Lawmaker's roundup

Cash-management practices reviewed

Changes in the state's cash-management practices could result in a boost in the state's revenue according to a preliminary study by the Program Review and Investigation Committee.

The greatest amount of revenue would come from investment of the "float" — the difference between the state's balance and actual cash still deposited in its bank account — at the state's general depository. Traditionally banks have invested the balance on their own with the interest earned considered as compensation for banking services since the state is prohibited by law from paying service fees. The report recommends that the law be changed to allow the state to pay such a banking fee.

The report also recommended allowing competitive bidding among banks for the state's accounts and that investment responsibilities be centralized in the State Investment Commission.

Many of the recommendations would require legislative approval. Gov. John Y. Brown has indicated he will propose changes in the state's cash-management practices to the 1982 General Assembly.

The Program Review Committee will discuss the recommendations with officials from the banking industry before taking any final action on the report.

Dental corp. agrees to audit

An almost year-long dispute over a voluntary plan to provide dental service to state employees came closer to resolution last week as representatives of CompDent agreed to a request by the Program Review and Investigation Committee to undergo an audit by the state Department of Insurance.

CompDent — a prepaid dental program — was offered to state employees through a payroll deduction plan, but no state funds were directly involved. The program ran into shaky ground with the Interim Joint Committee on State Government when the committee learned that the program didn't fall under any regulatory-agency umbrella.

At the request of the state government panel, the program review staff conducted an inquiry into the program. That committee recommended CompDent submit to an audit and then, if the contract is renewed by the Department of Personnel and Finance, abide by guidelines set by the Insurance Department until legislation providing proper regulatory controls for plans such as CompDent could be approved.

Employees' organization urges changes in merit policies

Three proposals for legislation to tighten the merit system laws were presented to the subcommittee on state personnel and government operations by an organization representing several state employees.

A spokesman for the Advisory Council for Employees said the group's first request was that a statewide policy be adopted requiring employees who had been laid off to be hired before other applicants in positions for which they are qualified. They also asked that a uniform method for determining who is to be laid off be developed and that two state merit system employees be elected to serve — with voting privileges — on the personnel board.

Price tag on Maxey Flats no bargain

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection is not exactly sure how to close Maxey Flats, but they have projected that it may take $20 million to pay for its decommissioning.

In a recent meeting of the Special Advisory Committee on Nuclear Issues, Birney Fish from the department's office of special projects said the committee had several budgetary alternatives to consider in determining the future of the Fleming County nuclear waste disposal site. He said the committee could recommend to pay only for continued maintenance of the site and operation of the evaporator. This would cost $700,000 to $800,000 per year, he added.

Another option is to budget $1.2 million per year to pay for maintenance and evaporator cost, in addition to small scale decommissioning efforts.

City officials see rosy future from short-term tax break

City officials appearing before the Interim Joint Committee on Cities all agreed that a proposed property-tax moratorium on downtown property that is being renovated would be a boost for their cities. The plan, they said, would encourage downtown renovation and eventually provide a greater tax base for the community.

However, the officials, committee members and others recommend three changes to the proposed bill: minimum cost of rehabilitation should be 10 percent of the value of the structure, minimum standards — to be set by the Kentucky Heritage Commission — should also be set, and the assessment moratorium could be extended to older, residential areas.

The moratorium — which probably will be limited to no more than five years — is one of two constitutional amendments that will appear on the November ballot for voter consideration. The Cities Committee has prepared the draft legislation to enact the amendment should it be approved by the voters.

DOT submits "slightly different" title law

The state Department of Transportation has drafted its own motor vehicle title law — with several different features from a bill already pre-filed for the 1982 General Assembly.

Both bills provide for separate title and registration forms to be issued when a vehicle is registered with the county court clerk. The bill pre-filed by Rep. Bill Donnermeyer, D-Bellevue, would start titling vehicles in 1985 while the state's plan would be retroactive.

A title would cost $4 under the state's plan. The yearly registration fee would remain $12.50. The pre-filed bill has a $10 titling price tag.

The third major difference between the proposed legislation concerns sheriffs and their inspection duties. The department wants the sheriffs to inspect all vehicles when a transfer of ownership occurs, while the pre-filed would have sheriffs inspect only out-of-state transfers as is the current procedure.

Kentucky is the only state in the country that does not have a title law, and supporters of the legislation say that void makes the state a laundering point for stolen autos.

KHC bonding authority raised

An increase of $425 million in the bonding authority of the Kentucky Housing Corporation was approved by a legislative subcommittee on financial institutions.

The request for the increase came from Lin Warren, executive director of the KHC, and was based on "real and ifmediate needs for single family housing."

Warren told the subcommittee the figure requested was basically for funding programs currently "in the pipeline."

Contracts approved — 1,546 to date

A $1,100,000 contract with the Doe-Anderson Advertising Agency in Louisville has been approved by the Personal Service Contract Subcommittee to continue the "Oh, Kentucky" promotion for another year.

Also approved was a contract with Florence and Hutcherson of Paducah to resume work on the Benton by-pass in Marshall County. Construction work had been stopped due to budget concerns. It should be completed under the $138,480 contract.

A five-year report comparing the number and amount of personal service contracts was also presented to the subcommittee. The report showed fiscal year 1978-79 as the peak for personal service contracts let by the state. In that year, $50 million was spent on 1,703 contracts.

Since 1979, the number has declined, with only $37 million spent on 1,691 contracts in FY 80.

So far in this fiscal year 1,546 contracts have been approved.

Pre-filed bills

82 BR 491 — Rep. Claudia Riner, D-Louisville (9/8/81). Amend KRS 533.060 to prohibit parole or conditional release for persons convicted of or pleading guilty to Class A, B or C felonies wherein a weapon from which a shot or projectile can be discharged was used.

82 BR 492 — Rep. Riner (9/9/81). Amend KRS 17.110 to require Commonwealth's and county attorneys to make case disposition reports to bureau of state police; amend KRS 17.150 to make submission of criminal history reports by specified agencies mandatory; amend KRS 17.153 to expand the nature and contents of annual crime reports.

Administration's goal: productivity up/workforce down

"Running the state in a business-like manner" is what this administration intends to do according to a state official.

To accomplish this the Office for Program Administration has surveyed each agency, department, etc., and devised a uniform organizational chart for all the cabinets. In some cases the paper changes were put into effect immediately, but in others where statutory requirements and other needs made it impossible, to implement, the changes will be made over a period of time.

All of this is part of the Brown administration's drive to provide the same services as are currently offered — but with fewer employees.

In fact, Program Administration Director Ralph Ed Graves told the Interim Joint Committee on State Government that state government operations are about 15 percent more efficient now than they were when Gov. John Y. Brown took office in December 1979.

A 20 percent increase in productivity is what the Personnel and Management Cabinet is aiming for within the next two years, Graves said. Other objectives include making state employees' pay comparable to those in the private sector and developing a uniform payroll system.

Day-care operators "complain" about complaints

State regulations of day-care centers need to be relaxed, representatives of the day-care industry told members of the subcommittee on regulatory reform at a public hearing last week.

Current regulations increase costs by requiring low staff-to-child ratios and expensive equipment, according to those who testified before the small business subcommittee.

In addition, the day-care operators asked that the investigatory procedure for complaints be limited to written complaints only. Currently, state Department for Human Resources workers investigate all complaints — including those made anonymously. This has to be done according to DHR officials, so that no legitimate complaint might be overlooked.

But day-care operators said unfounded complaints are often impulsively filed by disgruntled employees or parents and blemish the record of a good center.

State support for non-basic teaching positions "equalized"

The subcommittee on education and the arts has approved a bill that would help small school districts to become eligible for monies to hire librarians, counselors and other non-basic teaching positions.

The sponsor of the bill, Sen. Clyde Middleton, R-Ft. Mitchell, said the bill could eliminate the disparity in state support for large and small school systems.

Currently state aid is distributed through the Minimum Foundation Program. A district receives money for one Administration Special Instructional Service for every eight basic classroom units.

That aid also helps pay art, physical education and music teachers, principals and superintendents.

Middleton told subcommittee members the system works well except when a district has too few classrooms to qualify for enough special service units.

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Practice time

With Homecoming at NCHS set for tomorrow night, Band Director Charles Canupp addressed his students on the necessity of extra drilling this week to prepare for the event. — Mercury photo.

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By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mrs. Mae Kenney spent from Friday until Monday with Mrs. Nettie Kelley of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gaunce and Andy of Lexington spent the past Sunday with Mrs. Naomi Gaunce.

Miss Tracey Ritchie spent the past week with Melissa Ritchie, Morning Glory.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney and Mrs. Hazel Snapp visited Mrs. Mable Stockdale at Fleming County Hospital on Tuesday and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cropper.

Mrs. Andrew Grey, who has been a patient at Nicholas County Hospital the past two weeks, returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. Thomas Gaunce, Cynthiana, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Snapp.

Mrs. Terry Kenney and sons spent one day the past week with Mrs. Mae Kenney.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar and children and Layne Hollar spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

Theresa Cain spent Saturday night and Sunday with Melissa Ritchie.

W.G. Burden, who has spent the past several months with Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cox and son, Winchester, returned home on Wednesday and was welcomed by all his neighbors and friends.

Tracy Hollar spent Friday night and Saturday with Lesley Duncan in Carlisle.

Paul Quinn and Mike Sowell, students at Western University, spent the weekend with their parents and other relatives here.

Mrs. Bobby Brady and Mrs. Verena Earlywine were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Doyle.

Mrs. Phyllis McDonald entertained the following on Sunday with a surprise birthday dinner for Miss Frances Barlow: Lettie Fightmaster, Gladys Kenney, Juanita Turley, Martha Kennedy, Alberta Snapp, Mable Fryman and Miss Barlow. She received many lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Riggs and family of Lexington visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Riggs on Sunday.

Mrs. Phyllis Brady, Mrs. Shelby Doyle and Sharon enjoyed a bridal shower on Wednesday night for Miss Carol Weddle and Jimmy Tapp at the home of Mrs. Billie Ockerman of Carlisle. There were around 25 in attendance and they received many lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dalton and Heather of Middlesboro spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James Livingood.

Miss Jamie Kenney spent the past Sunday with Mrs. Bobby Brady and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Doyle. Dale Fryman and Karen Marsh were also visitors on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Mattox, James Gaunce and Rev. Roy Hunt enjoyed a time of fellowship and prayer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Riggs Thursday night.

Mrs. Bobby Brady visited Mrs. Bertha Doyle at Nicholas County Hospital on Tuesday.

The Headquarters Methodist Men and Ladies will have their regular monthly meeting at the church this Thursday night, September 24. Supper will be served at 7 o'clock. Troy Miller will be speaker for the men and Mrs. Pearl Wilson will be program leader for the ladies.

Mrs. Donna Galbraith and Andrea, Carlisle, visited Mrs. Gary Hollar and children on Sunday afternoon.

Harold Mattox and Kay Mahoney, Lexington, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hollar on Sunday.

Fall horse show Sunday

Sunday, September 27 promises to be a lovely fall day for an outing in the country. This is the date for the Licking River Hounds to hold their fall horse show.

Activities begin with a private breakfast for participants and club members in the club house at 11 a.m. The horse show starts at 1 p.m. with 10 classes being held at the Far Cry Farm outside Carlisle. The judges for the show are Terry and John Kropp of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Class 5 is always a crowd pleaser as it is an unusual class with its own special course. "Ye Old Foxhunter" is open to horses that have hunted at least one season. The course simulates the hunt field, and test the ability of a hunter type horse to meet different obstacles. Such diversions include a real live chicken coop, a not so live, but none the less real fox, and usually an angry farmwife.

The show is a fun show although beautiful trophies are given and competition is keen.

The show grounds are on Far Cry Farm which is located off highway 68 on state road 32-36 (Headquarters Road) outside Carlisle. Signs will be up along the way. The public is invited and admission is free. Any rider interested in participating should contact Kathy Hollingsworth in Georgetown at 502-[illegible] for entry forms and prize lists.

Hammer collection coming to U of K

More than 100 major works of art from the renaissance to the 20th century, collected by Dr. Armand Hammer, will be shown at the University of Kentucky Art Museum, Nov. 17 through the Christmas holidays.

"The Armand Hammer collection is one of the most significant private art collections in existence," said UK President Otis Singletary, "and we are delighted to be the first university in the country to have the exhibit."

Dr. Singletary added, "Much of the credit for bringing the collection to Kentucky must go to Governor and Mrs. Brown who have had Dr. Hammer as their guest in Kentucky on several occasions."

The exhibit will be presented under the auspices of the Armand Hammer Foundation and Occidental Petroleum Corp., of which Hammer, an internationally known industrialist, is chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

The Armand Hammer collection, "Five Centuries of Masterpieces," spans all major movements of European art and also includes works ranging from a Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington to a new addition to the collection, Andrew Wyeth's "Daydream," a tempera on wood.

Other great artists represented are: Rembrandt, Rubens, Goya, Monet, Renoir, Cezanne, Degas, van Gogh, Durer, Michelangelo and Modigliani.

There are two new additions which will be exhibited for the first time with the Armand Hammer collection: "Portrait of Alice Legouve" by Edouard Manet and "Flowers in the Sunlight" by James Ensor.

The exhibition will be free and open to the public. Museum hours and additional details concerning the exhibition will be announced at a later date.

Dr. Hammer has spent more than 15 years building and refining the collection. The exhibition has visited 18 cities in the United States during the past 12 years and an equal number abroad, including London, Leningrad, Moscow, Caracas, Tokyo, Mexico City, Edinburgh, Oslo and Stockholm.

The collection includes three Rembrandts: "Juno," a portrait of the mythological queen considered by many to be one of the artist's greatest works; "Portrait of a Man of the Rasman Family," dated 1634; and "Portrait of a Man Holding a Black Hat."

There are paintings by Rubens, Fragonard, Goya, Cezanne, Chagall and van Gogh. The great Parisian landscape painter, Camille Corot, is represented by five works, including a rare portrait.

Among other key Impressionist works are three oils and a drawing by Renoir, seascapes by Boudin, a Sisley landscape and a Pissarro city view.

Gustave Moreau's depiction of "Salome" as she prepares for the dance of the seven veils is considered the masterpiece of the Symbolist Movement. One work by John Singer Sargent, "Dr. Pozzi at Home," has the same status as a salon painting.

Painters of the short-lived Nabis movement are represented by Vuillard and Bonnard. Modigliani, Vlaminck, Derain, Rouault and Laurencin are early 20th century examples from the School of Paris.

Drawings by Michelangelo and Raphael, as well as a rare gouache by Durer, are part of the collection. There are also pages from one of Gauguin's sketchbooks bought in 1884 and used intermittently in Denmark and Britiny until about 1888.

State surplus equipment auction

The Commonwealth of Kentucky will sell surplus equipment at public auction Wednesday, September 30 in Frankfort.

The sale will begin at 9 a.m. EST at the Department of Transportation storage lot on Wilkinson Boulevard near the intersection of US 127 and US 421.

Listed for sale are graders, loaders, backhoes, air compressors, rollers, dump trucks, tractor mowers, pickup trucks, used tires, used batteries, chain saws, lawn mowers and shop tools.

A complete list of equipment for sale will be available only at the sale site. The equipment will not be available for inspection until the day of the sale.

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