

Candidate considers unemployment hex

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Unemployment needs to be lowered to its lowest possible level, said Jim McDonald, Republican candidate for the Oregon House from District 43. McDonald made his remark at a recent gathering of the Rubicon Society.

"This won't be accomplished by putting these people on the government payroll," McDonald said, "but by through private businesses." He said Oregon needs to attract more businesses to the state, and that it won't be done "through goodwill trips by the governor to California. Businesses need a good reason to locate here."

McDonald favors credits and incentives to new businesses and to existing businesses who want to expand. He said if Oregon could get 65,000 of its 105,000 unemployed back to work, the new revenue from income tax would be \$40 million per biennium.

"This money would pay an additional 10 per cent of state support for schools, without any new taxes, either property or income," he said. For every man or woman unemployed in the state we pay \$4,680 each year, he said, which amounts to \$4 million per week in benefits.

McDonald also pushed for lower spending by the legislature. He said the 1973 legislature increased spending by 35 per cent, and the 1975 session produced a 41 per cent increase.

"This is a 76 per cent increase in two sessions," she said. "And we were told they'd hold the line. We've got to stop this 37 per cent average increase in spending each legislative session."

Another area McDonald finds problems in is land use planning. "We should repeal state control of planning and return it to the local planners with real public input," he said.



Jim McDonald

"Any final OK's would have to be adopted by the local county commissioners."

He pointed out the problem state control causes by using his own property as an example. McDonald owns five and one-third acres in Veneta, and, he says, "according to existing regulations, I can construct a television station, a solid waste garbage dump or a penal colony on my land, but I can't raise pigs." He said people laugh when he uses that example, but he considers it a serious problem.

McDonald said incumbent legislators say they can reduce taxes if people quit asking for new services. "I can't find a single person requesting new services," countered McDonald. "Citizens just aren't asking for any. We need vital services, and everyone in Oregon is willing to pay for them, but we've got to cut the fat."

McDonald also supports a cross-party open primary, opposes all gun control legislation, and sees a "strong merit for some sort of annual session of the legislature — perhaps 30 to 45 day sessions in the off year."

McDonald faces Republican challenger Maxine Hays in the May 25 primary, in the contest for incumbent Ted Ku-longoski's seat.

Not getting it yet

Lobbyist: voters want specifics

Voters in this election year want things spelled out in black and white, says David Cohen. And so far the candidates just aren't delivering.

Cohen, president of nationwide lobby group Common Cause, attacked both Democrat and Republican presidential candidates Thursday in a Eugene press conference.

"Citizens want the system to work," Cohen said. "They are willing to change to make it work." But, they "want direct talk from their candidates and leaders. They want somebody to vote for."

Cohen said Democrats Morris Udall and Jimmy Carter, and Republicans Ronald Reagan and Pres. Ford are not telling the public the true cost of "badly needed programs" to spur the economy.

Along with the savings gained from public service programs such as Udall's, the candidates "should also be willing to tell us that a tax increase or major cuts...will be needed to pay for it now," he said.

Instead, Cohen says, "all we are getting from the candidates is campaign rhetoric."

He said the savings from such proposed economic programs "may or may not materialize," but warned that federal money will be needed in advance to get the program going.

Cohen outlined several points Common Cause feels should be addressed by the presidential candidates, including:

- How they would arrange federal spending priorities.
- How they would allocate a possible "budget surplus of \$25-61 billion available by fiscal year 1980."
- How they would treat military spending and taxes — particularly on individuals.

Cohen attacked Carter's pro-

posed mandatory health insurance program, saying Carter "provided no estimates of how much it would cost."

Carter also failed to tell the public specifically how the plan would be funded, Cohen argued.

Cohen also criticized Udall for practicing "verbal sleight-of-hand" for telling the public that job

programs can be achieved "without additional cost to the taxpayer."

The candidates have "abandoned leadership by their refusal to formulate a simple budget," he said. "It is only fair that the voters learn now, before they vote, which types of choices each candidate would make."

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