

## 'Pins' Legislators

## Solon 'Sells' Patriotism With Flags

Rep. Dallas K. Buckway, D-Ogden, serving his second term in the Utah House of Representatives (his first was in 1965), decided something was lacking in the vast chambers.

That something was a visible display of patriotism.

## Notices Pins

"I noticed the small American Flag lapel pins on the jackets of some of my colleagues," Rep. Buckway explained. "When I learned they had purchased them from The Salt Lake Tribune for only 25 cents each, I decided to appoint myself a committee of one to see that every member of the House (69) and the Senate (28) received one."

Thursday morning, obviously pleased, all of the representatives and senators received one of the 18-karat gold plated pins — and Rep. Buckway told them the flags were being presented with his compliments.

## 'Be Wonder-fui'

"I feel it would be wonderful if during this 39th session each lawmaker exhibited his pride in the flag," the representative said on the floor of the House. "I, therefore, urge each of you to accept a pin as a gift and to wear it at least from now until adjournment."

Later in the day, each member was sporting the attractive pin on lapel or dress.



Reps. Sandra Peterson, D-Salt Lake City, Dallas K. Buckway, D-Ogden, admire The Salt Lake Tribune lapel pins distributed by Rep. Buckway.

## House Eyes Bill to Jump Tax on Beer

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R-Vernal; Daniel S. Dennis, R-Roosevelt; Stanford P. Darger, R-Salt Lake City; M. Byron Fisher, R-Salt Lake City; H. Verland Andersen, R-Provo; Lorin N. Pace, R-Salt Lake City, and Homer F. Wilkinson, R-Salt Lake City.

The bipartisan bill does not mention the sale of minibottles. Gov. Rampton, in his state-of-the-state message Tuesday morning, recommended service of minibottles of liquor and splits of wine by the waiter or waitress instead of forcing the customer to go to the liquor agency or store in the restaurant and make his own purchase.

## Repeal of Margarine Tax

The large increase in the excise tax on beer as outlined in HB55 stems from HB3, the bill calling for repeal next July 1 of the 10-cents-a-pound tax on margarine.

"This would mean a loss to the state of about \$1 million a year," said Rep. Judd, principal sponsor of the beer legislation. "To offset this, an increase of the excise tax on beer would bring in a little more than \$1 million a year."

Other sponsors are Reps. Darger and Harvey.

Harry E. Wilkinson, executive secretary, Utah Licensed Beverage Assn., said the hike would mean an increase of about a nickel, perhaps even a dime, for a glass, can or bottle of beer.

"If the increase to \$4 a barrel meant hiking beer a penny or two a glass, the tavern owner likely would round it out at a nickel rather than charge odd-cents," Mr. Wilkinson said. He said some operators might assume the cost.

## Rate Higher in Idaho

He said surrounding states all pay less (also Oregon and Washington), except Idaho where the rate is \$4.65 a barrel.

"But that's for heavy beer (more than 3.2 percent alcohol) while Utah serves only light beer (3.2 percent) except in state liquor stores. The bill covers 'all beer.'"

Mr. Wilkinson said the average bar gets about 240 glasses of beer from a keg — half a barrel. "That's if it's drawn correctly every time with about 20 percent 'head' (foam)."

The House started to take action on the margarine question but the bill was circled for discussion after Gov. Rampton's budget message.

Rep. Darger, who introduced HB2, calling for gradual repeal of the excise tax, moved Thursday morning to return the bill to the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, which reported it out unfavorably Wednesday. This is tantamount to killing the measure.

SENATE  
Reconvenes Friday at 10 a.m.  
Bills Passed  
SB21 (Buckner, Dean) Increase fine for failure to report accident to maximum of \$299 instead of \$25 to conform with another law section citing offense as misdemeanor, which carries the higher maximum penalty. (24-5-1)  
SB23 (Buckner, Dean) Provide change in the period of time for suspension of driver's license from one year after accident date to one year after effective date of suspension. (23-1-2)  
Bills Introduced  
SB4 (Preece, Billen) Exempt from title requirement of architecture the building of multifamily residences not exceeding two stories in height.  
SB7 (Jensen, Harward, Swan) Provide that no person shall commercially use the name of any school without prior written consent.  
SB44 (Barton, Russell, Jenkins) Prohibit any person from willfully interfering with the lawful pursuit of campus activities by faculty or students.

This left Rep. Judd's HB3, calling for immediate repeal. Mr. Judd offered a substitute bill Thursday which still calls for single action repeal but spells out what the tax commission should do about outstanding tax stamps when the repeal would go into effect July 1.

He also included a motion, approved unanimously, naming Mr. Darger as chief sponsor with Rep. Judd and Reps. Beatrice Maxchant, D-Salt Lake City, and C. Alfred Frost, R-Monticello, as cosponsors.

Passed Thursday were two comparatively less important bills. One, HB12, provides for an increase of compensation and travel expenses for members of the Board of Abstract Commissioners. It passed 54-10 with five absent. The other, HB49, introduced Thursday, provides a copy of the Utah code as amended to be furnished to each member of the legislature at the convening of each regular session. The vote was 38-22-9.

Mr. Holbrook told House members that up to last July, the Welfare Department was paying up to 70 percent of doctors' "standard and usual fees."

## Paying 80 pct. This Year

"We're paying 80 percent this year and probably will be asked to go to 90 percent next year," he said. "The department is offering too many medical services to too many people. Half the people in Utah don't get the medical care welfare recipients get."

Of those on the welfare rolls (52,000), 27,000 are children and 12,000 are mothers, he said.

"If we could legally force the fathers to take care of their families, it would solve half our problems," the director added.

Dr. Talbot said education in Utah has "great dependence" on the legislature.

"Our relationship has been cordial and I hope and think it will continue to be," he said. "If there are any answers we can provide as debate on education bills begin, just ask us. We'll do everything we can to help you."

## Stress on Cooperation

Dr. Talbot said the lawmakers will be faced in this session, "as you have in the past, with many problems."

"But, working together, I feel we will obtain satisfactory results," he said.

He also said friction between teachers and boards of education must be reduced.

"We can't have annual stalemates and schools opening late," the superintendent said. "We must bargain in good faith and reach agreements. One answer would be to complete negotiations at a much earlier date, before the summer begins, before the old contracts expire."

The Senate, on a 25 to 1 vote, sent the House a bill that would change the time period for suspension of a driver's license from one year after the date of an accident to one year after the effective date of suspension.

Sen. E. LaMar Bucaner, R-Ogden, chief sponsor, said the change is needed to assure that a penalty is served by offenders. Sometimes, he said, legal action delays implementation of the suspension to a point where a driver has his license suspended for a few days, or not at all, because the accident occurred several months before final legal adjudication.

The second Senate bill passed to the House would increase the fine for failure to report an accident to a maximum of \$299 instead of \$25 to conform with another section of the law citing the offense as a misdemeanor, which automatically carries the higher maximum penalty.

Resolutions introduced would propose constitutional amendments empowering the legislative auditor to audit state operations and spending.

## Funds for Legislative Groups

Another would provide for payment of expenses, mileage and per diem compensation for meetings of interim legislative committees.

The Gateway Amendment procedure, endorsed in the 1968 election, would be utilized in another resolution proposing an amendment to change or repeal several sections of the Legislative Article concerning general session operations and legislator qualifications.

A measure designed to close a loophole in curbing campus demonstrations, such as sit-ins, was proposed in SB48 which would prohibit any person from willfully interfering with the lawful pursuit of campus activities by faculty or students.

The bill, recommended by the State Board of Higher Education and endorsed by Gov. Calvin L. Rampton, was introduced by Sens. Reed Bullen, R-Logan; Omar Bunnell, D-Price, and Merrill Jenkins, D-Ogden.

Another measure, proposing a constitutional amendment concerning school districts, was tabled on the final reading calendar by its sponsor after being tentatively approved the day before.

Such an amendment would no longer require first and second class cities to maintain a separate school district within their counties. The tabling was initiated in an attempt to hold off final approval of potential constitutional amendments until the prospective number of 1972 ballot questions from this session is determined.

The Senate advanced to a final reading on a narrow vote of 15 to 9 — a bare majority of membership — a bill outlining investigatory duties by the state fire marshal's office in fires throughout the state suspected to be caused by arson.

## Bills Slacken Pace as Legislature Begins 5th Day

Resolutions Introduced  
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HB49 (Fisher, Judd, Oberhansley, Aruckie, Carling) — introduced Thursday: Provide for a copy of the Utah Code as amended to be furnished to each member of the legislature at the convening of each regular session (28-22-9).  
Bills Introduced  
HB44 (Mecham, Warren, Dmitch) Provide for reduction of sales tax on sales of mobile homes.  
HB59 (Judd, Harvey, Gardner, Luvall, Turner, Sackman, Newman, Bickway, Sowards, Dennis, Darger, Fisher, Andersen, Pace, Wilkinson) Add 15 enforcement officers to the Public Safety Department for liquor law enforcement and appropriate \$730,000 for the next fiscal year for 20 such officers (there already are 15).  
HB51 (Nelson, Reese, Harvey, Alkin, Marchant) Provide for establishment of a state advisory council to advise the Office of Comprehensive Health Planning and the Department of Social Services in the conduct of a state comprehensive health planning program.  
HB52 (Carling, Reese) Provide a cost-of-living pension adjustment for policemen and highway patrolmen or widows who retired prior to July 1, 1969.  
HB53 (Hill, Wilkinson) Provide for an increase of the driver education tax from \$1 to \$1.50 per motor vehicle.  
HB54 (Nelson, Oberhansley, Beebe, Washburn, Davis) Provide that cities and towns may make improvements without calling for bids when they can utilize their own equipment and personnel.  
HB57 (Mecham, Redd, Halverson, Hill) Establish rules and regulations for the design, construction, maintenance and sanitary operation of swimming pools.  
HB58 (Carling, Pace, Wilkinson) Establish a minimum retirement allowance for school and public employees who retired between July 1, 1957, and June 30, 1957, provide a cost-of-living increase for those who retired from July 1, 1957, through June 30, 1970.

## Elk, Rainbow? Maybe Rabbits, Carp?

With some gentle kidding and a serious doubt or two, the Utah Senate Thursday gave a preliminary, if not hearty, endorsement to having the elk stand as the official state animal and the rainbow trout as the state fish.

Sen. Kendrick Harward, R-Richfield, the sponsor, admitted there might be other specimens more evident in the state, but a good deal of them not as complimentary as his suggestions.

"Some may prefer others . . . and I suppose we've got more jackrabbits," he said. "But this has been a long standing thing because there's a school group in my district insistent that we should have a state animal and fish."

Native to Utah?  
Sen. Thorpe B. Waddingham, D-Delia, gently chided the sponsor as to whether the rainbow trout was native to Utah. Sen. Harward said he didn't know.

"How about the carp," Sen. Waddingham said, not without grinning. He pointed out that

just as the seagulls (the state bird) ate crickets in pioneer days, that carp were kept in barrels of brine as a food supply.

The picture of a carp on a tourist publicity brochure "would not exactly be a favorable image," Sen. Harward gently parried.

As for the state animal, Sen. Harward said it's an exemplary specimen, graceful and handsome.

## Still Hunt Elk?

One senator wondered if the elk were made official, so to

speaking, could they still be hunted? Sen. Harward said he was sure they could. Other animals are more common and native, other senators said. Sen. Wilmer L. Barnett, R-Salt Lake City, mentioned the cougar.

Sen. Ralph A. Preece, R-Vernal, chuckling, said if the state wanted a real native animal, why not the dinosaur?

The legislation still faces a final reading in the Senate, and then, perhaps, to the House, where there are 69 animal and fish lovers.



— Associated Press Wirephoto

## 2 Boys Die, No Clues In Hanging

HOUSTON (AP) — Police are seeking possible witnesses to the hanging deaths of two boys, found with their hands bound in the backyard of one of the victims' homes. A relative said a third person possibly was present.

Authorities called for a report by medical examiners on the tragedy which occurred late Wednesday.

The boys were Travis Donald Stuckey, 12, and James Roland Miles, 11.

## "No Homicide Evidence"

They lived across the street from each other, played Little League baseball, and had exemplary records at Red Bluff Elementary School. Their stepfathers coach rival Little League teams.

"There is no evidence of homicide," said Pasadena Police Lt. C.R. Holt.

The youngsters were found in the yard at Stuckey's home. A younger brother of Stuckey saw them and called his stepfather, James Essary.

A water ski rope with a noose to each end had been looped over a tree limb seven feet above ground. A noose was around the neck of each boy.

## Both Touch Ground

Young Stuckey, his hands bound behind him with heavy fishing cord, was on his right side on the ground. Miles' hands were bound in front with a similar cord. His feet were touching the ground, the legs bent at the knees.

## So, You've Got Troubles?

BOSTON — You think you have problems? Gull is plagued by ice, slush and sub-freezing temperature,

plus plastic 'antlers' it picked up while scavenging area garbage cans. Plastic rings are used on beer cans.

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