

ERA adoption recommended by House committee

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SALEM (Special) — With ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution by the 38 states necessary appearing more and more uncertain, the Oregon House State and Federal Affairs Committee Monday voted six to

three to send a resolution (SJR 4) calling for ratification to the floor of the House with a "be adopted" recommendation.

The vote came after three more hours of testimony during the third hearing on the amendment of the legislative session.

The State Senate Thursday voted 23-6 in favor of SJR 4 and the House is expected to approve

the resolution before the end of the week, making Oregon the 24th state to ratify the amendment.

Nationally however, the outlook is less optimistic as 10 states have rejected the amendment which says "equality of the rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex," and a resolution which would repeal Idaho's ratification was introduced Monday in the Idaho Legislative Assembly.

Concern is growing among women's rights groups, both locally and nationally, about ratification which they once felt was almost certain. A vote against ratification by three of the 17 states still considering the issue would kill the proposed 27th amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

In Monday's hearing, arguments nearly identical to those stated in previous hearings were voiced again by proponents and opponents of the amendment.

The opponents, representing such groups as Happiness of Womanhood and Parents for the Preservation of Family, seem

primarily concerned that the amendment would grant "even broader powers to Congress."

University law professor Herb Titus speaking as "an objective legal expert from the University law school" told the committee that theoretically, Congress could "usurp just about everything state government does."

Ross Runkel, said "all of these horrible examples of what may happen if the amendment is ratified are essentially straw men."

Mary Eyre, a representative from the League of Women Voters, however felt the arguments against ratification could be worse.

"At least I haven't heard anyone say what a legislator in Montana said last week," Eyre said. "He said if men and women were meant to be equal Jesus would have said six male disciples and six female disciples."

Analysis

But he said it was important to note what Congress could do in theory and what it would do in practice. "If the states assume their responsibility it is unlikely that Congress will see a need to respond to ratification of the amendment on the state level," Titus said.

He called "the two year grace period" between the time the amendment is ratified and the time it would go into effect "a very important aspect" as it will allow states to revise current discriminatory laws.

Titus said it was his personal opinion that if the amendment is not ratified "it would hamper the growth of law towards equal treatment of men and women."

Other arguments against ratification claim that the amendment would force integrated restrooms, cause an increase in the divorce rate and the crime rate and end the obligation of the husband to support his family. These were again voiced by opponents to the amendment and again discounted by legal testimony.

A Willamette law professor,

Mediation correction

A mediation session between negotiating teams from the University and the Oregon State Employees Association (OSEA) will be held this Thursday in Eugene, not Wednesday as reported in Monday's Emerald.

The Emerald was given inaccurate information concerning the mediation session date.

The session will be conducted by a conciliator from the state's Public Employee Relations Board.

OSEA is negotiating a new two-year contract with the University concerning representation of the University's classified staff.

The University and OSEA have reached an impasse on 10 points of negotiation, and both parties have agreed to submit to this Thursday's mediation session.

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5 p.m. to 7:19 p.m. All Things Considered; Fine Arts Calendar; Spanish Music for the Classical Guitar and Arthur Honneger.

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