

McDonald hits workers' comp

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Workmen's compensation benefits should be reduced to make Oregon more attractive to new business, said Jim McDonald, Republican candidate in Oregon House District 43.

Speaking to a meeting of the GOP Rubicon Society in Eugene on Friday, McDonald said the cost of Oregon's workmen's compensation plan to employers is "gross." He suggested benefits be brought into line with those of neighboring states.

McDonald said new business must be attracted to Oregon in order to bring more revenue and jobs into the state. Fifty-one per cent of all jobs in Oregon are now provided by the local, state, and federal governments, he

said, "and this needs to be changed."

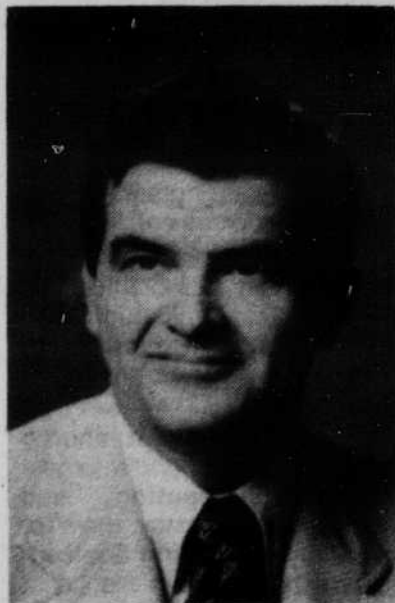
The candidate stressed the need to curb state spending and to return government decisions to the local level.

Land-use planning should be accomplished by local citizens, he said, not by "seven citizens appointed by the governor." For this reason, McDonald supports Ballot Measure No. 10, which would repeal the state's land-use law.

McDonald favored an increase in the state's support of education, saying that this would be accompanied by a decrease in local property taxes. However, he stressed the need for public education to "get back to the basics."

"A pound of hamburger

provides as much protein as a pound of filet," he said, referring to the need for school districts to concentrate on basic reading and mathematical skills, rather than frills.



Jim McDonald

"Don't tell me cuts can't be made in education," said McDonald.

McDonald said he supports open field burning at this time. "I don't like the smoke, but the solution has not yet been found," he said. "Until it is, I support the grass grower."

McDonald, a field representative for International Correspondence Schools, is making his first bid for public office. He opposes incumbent Democrat Ted Kulongoski in District 43, which includes southwestern Eugene, western Lane County, and northern Douglas County.

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McCall raps Measure 10

"If Senate Bill 100 goes down the rest of the country will be raped," former governor Tom McCall told a crowd of 1,000 at the EMU ballroom Friday Afternoon.

McCall, who was guest speaker at the 50th annual conference of the Oregon Scholastic Press, continued his condemnation of Ballot Measure 10, a repeal of SB 100 the land-use planning bill.

The future of the nation, said McCall, "depends on whether Oregon can remain key domino in the (National) domino theory of progress."

If the measure passes, he said, "Your future will glow like a two-day-old cigar butt that's been soaking in the rain."

McCall also touched on his uphill campaign to extend the Oregon Bottle Bill to other states.

"The opposition is spending twenty dollars to our one."

Although McCall didn't have a definite position on Ballot Measure 9, the nuclear energy safeguards bill, he did say that nuclear energy should be developed by the inch while other energy should be developed by the mile.

McCall, a Republican, would not give a presidential endorsement, but did say with a smile he would like to see a governor in the White House.

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