Fight over fuel standard kills state transportation plan

By PETER WONG Capital Bureau

SALEM—One day after it surfaced, Oregon lawmakers gave up Thursday on a transportation funding plan linked to alternatives to a recently approved standard for low-carbon fuels.

State Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, said there were too many political roadblocks for the package to win legislative approval this late in the 2015 session.

"The issue remains to try to find a way through the politics of this building – and the politics outside — to do what I think everybody wants to do," Courtney said Thursday.

"I'm just so sorry we could not break through. ... It's not over. But it is over for this session. We will keep working at it."

Courtney created a special Senate committee, which heard testimony Wednesday on the elements of the plan crafted by a bipartisan group of lawmakers in closed-door

meetings in Gov. Kate Brown's office.

One of them was Sen. Betsy Johnson of Scappoose, one of a handful of Democrats who opposed the fuels standard.

"It represented the best of what we do," Johnson said. "It was bipartisan. It took into account urban and rural interests. It took time to craft a plan on this complex subject. Some may quibble with the particulars, but I thought this was a good effort."

But environmental groups were firmly against including repeal of a new law, which Democrats supported and Republicans opposed, requiring the carbon content of fuels to drop by 10 percent over the next decade. Brown signed that bill in March. Nineteen House Democrats signed a letter to that effect last week, and House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, added her voice to theirs Wednesday.

"Today's hearing made it clear that the Senate proposal does not live up to the Clean Fuels Program in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and growing Oregon's clean economy," she

said in a statement.

Environmental groups and others also raised questions about the projected reductions in carbon emissions from the alternatives contained in the Senate

During the hearing, Matt Garrett, director of the Oregon Department of Transportation, said that an estimate of reductions from proposed technological improvements in traffic flows would yield only 20 percent of the amount calculated originally for the bipartisan

"We had some unexpected numbers thrown our way," said Sen. Jeff Kruse, R-Roseburg, one of the negotiators and a member of the Senate committee.

"Basically what I think it did was to solidify the position of House Democrats, and some of the Senate Democrats, on this issue.

"Given more time, we could have refined the numbers and shown a carbon reduction that would have beaten the low-carbon fuel standard. But now we

have not been given that opportunity."

Kruse also said that environmental interests told him a couple of weeks ago, during the closed-door negotiations, that they preferred the standard to any alternative package of reductions.

Proposed alternatives included a gradual reduction in carbon content of fuels as they become available commercially — to 5 percent — plus conversion of more cars and buses to electric or natural gas, and improvements in bus systems and traffic flows.

"Sometimes this building is frustrating," he said.

Environmental groups say there should not be a linkage of the issues.

"Oregonians deserve clean air and safe roads. To pit one against the other is a false choice and helps no one. We need both," said Andrea Durbin, executive director of the Oregon Environmental

For funding, the plan called for an increase of 4 cents per gallon in the current 30-cent state tax — plus increases in ve-

hicle registration fees — to raise money for road and bridge repairs and specified state highway projects.

Separate tax and fee increases would have funded expanded transit service in some districts — TriMet, Wilsonville,

Canby and Sandy — and a computer upgrade for driver and vehicle records. Courtney said he informed Brown in a telephone call late Wednesday that "we

Brown said in a statement after Courtney's announcement:

cannot get to the top of this hill."

"The testimony at the hearing from business leaders and local government officials, as well as newspaper editorials and input I have received from many Oregonians, underscores the significant statewide support for investments in transportation. As I said back in March, if it takes longer than this session to accomplish, I'm willing to continue these discussions."

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Deaths

June 24, 2015

COX, Diane Marie, 70, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements

June 16, 2015

OLSON, Geraldine Joyce (Beemer), 83, of Portland,

formerly of Astoria, died at home. Gable Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services of Portland is in charge of the arrangements.

Birth

June 19, 2015

NEWKIRK, Gina and Mark, of Astoria, a boy, Liam James Newkirk, born

Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Charlotte and Jim Newkirk of Oakland,

Ore., Jim Lusher and Den Haag of Holland and Juanita Lusher of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

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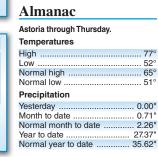
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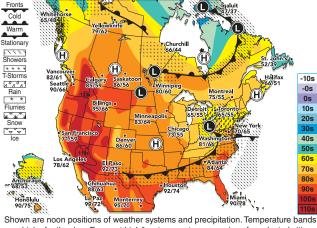
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OBITUARIES

Eva Pellervo Naselle, Wash. July 1, 1925 — June 20, 2015

Eva Pellervo, a lifelong resident of Naselle, was well known for her baking and, in partic-

June 20, 2015. Born on July 1, 1925, Eva was the fourteenth of the fifteen children of Finnish immigrants, and early Naselle settlers, Andrew and Hilda (Korpela) Wirkkala, and the second of their three daughters.

Eva graduated from Naselle High School in 1944 and married Henry Pellervo, a son of H.V. and Laina Pellervo, on Oct. 1, 1949. In addition to helping raise their family, Eva worked as a bookkeeper for Wirkkala Brothers Logging Company, and subsequently as a secre-

tary at the Naselle Air Force Radar Station, but is best known in Naselle and the Long Beach peninsula as a longtime waitress at Jim ("Red") and Helen ("Smokey") O'Connell's restaurant in Ilwaco, Red's Restaurant.

A great lover of the outdoors, Eva enjoyed crawfishing in the South Fork of the Naselle River that ran between the Wirkkala and Pellervo home places, ice skating, clam digging in Long Beach, hiking, and organizing memorable picnics in Evergreen Park, the beach at Knappton, and elsewhere. Eva also

renton, surrounded by his family.

Clegg was born on Aug. 25,

1948, in Aberdeen, Wash., the

son of Richard Owen and Darlene

Perkins Rasmusson. He spent his

early life in Aberdeen, and his lat-

er youth in Southern California,

before coming to Oregon in 1980.

He and Katherine were married in

U.S. Army in Los Angeles, Calif.

During his service he saw duty in Vietnam and upon his honorable

In July of 1968, he entered the

discharge in 1970 he was awarded sever-

al medals, including the Bronze Star, Air

Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Ser-

vice with three bronze stars, and the Viet-

years with the Oregon Fish and Wildlife

Department. He also served his community

as a reserve deputy with the Astoria Police

Department, and was a member of the Asto-

the VFW Fort Stevens Post No. 10580 of

Warrenton. He enjoyed traveling, cruising,

An avid patriot, he was a commander of

Mr. Rasmusson was employed for 29

Wash., died at her Nyberg Road home on ular, the high ratio of pies to guests at Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

Eva is survived by her younger sister Aimee Carathers, husband Henry, sons Arlan and Duane, and grandchildren Brandon, Kevin, Brittany McNally, and Evan. Eva was preceded in death by her sister, Elizabeth Lindholm, and by her brothers Arne, Oiva, Howard, Edwin Wirkkala, Lauri, Albert, Martin, Paul, Fred, Urho, Ben, and Hannes.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2015, at Naselle Assembly of

God Church, of which Eva was a member for her entire life. A graveside service will follow at Peaceful Hill Cemetery in Naselle, followed by a reception back at the

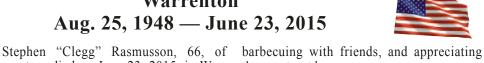
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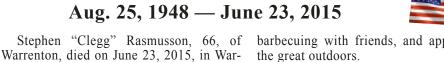
Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Sunday School Program of Naselle Assembly of God Church, 278 Knappton Road, Naselle, WA 98638.

Stephen 'Clegg' Rasmusson Warrenton Aug. 25, 1948 — June 23, 2015

Eva

Pellervo







Stephen "Clegg" Rasmusson

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John Craig Rasmusson.

A graveside service with mili-

tary honors will be held at 11a.m. on Saturday, June 27, at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Astoria. Viewing and visitation hours will be today from 4 to 7 p.m. at Ocean View Funeral and Cremation Service, 1213 Franklin Ave. in Astoria.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fort Stevens Post No. 1580, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1376 S.E. Anchor Ave., Warrenton, OR 97146.

An online guest book may be signed at www.OceanViewAstoria.com

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Public meetings

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District Board, 5:30 p.m., special meeting, Clatsop Retirement Village, 947 Olney

Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way., Gearhart.

THURSDAY Northwest Oregon Housing Authority Board,

10 a.m., Gable Park Apartments, 2544 Gable Road, St. Helens.

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