

Highlights

Legislature Struggles Over Taxes, Must Do 'Many Things' in 3 Weeks

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AUSTIN, Tex.—With just about three weeks left in the regular session, legislators will be under much pressure—to do many things and do them fast. Each day that passes without agreement on financial matters heightens the possibility of a special session as soon as this one ends. Many measures will be trampled under or pushed aside until '61. But as Speaker Waggoner Carr told the House, the problem of raising some new money "won't go away. It has to be faced."

Taxes Recommended
Like every other tax proposal made this session, the huge "something for everybody" omnibus tax bill recommended by the House Tax Committee brought howls of protest.

It would raise an estimated \$151,000,000 a year by raising some old taxes and placing new taxes on hundreds of items. Tabbed for increases are natural gas, motor vehicles, cigarettes, liquor, wine, beer licenses.

New targets include hotel rooms, restaurant meals, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, aircraft and auto parts, dozens of luxury items (jewelry, furs, cameras, watches, silver, etc.), radio and TV parts, business machines, commercial rentals, club dues, construction materials, dance studios, reducing salons.

Officially, the bill is known as the Tax Committee substitute for H.B. 727. Unofficially, it's called a lot of other things.

House members showed no more eagerness to rally behind this broad-based approach than they had for Gov. Price Daniel's less "spread out" plan.

Give a Little...
Two appropriations bills of varying sizes have been passed by the House and Senate. Differences will be adjusted by a conference committee of members from the two houses.

Both bills call for spending nearly \$2,500,000,000 during the next two years. House bill is slightly larger. It calls for approximately \$333,000,000 from general revenue. Senate would spend only \$307,000,000 in general revenue.

To satisfy both houses, the conference will try to reach a compromise between these two figures. However it's worked out, it's already clear that spending will considerably exceed the \$281,000,000 spent from general

fund for 1958-59. Governor Daniel's "abandoned property act" barely squeaked by its first test on the House floor by a 71-69 vote.

Measure would allow the state to take over money and property unclaimed for seven years or more. Estimates of how much it would bring in immediately range from \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

Many bankers fear that such a law would cause people to be afraid to put their money in banks and decide to stick it in a sock instead.

Backers of the measure say the banks and other businesses are holding and getting the benefit of property that does not belong to them, should be used to benefit all the people.

Coop Bill
A bill to allow rural electric coops more "elbow room" has been sent to the Attorney General for an opinion.

Rep. Alonzo Jamison of Denton, sponsor, protested to the House State Affairs Committee that this would kill the bill. This late in the session, delay is usually fatal.

Highly controversial, the bill would allow coops to add new customers after the area of their lines is annexed to a city.

Ad Bill Advances
A state-financed advertising program for Texas moved close to final enactment despite heated opposition from an advertising man in the Senate.

Proposed bill would create the Texas Development Board to supervise tourist advertising by the Highway Department and industry advertising by the Texas Industrial Commission.

Sen. George Parkhouse, an advertising man from Dallas, objected, not to the idea of state advertising, but to the way it would be handled. He declared the proposed \$100,000 appropriation would be wasted.

But the bill gained final approval in the Senate and next-to-final passage in the House.

Fire, Police Bill Gains
A shorter work week for many city firemen and policemen is near to legislative approval.

Senate has passed the bill finally, and a House committee has recommended passage.

Bill limits firemen's working hours to 72 in cities of 10,000 to 60,000 population, 63 hours in cities of 60,000 to 125,000 and 60 hours for all larger than 125,000. Policemen would work the same hours as other city employees.



Texas Cherry Blossom

Texas Cherry Blossom Princess Susan Rogers of Pampa rides in the honor position at the top of Texas' float in the National Cherry Blossom Festival parade in Washington, D. C. She is surrounded by cowgirls in the float portraying "The Heart of Texas." (AP Wirephoto)

Interpreting

Chinese Reds Demonstrate Disdain for Communists

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The Chinese Reds, having demonstrated once again the disdain of Communists for their own agreements, face a living fact which is a serious obstacle to their attempt to brazen out what has been happening in Tibet.

It is the presence in India of the Dalai Lama in exile. He is not in Lhasa, where the Reds promised in 1951 that he could maintain control of the internal affairs of Tibet.

He says that such control has always been a fiction—that at all times the local government has been subjected to dictation by the Reds. This does not surprise the world, long familiar with the pattern of Red control wherever the forces of liberty are weak.

Peiping now attempts to make it appear that it had to act in Tibet because the balance between Communist control of external affairs and Buddhist control of internal affairs was upset by imperialist plotting. The Dalai Lama says no attempt to establish such a balance was made.

He denies that his flight was involuntary, in the sense that he was abducted by rebel Tibetan forces. Instead he makes it plain that he and his party took different routes, in disguise, to escape the Reds. The Red version of abduction apparently is based on the fact that the Dalai Lama's party was given a rebel escort after it was united in the border area.

There is nothing to suggest a basis in fact for the Red claim

that his statement was forced from him by the so-called abductors or anyone else. Despite the timidity of the Indian government, which displays sympathy for Tibet along with fear of saying anything to displease Peiping, the Indian press accepted the Dalai Lama's statement at face value.

His story of Communist deportation and enslavement of political opponents, and the execution of others, fits the pattern so well that the rest of the world will hardly doubt.

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Brian W. Logan of Perth, Western Australia, has been appointed to the research staff of the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology, Dr. Dale F. Leipper, head of the department, said yesterday.

Logan will be associated with Dr. R. G. Bader, associate professor of oceanography, on a research project dealing with certain aspects of ecology and despositional environments of the Campeche Bank off the Yucatan Peninsula. The study will be conducted from the research vessel "Hidalgo."

Logan received his B. S. degree in geology in 1955 and his Honors degree in geology in 1957, both from the University of Western Australia at Perth. He recently completed the requirements for a Ph.D. degree in geological oceanography at the same university.

He formerly served on the staff of the University of Western Australia as a lecturer on paleontol-

ogy. Logan has conducted research on sedimentation and micro-organisms in Shark Bay off the coast of Western Australia and has studied stratigraphy and sedimentary petrology of the sedimentary rocks in the Midlands Region of Australia.

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