

Sessions Monday

Fiscal Reform Problems Face Legislature

Gov. Fannin Expected To Renew Request For Budget Dept., Tobacco Tax Increase

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PHOENIX, Jan. 11—Arizona's 26th Legislature meets in second regular session at noon Monday for the consideration of numerous problems.

Most involve expenditures and the raising of the necessary revenues to cover them. Others propose departmental reforms and reorganization.

Gov. Paul Fannin will deliver his message after the Senate and House meet separately for a short period and then convene in joint session, using the House chamber.

It is anticipated that the governor will dwell generally on subjects that have been before the lawmakers previously.

Advance predictions are that the governor again will stress the need for a substantial increase in the cigarette and tobacco tax, and will renew his plea for establishment of a budget director department under his control.

Fannin also is expected to stress the need for greater highway safety.

Leaders of the Senate and House already are on record as favoring additional aid to the elementary and high schools of the state. However, their approaches are different and will have to be compromised if anything is done to ease the school district tax burden.

Either plan probably will require submission of a constitutional amendment permitting the legislature to define the method of distributing state school aid. It currently is allocated on the basis of daily average attendance.

Several bills abolishing the present elective State Tax Commission are expected.

One to be sponsored by Reps. Fred Burke, D-Cochise, and Alvin Wessler, R-Pima, would abolish the commission and create the office of state controller. It is ready for introduction Monday.

Some of the other bills on the subject probably will propose replacing the present three-member elective commission with one of three to five members appointed by the governor, with the consent of the Senate.

The tax commission has been brought before the legislature.

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Shark Slashes Skindiver Off Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11 (UPI)—A huge shark mangled the legs of a 21-year-old skindiver Saturday as he swam in a group of six near the Farallon Islands, 30 miles west of San Francisco.

His companions, who said they saw other sharks moving in to attack, hid in an underground cave.

"That shark was enormous," said Jack Rochette, of Burlingame, after a Coast Guard helicopter flew him to a San Francisco Hospital for surgery.

"It felt like a mountain hit me. I dove to get out of his way but he chased me. I managed to hit him but he kept on coming. Then he started ripping at my legs."

Surgeons at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital stopped the bleeding and closed the wounds without having to amputate.

The skindivers were in a group of 15 members of the Southern Pacific Scuba Club who chartered the 52-foot fishing boat Salmon Queen.

Its skipper, Hank Schramm of Sausalito, said he thought the shark which attacked Rochette was at least 25-feet long.

The shark made a deep wound in Rochette's right hip and on the back part of his right leg.

Rochette even got a souvenir of his adventure when doctors removed a tooth of the shark from one of his legs.

Shot Kills Man In Sabino

Abducted Woman Companion Escapes

A black-haired killer with a pock-marked face shot and killed a man in Sabino Canyon last night, then briefly abducted his woman companion.

The slain man, identified as Bill Bailey, 20, was killed shortly after 11 p.m. when 5 shots were fired through the door window of his car.

Sheriff's deputies were piecing a 20-year-old girl's story together this morning in an attempt to find out who the slayer was and why the killing took place.

Karon Doettcher, 20, whose Tucson address was given as the Tucson House, but who is a resident of Coolidge, told detectives they were parked in Sabino Canyon when her companion was shot to death.

Miss Doettcher said the man, with a distinct Western accent, drove up beside their car and ordered them to "get out of the car."

She said Bailey, whose address was given as 6221 E. Oak St., told her, "No, get down in the seat." He then rolled up the window just as the shot was fired.

She said the killer then forced her to go with him in a 1963 or 1964 Chevrolet. Several minutes later, on N. Oracle Rd., Miss Doettcher jumped out of the car when she saw a highway patrol car.

Highway Patrolman Gary Combs said he found the girl screaming, "He shot my boy friend."

She was taken to St. Mary's Hospital where she was treated for bruises and scrapes, apparently received from jumping from the moving car.

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Udall Renews Tobacco Drive

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (UPI)—Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., said Saturday he hopes the tobacco industry will accept the government report on smoking and seeks ways of meeting a serious health menace.

Udall also said he intends to pursue "with renewed vigor my legislation to place smoking products under federal food and drug laws."

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