FOUR DEPENDENTS			
Income	Present	Hatfield	HB 380
\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 10	\$ 5
2,000	0	20	10
3,000	0	30	15
5,000	22	64	52
7,000	79	118	98
10,000	204	236	196
15,000	480	534	528
20,000	811	884	808
30,000	2436	3148	2908

## ATIYEH GAINS POINT For Free Enterprise on State Liens; a Tactical Move Wins Out

A minority dissent on HB 89 as originally written made by freshman Representative Victor Atiyeh, Republican, Washington county, has brought an amendment to the bill that will have the effect of keeping the state from engaging in business competitive with private business where state liens and property foreclosures are involved.

The measure gives the State Land Board power to bid in real or personal property subject to a state lien (debt or taxes) and to administer such property as the board deems for the best interest of the state. The liens could be placed by any state agency including Fish, Liquor, Tax, Industrial Accident or Unemployment Commissions, and the Public Utilities commissioner. The power given to bid in the properties by the State Land Board was properly proscribed as to sums that could be paid, but as originally written the door was left wide open for the state to enter into business with such properties in competition with all taxpaying businesses.

Freshman Representative Atiyeh on the House Tax Committee, brought in a minority report and clearly stated his objection in urging that it not pass. He finally succeeded in getting it made a special order of business. With odds against him on halting passage, he did succeed in getting it re-referred to the Taxation committee (where his views are respected), with the result the bill was amended in the important particular where power was given to the state to "administer" such property, to have that power limited so that the state "while holding such property shall not engage in any enterprise (with it) competitive with private enterprise other than the renting or leasing of such property or interest thereon."

This is an important amendment and for a Freshman member to detect the loophole in the bill as drawn originally, and against some formidable opposition of the Tax committee majority to get such attention on the floor as to get the bill referred

back to the committee where his amendment prevailed, is worth noting. Freshmen members usually have to feel their way on bill strategy so early in a session when the going is rough, as it was in this instance, but young Atiyeh, when he saw he couldn't prevent passage of a bill that had a bad loophole in it, made his point on the floor and eventually got the amendment. The bill carries \$100,000 appropriation for a fund to be used for the purpose by the State Land Board and therefore must go to Ways and Means where the \$100,000 may yet stop it.

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Kenneth L Hicks, courageous and straight-talking editor of the *Daily Courier*

at Grants Pass is suddenly dead at 60, the victim apparently of an unexpected heart attack February 6. He was a veteran Oregon newspaper writer and editor—at The Dalles, Bend and Grants Pass, following a career in Tacoma. At one time he was part owner of The Dalles *Chronicle*. Two years ago upon the retirement of trenchant Frank Streeter he became editor of the Grants Pass paper and continued that newspaper's unequivocal editorial course. He spun no socialistic theories, reasoned upon the facts of history and reality, and jostled valiantly with less straight-forward writers. His page reflected Josephine county's hardy virtues. He will be missed by us and many others.

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# McCall Criticized

Sen. Vic Atiyeh, R-Beaverton, Monday described the recent special session of the Oregon Legislature as "the most difficult, painful and frustrating in my legislative experience."

Speaking to members of the Washington County Public Affairs Forum, Atiyeh said he believes that developments came so rapidly that many misconceptions on the part of the public resulted but that, from an over-all standpoint, Gov. Tom McCall's strong criticism was "ill-advised."

ALTHOUGH McCall's criticism was directed particularly at Democrats, Atiyeh said that after the Legislature as a whole had worked as hard as it did for a compromise, to be "hit over the head" with such strong criticism was "hard to take" and he indicated that McCall "has something to learn about dealing with the legislature."

# Labor Temples Exempt

The House Tax Committee minority report on a Senate bill exempting lodges from the personal property tax gives labor temples the same exemption.

The majority report, which makes no changes in SB323 as it came over from the Senate, covers fraternal groups and certain benevolent organizations.

The minority report was prepared by Reps. Victor Atiyeh, R-Portland; Bill Bradley, D-Gresham, and Chairman Richard Eymann, D-Mohawk.

"If you can buy the idea that the Masons, Elks, Eagles and others should be exempt, then certainly labor temples should be equally so," Atiyeh said.

As in the other cases, the buildings would be exempt for those sections or rooms used for charitable causes — such as rental or use by civic groups.

Atiyeh said the minority report also adds private community clubs to the exemption.

The majority and minority reports will be up for action in the House either Friday or next week.

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## Legislature's Press Corps Rates Solons

By TOM WRIGHT  
State Reporter, The Statesman

How do legislators stack up with the people who keep the closest watch on them—the members of the legislative press corps. Who is the best and the worst, the most quotable, the best news source, the most statesman-like, the top freshman, and the legislator with the most "guts"?

To get a press-eye view of these questions I asked the press corps to mark a secret ballot rating the legislators on the basis of their observations through the more than 100-day session so far. The results were surprisingly conclusive in almost all categories.

The exceptions were interesting too. There were almost as many nominations for the "best news source" as there were participants in the poll. And there were broad differences of opinions on the "worst" senator and the man with the most "intestinal fortitude."

Some of the legislators made their impression in several of the nine categories. Sen. Tom Mahoney, D-Portland, for example, received votes as the most quotable, best source of news, and the most intestinal fortitude. Rep. Clarence Barton, D-Coquille, drew votes as most quotable, best news source, most effective representative and most intestinal fortitude.



TOM WRIGHT

### Pearson Tagged 'Most Quotable'

The outstanding example of versatility, however, was Sen. Walter Pearson, the outspoken and controversial Democrat from Portland. He easily led the balloting as the most quotable, matching the votes of all others combined, and as the most effective member of the Senate. He also picked up a vote as the legislator with the most "guts."

Eighteen members of the 1961 Legislature are freshmen, serving their first session. Some of them plunged quickly into the legislative swim and made clear impressions on the members of the press.

Clear leader of the votes as the "most promising" member of this "freshman class" was Rep. John Dellenback, R-Medford, a lawyer who found the Capitol waters to his liking.

Receiving several votes also as most promising was Rep. Ed Fadeley, a cigar-puffing lawyer and Democrat from Eugene. At the same time he received one vote as the "least effective" member of the House.

### Barton Labeled 'Most Effective'

The most effective representative honors go to Rep. Barton. The only other member of the House to receive more than one vote in this category was House Speaker Robert Duncan, D-Medford. Also receiving votes were Reps. George Layman, R-Newberg, Victor Atiyeh, R-Portland, F. F. Montgomery, R-Eugene, and William Holmstrom, D-Gearhart.

Only challenger to Sen. Pearson's lead as the "most effective" member of the upper house was Sen. Anthony Yturri, R-Ontario, the Republican minority leader and strong voice on the floor of the

### Team Fights Fever

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP)—A five-man U. S. Navy medical team, sent here by President Kennedy to help combat a yellow fever epidemic in southwestern Ethiopia, will leave this weekend for the stricken area.

went to Sen. William Grenfell, D-Portland, who edged out the only woman member of the upper house, Sen. Alice Corbett, D-Portland, by a single vote. Four other members of the Senate received one vote each.

The House vote on this category was narrower, with Rep. Ray Dooley, D-Portland, leading in a field of three.

Picking the best source of news gave the writers their toughest decision. Several couldn't decide at all. Of the nine ballots recorded only Speaker Duncan received two votes, all the others received one each. One of the votes went to the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee, producer of many of the sessions' major news stories.

### "Sen. Guts"

Appropriately the title of "Sen. Guts" goes to Sen. Robert F. White, Salem Republican who battled crippling cancer to serve in the 1961 session. Though occasionally home-bound by his ailment, Sen. White attended most Senate sessions, coming to the floor in a wheelchair and on crutches. Sen. Mahoney was the only other legislator to receive more than one vote. Single votes went to Barton, Pearson, Reps. George Annala, D-Hood River, Joe Rogers, R-Independence, Richard Eymann, D-Mohawk, and Sen. Donald R. Husband, R-Eugene.

(Note: Press representatives regularly covering the Legislature participated in the "popularity" poll, except for correspondents for the Portland Oregonian, who asked to be excluded. Participants included the Oregon Journal, Oregon Statesman, Capital Journal, Portland Reporter, Associated Press, United Press International, Eugene Register-Guard, and KOAC.)

# Montgomery Might Seek Speaker Job

By TOM WRIGHT  
State Reporter, The Statesman

If the Republicans gain control of the House in 1963, he'll be a candidate for speaker, Rep. F. F. (Monte) Montgomery, R-Eugene and House minority leader, told the Statesman Thursday.

His statement followed closely an appeal from four of his Republican lieutenants that he make himself available for the important House leadership post.

In a letter to Montgomery, Reps. Victor Atiyeh, R-Portland, Stafford Hansell, R-Athens, Carl Fisher, R-Eugene, and Robert Smith, R-Burns, said "It is our hope that you will announce as soon as possible, to make it known that we expect to elect the speaker of the 1963 Legislature.

"Many of us believe you would make an outstanding candidate for this post," they concluded.

Montgomery said "I'm flattered, and I certainly hope to be here in 1963. If we control the session I will definitely be a candidate for speaker."

Democrats have been in control for the last three sessions, though the majority for 1961 has been a bare 31 to 29.

## First Syrian-American Gets Post

By NORMAN W. RAIES

PORTLAND, Ore. — Election this fall of youthful Vic Atiyeh, prominent rug merchant, to the Oregon state legislature marks the first time an American of Syrian ancestry has been voted into a state office on the west coast.

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His matter-of-fact approach caught on and already his stature in the community as a public servant has begun to grow.



VIC ATIYEH

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He is also the nephew of Aziz Atiyeh, distinguished New York business executive.

As a newly-elected legislator Representative Atiyeh leaves for the state capitol in Salem next week for the biennial session where he will be closely associated with the state's bright new political star, dynamic and handsome Mark Hatfield who will be the state's youngest governor at 36.

Vic is an alumnus of the University of Oregon and a member of Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity. He is also very active in Portland civic affairs, and is a veteran Boy Scout leader. Married, he is the father of two children.

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