

Legislature 'Up in Air' About Major Differences

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 As I write this, less than three days remain before the 1965 general session of the Legislature must adjourn in compliance with the Constitution. But still waiting final action are three basic issues, the 1965-66 budget, taxes, and Senate reapportionment. Failure to pass legislation in any one of these three areas could result in the calling of a special session. As of right now, few will hazard a guess as to what the outcome of the general session may be.

The budget bill has passed both houses, but in different versions. The two totals are not far apart, close to \$4.14 billion, but there are wide variations between the versions in some controversial items. The conference committee of three members from each house has already held hours of hearings in its efforts to iron out the differences.

THE OMNIBUS tax bill squeaked through the Assembly, losing several features because the necessary two-thirds vote could not be obtained. Its authors gave it vigorous support in the hearing before the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, but it was obvious that the bill was not getting a very favorable reception. The Committee's decision to "take the bill under submission" is considered a good indication that it will take no action on taxes until the size of the budget for next year is decided. New or increased taxes can be decided upon after the width of the gap between next year's revenues and approved expenditures is known.

The bill to reapportion our state Senate underwent major surgery in the Assembly Elections and Reapportionment Committee before it passed that house. The boundaries for the 12 Los Angeles County districts to be established by the measure as approved by the Senate were junked. Substituted were new boundaries devised by the Committee, which the lone Senator from that county angrily described as "crass political gerrymandering." The Assembly version also would set district boundaries in each of the five counties which would be entitled to two Senators under the bill. All observers expect the Senate to reject the Assembly version.

IF A SPECIAL session is necessary, its timing will depend on which of these three measures has failed to make the grade when our deadline arrives. If it is reapportionment, the Governor may feel obliged to call it early enough so we could be back in special session before you read this, because of the federal court decision requiring redistricting by July 1. If it is taxes, the session could be delayed some time.

DOCTOR'S NURSE
 Bettye Avon Tanner, DN, of 5526 Laurette, has been asked by the American Association of Doctors' Nurses to serve on its Decade of Health Committee. The purpose of the committee, which will hold its annual convention July 15 to 18 in Atlanta, Ga., will be the development of several projects to help mankind.

Apart from these principal issues, our work during the general session is about on a level with that of previous general sessions in recent years. In the Senate, 1531 bills were introduced, and in the Assembly, 3490. Each house has passed roughly half of its bills. About a third of the bills passing one house have been sent to the Governor.

He has signed 420 Assembly measures, and 270 Senate bills. Under the Constitution, he has until July 23rd to sign bills. All those he does not sign by that day are pocket vetoed. Several hundred bills which have been sent to interim study, will be referred to the various committees, and their subject matter explored before the 1967 general session.



TRIP WINNER . . . Mrs. Faye Evseff receives two expense-paid tickets for a trip to Hawaii from Les Silverstein, president of the Rolling Hills Plaza Merchants Association, who made the presentation as a climax to the Hawaiian Days celebration at the center last weekend. (Portrait by Robison)

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Buffet Salad Will Please All Guests

For lazy summer days, "Lazy Susan Salad" is just the ticket. It's a topnotch buffet salad and you can increase or decrease the quantities to suit the size of the group. It also travels well to a picnic or potluck supper; simply carry along the fixings and arrange the salad on the spot.

You'll notice the outer leaves of iceberg lettuce are used as cups for the various mounded foods. None of the leaves need go to waste when you buy a firm head of iceberg. Squeeze the lettuce gently and if it "gives" to slight pressure, it's ready for your shopping bag.

- LAZY SUSAN SALAD**
- 2 heads iceberg lettuce
 - 1 cup cooked cauliflowerettes
 - 1 cup sliced cooked carrots
 - 1 cup cooked lima beans
 - Bottled French or Italian dressing
 - 1 cup dairy sour cream
 - 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 - 2 tbs. lemon juice
 - 1 tsp. dry mustard
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 1/4 tsp. onion powder
 - 1 or 2 medium-size red onions
 - 1 pt. cottage cheese
 - 2 cups julienne cooked ham

Core, rinse and drain lettuce. Place in plastic bag or wrap in plastic wrap; chill. Combine in bowl cauliflowerettes, carrots and beans. Moisten well with French dressing; marinate in refrigerator 1 hour or more. Blend cream, mayonnaise, lemon juice, mustard, salt and onion powder; chill. Just before serving, slice onions crosswise; separate into rings. Reserve outer leaves of lettuce to hold vegetables and ham. Cut 8 wedges from remaining lettuce; arrange on large tray. Drain mixed vegetables; arrange vegetables, onion rings, cheese and ham in separate mounds on lettuce leaves between wedges. Serve with cream-mayonnaise dressing. Makes 8 servings.



- SILHOUETTE COOKIES**
- 1/2 cup margarine
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 egg, beaten
 - 1/2 tsp. vanilla
 - 3 tbs. cream
 - 2 1/2 cups flour
 - 1/2 tsp. baking powder
 - 1/2 cup seedless black raspberry preserves (or other preserves if desired)

Cream together margarine and sugar. Add egg, vanilla, and cream. Mix well. Add the flour sifted with baking powder. Chill.

Roll out on lightly floured board to 1/16-inch thickness. Cut with 2-inch round outer. Cut out a small star or crescent or other shape from center of one half the rounds.

Place the whole rounds on lightly greased baking sheets. Place a teaspoon of preserves on each whole round. Top with star-cut round. Press edges together with a floured fork.

Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes or until the edges are lightly browned.

Yield: 2 1/2 dozen cookies.



Change Flavor Of Salad By New Dressing

You can change the flavor and character of a fruit salad every time you change the salad dressing for it. This recipe calls for citrus juice plus cream cheese, which adds pleasant zip to the salad.

- CREAMY FRUIT DRESSING**
- 1 tbs. honey
 - 1 tbs. lemon juice
 - 2 tbs. orange juice
 - 1 3-oz. package cream cheese
 - 1 tsp. grated orange rind
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - Dash of cayenne
 - 1/4 cup salad oil

Gradually add the honey, lemon and orange juice to the cream cheese, blending until smooth.

Add orange rind, salt and cayenne and beat until well blended. Add the oil very slowly, beating well after each addition. Chill.

Beat well again before serving over the fruit salad.



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Return to heat and continue cooking over low heat 5 minutes. Add butter and rum and reheat until butter is melted, but do not cook. Cool, then chill.

Just before serving, whip cream and add rum sauce to suit your own taste. Spoon sauce into bottom of sherbet glass or hollow stem glass; add a layer of sliced peaches. Alternate layers of peaches and sauce, ending with a fresh peach slice for garnish.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES ROMANOFF

- Fresh sliced peaches, sweetened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- Grated rind of 1 lemon
- 2 tbs. lemon juice
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 tbs. butter
- 1/2 cup rum
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