

Tidelands Oil, Lottery Bills Now On Agenda

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While we mark time on our two major problems, next year's budget bill and state support of the public schools, other measures or considerable importance to the state as a whole are making progress through both houses. Some measures have already passed both the Assembly and Senate, and have been acted upon by the Governor. Signed and now law is the one to provide local property tax relief to those who suffered property damage because of the tidal wave which swept Crescent City after the Alaska earthquake. Income tax relief for those in the lower brackets has passed both houses, but in differing versions.

Probably of the greatest statewide significance is the group of bills which would revise in various ways the formula under which the state and the City of Long Beach share oil royalties derived from operations in the submerged tidelands long since decided to that city.

At present, the state and the city share on a 50-50 basis, but it has generally been conceded that this division favors the city greatly at the expense of all other taxpayers in the state.

NEW DISCOVERIES in the drilling area indicate a huge potential in total revenues to the state and the city—some \$2 billion over the first 10 years or so of production. The Senate Natural Resources Committee held a number of hearings on various aspects of the problem. As the result of these deliberations, two different bills were introduced, both of which would transfer all balances of oil revenues to the state after specified payments to the city, but which differ as to the formula for such payments, and in the provisions governing the sizes of leases permitted with private operators.

A far different approach to the problem is contained in a bill which grew out of a series of conferences between state fiscal authorities and officials of the City of Long Beach. This measure, heard by the Senate Committee on Governmental Efficiency, would reduce the net share of the city on a schedule basis, until it reaches a minimum of \$1 million per year after 1968.

This bill would also provide for "unitized" operation of the new field by a single contractor, who would be permitted to retain 87 1/2 per cent of the oil and gas production upon payment of royalties. This provision was strongly criticized by spokesmen for independent oil refiners on the ground that it would create a virtual monopoly.

ANOTHER AREA of current legislative activity relates to proposed laws on state lotteries. Because the State Constitution now prohibits the Legislature to authorize lotteries, and requires it to pass laws outlawing the sale of lottery tickets, constitutional amendment is necessary to legalize them. Earlier this session, a proposed Assembly amendment was introduced to authorize a state-operated lottery, the net proceeds of which would be earmarked for education.

About the same time, circulation was begun of an initiative petition to legalize a lottery which would also provide a 10-year monopoly for its operation by a specific private company. This petition quickly rolled up over 300,000 valid signatures, and has two weeks more to go for sign-up.

The Governor promptly added the subject of lottery control to the agenda for the special session. Two different proposed amendments to eliminate private operation were introduced, both of which have received favorable reports

Window Broken

A window at Anza Elementary School, 21400 Ellinwood, was broken Friday night. The window screen was found lying on the grass below the window and the window was open. A hole was in the lower left corner of the window. Apparently nothing was taken, police said.

Assessments To Be Noted In Newspaper

Property owners will be informed of their assessments through publication in community newspapers, effective this year, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

The property will be published by street address, owner's name, and assessment. Hahn has advocated the program as the most effective way to let property owners see if their assessment is fair and

equal as compared to their neighbors.

Assessor Philip Watson will initiate the program in one-fifth of the county this year. Next year, the full assessment list will be published for another one-fifth of the county, making the program complete each five years.

The Los Angeles Newspaper Service Bureau, representing more than 100 community

newspapers, will coordinate the placing of assessments in the public press.

The American Cancer Society reports that there are 1,200,000 American, alive today, cured of cancer. Much of this is due to improved methods of treatment and diagnosis. One's best protection against death from cancer is early diagnosis and prompt treatment.

Petition for Area Backing New Lighting

A petition is currently being circulated requesting the County Board of Supervisors annex Tract No. 4546 to the Dolores lighting district, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. Result of petition approval would be the installation of 29 new street lights on six Carson area streets in 1965.

The petition must be signed by at least 25 per cent of the property owners in the tract, which is bordered on the north by Jan Street, on the south by 223rd Street, and on the east by Edgar Street. Included in the tract are Renton, Spicer and Joel streets. If the petition is approved by the board, a public hearing

will be held and the installation will proceed after the annexation becomes effective July 1, 1965.

Hahn advised interested residents to contact Mrs. Mary Moody 1043 E. Spicer St., who is in charge of the petition.

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