

Dist. 43 Representative

Hays:

Strong leaders can help cut spending hikes

By WALLY BENSON
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Republican Maxine Hays is a Junction City insurance agency executive running for the Dist. 43 State Representative seat currently held by Democrat Ted Kulongoski.

Hays feels Oregon voters need strong leadership in the legislature—"people who know they are up there to do a job, and to do it the whole time they are there." She says such

leadership will help curtail the increase in spending from legislature to legislature.

"We need to elect officials who have a view toward fiscal



Maxine Hays

spending—who are frugal," she says. "We have hit the end of the spending syndrome and it's time to take a good hard look at government expenditures."

She supports an annual legislative session with a time limit of about 60 days for the off-year session. "We have a citizen legislature, and they would have to be professional legislators if we had a full session every year." She feels the interim committees and the Emergency Board, which operate in the off-year, are busier and have more power than they should.

She thinks the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) has not done a very good job, as she says they have too much power. "It is an appointed board, and it shouldn't have as much power as it does." She

feels the members of the board don't sincerely consider citizen input when making decisions. She favors keeping the LCDC a statewide board, but believes it should be elected rather than appointed.

Hays is not in favor of the initiative petition to prohibit corporate farming, because she doesn't think it will do the job it is meant to. She favors saving family farms, but is not sure corporate farms should be banned, because in many instances, corporate farms have the capital to harvest more efficiently.

She hopes for improvement in field burning control and favors an extension of the 1978 burning cutoff date if a viable solution cannot be found.

To ease the energy crunch, Hays says the consumer needs to realize that we are,

indeed, losing our resources. She opposes the nuclear safeguards ballot measure, and feels we have to develop nuclear power as an energy source.

She opposes ballot measure A, which takes money from the state's highway fund and channels it into mass transit, because "there is no limit on who can be taxed and for how much."

She favors an open primary, because "There are a great number of Independents who are not represented in the current system. An open primary would be worth a try."

The only way Hays says she would support restoration of the death penalty would be in the case of terrorists. She feels a better way to deal with serious crimes is to increase sentencing for felonies involving arms.

Kulongoski: Hopes to end field burning, cut legislative spending

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Eugene attorney Ted Kulongoski is seeking reelection to the District 43 State

representative seat he has held since 1974.

Kulongoski believes in the legislative mandate of 1971 and hopes it will put an end to open field burning in the Wil-

lamette Valley." He feels time will develop an adequate field burning machine, but wants more emphasis put on developing straw utilization. He says if more straw is baled and

sold, machines will have an easier time burning the stubble.

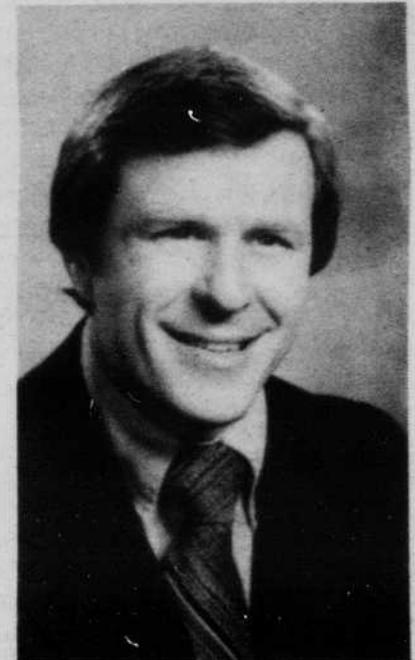
He is a strong proponent of regulating corporate farming. He's not opposed to it, as long as there is a "way of regulating the prices on the products they sell."

Kulongoski says cutting legislative spending is difficult in the face of "more and more citizens demanding services from the government." He proposes to offer no more services than the citizens ask for, but acknowledges the necessity of spending. "If people keep asking government to supply new services, how can we cut taxes?"

He favors an annual session of the Legislature, as it is a "horrendous task to consider 3,000 bills in a six-month period, especially because the subject matter of the bills is so broad." Kulongoski feels we can't have an effective government if it only meets once every 18 months, and that it is extremely difficult to budget two years in advance. He thinks the off-year session could be held to 90 days, and concern itself solely with budgetary matters.

Kulongoski says he has no great argument with allowing Independents the right to vote for whichever candidate they want, but fears that an open primary system may violate the freedom of association. "If a person wants to vote for the officers of a club, he should have to be a member of that club."

He favors mass transit in urban areas, but admits that ridership is a problem. He says for any mass transit system to work, the citizens have to change their lifestyles voluntarily.



Ted Kulongoski

Kulongoski feels the Land Conservation Development Commission (LCDC) is doing what it is required to do. He says it was created to inform local governments of the needs of land use planning in their areas. He feels a problem arises because the local governments don't want to do any planning.

With respect to energy conservation, Kulongoski feels that in the end, solar energy will be the answer to our energy needs. He says individuals need to do more to curb energy use, and that the government needs a program telling people how to conserve. He opposes nuclear power for cost reasons—"Why spend so much time and money when nuclear power is just a short term solution to the problem?"

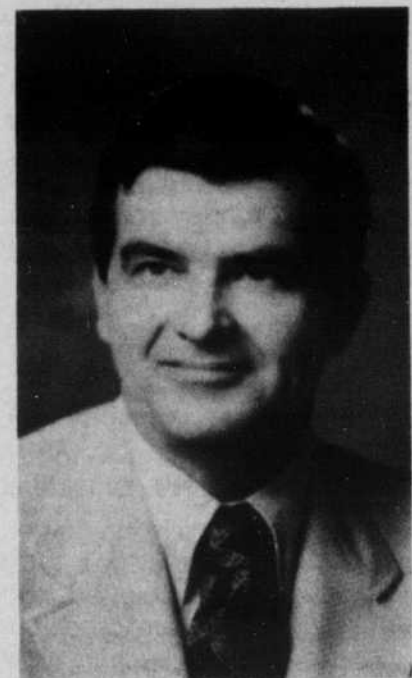
Kulongoski does not favor restoration of the death penalty. He feels only those from the lower social-economic class will be punished under the statute.

McDonald: Cut unemployment by attracting new business

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Jim McDonald, Republican running for the Dist. 43 State Representative seat currently held by Democrat Ted Kulongoski, is a Veneta sales representative. He has never before held an elected governmental position.

His main goal is to reduce Oregon's unemployment by attracting new businesses wishing to expand.



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McDonald doesn't think the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) has done a good job. He favors land use planning through districts closer to home, such as the Florence Planning Committee, wherein local planners will have real public input and will care more about their area.

McDonald admits he is "right down the middle" on the subject of corporate farming. He says with the cost of developing land being eight times what the land costs, no family farm in Oregon can handle the expense. He does, however, favor small farms when feasible.

On the field burning issue, McDonald says, "Let 'em burn it," but with strict Department of Environmental Quality restrictions. He wants a "right-now solution" for a field burning apparatus to hold down smoke pollution.

He feels we have to resort to nuclear, "at least for a while, until we develop wind, solar and geothermal energy." He doesn't like nuclear power because it needs too many safeguards and is too expensive, but considers it a "necessary evil stopgap."

McDonald supports an open

primary, "so people can vote for whom they really want." He says he already works with eight legislators to get the open primary.

Concerning the Legislature, McDonald sees "strong merit" for some sort of annual session. "we've got to start looking at 30-45 day sessions in the off year," he says. He doesn't want to go to a yearly session, but fears that is the direction in which the Legislature is heading, as the number of bills before it increases.

He wants to stop the 37 per cent average increase in spending from one session to the next. He says he would do this by eliminating some services to streamline the budget. He pledges to work for retention of the vital services—fire and police protection to name a few—but to cut out the "fat."

Regarding mass transit, McDonald favors the possibility of electric cars on railroad tracks for inter-city travel. Also he likes the idea of commuter plane service, if it can be made to work.

McDonald also favors capital punishment in a few cases—"like the life-time sentenced felon who kills a guard a year"—and opposes all gun control legislation.