

## Spending limitations labeled unconstitutional

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SALEM—A bill that would have encouraged voluntary limits on campaign spending died on the House floor Wednesday, amid charges that it was "unconstitutional" and "unnecessary."

HB 2037 would allow statewide and legislative candidates to sign a pledge form indicating whether they will limit campaign spending to certain amounts.

Rep. Kip Lombard, R-Ashland, criticized the bill, saying "there's nothing in the law now that prevents a candidate from challenging his opponent to a spending limit, and using a refusal to do so as a campaign issue."

Rep. Grattan Kerans, D-Eugene, chairer of the House Elections Committee that produced the bill, said it would "give every man and woman in Oregon effective access to political office," regardless of their personal wealth or financial backing from special interest groups.

Opponents of the bill claimed it pressures candidates to sign the limitations box, and thus conflicts with a 1974 Oregon Supreme Court ruling that declared mandatory campaign spending limits unconstitutional.

The constitutional argument was further strengthened by a memo sent this week to House members from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), which said HB 2037 is unconstitutional.

"Section 2 (of the bill) states it is the declared policy of the state of Oregon to 'encourage limits of campaign expenditure,'" the ACLU wrote. "The bill brings into play the powerful, almost coercive element of state encouragement, thereby seeking to achieve what the Supreme Court has said can't be required."

Kerans said the ACLU's reasoning was in error, "because the bill is not mandatory, but voluntary."

"How far is 'encouragement' from 'forced compliance'?" he asked the House.

The bill died when the House voted to refer it back to the elections committee. Kerans had said earlier that he would table the bill if it was re-referred.

## Gay discrimination bill debated

SALEM — Religion and morality were at a high pitch Tuesday at a packed public hearing on a bill that would prohibit employment and housing discrimination against homosexuals.

Opponents of SB 603, sponsored by Sen. Steve Kafoury, D-Portland, said it would encourage an immoral lifestyle and endanger the physical well-being and sexual identities of school children. Supporters said it would guarantee homosexuals the civil rights that all other Oregon citizens enjoy.

The hearing before the Senate Aging and Minority Affairs Committee drew an overflow crowd of nearly 300 persons.

Maureen Gieber of Eugene said that allowing homosexual teachers in schools could lead to negative influences on school children.

"The law says that homosexuals are already free to be themselves," she said. "But this bill would impose homosexuality on me and my kids."

Gieber also criticized a provision in the bill requiring a public education program designed to eliminate discrimination against homosexuals.

Julia Baker of Portland, representing the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, said she doesn't believe in discriminating against anyone, but this bill would raise to the status of normal lifestyle that has been frowned on as abnormal.



Rev. Randy Piersma of the Bible Baptist Church in Salem quoted scripture and said that the Bible teaches that homosexuality is unnatural, immoral, and wrong.

Supporting the bill was committee member Kafoury, who said the "committee isn't voting on

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whether we like homosexuality, we are voting on a matter of basic human rights."

"It is shocking to me that members of our society, who are citizens, are forced to live in constant fear of being discovered, fear of losing their jobs, their income, their homes, fear of even signing their names to the letters they write to me as their elected representative," he said.

Kafoury told the audience that all citizens should be judged on their individual merits, "not on a

membership in a racial or sexual class."

He added that a major problem with the bill is the fear among politicians that support for the rights of homosexuals will lead to defeat at the polls.

Also endorsing the bill was Charles Hinkle, Oregon Chairer of the American Civil Liberties Union. Hinkle said the bill would still allow an employer to fire a homosexual employee if the employer's sexual orientation interfered with his job.

"The employee could be fired if he insisted on interjecting his sexual orientation into his relationships with co-workers or customers," he said, "But it would prevent an employer from firing an employee simply because he discovered the employee was homosexual."

The committee will schedule another hearing on the bill later this month.

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### Japanese class offered

Japanese Literature and Cinema (JPN 407) will be offered again spring term although it is not listed in the Time Schedule of Classes, according to the Chinese and Japanese department. The course will focus on the works of the 1960s.

Films scheduled for study include Shindo's "Island" (1961), April 5; Kurosawa's "Red Beard" (1965), April 12; Imai's "Night Drum" (1958), April 19; Hani's

"Bwana Toshi" (1965), April 26; Oshima's "Boy" (1969), May 3; Ozu's "There was a Father" (1942), May 10; Teshigahara's "Face of Another" (1966), May 17; Shinoda's "Assassination" (1964), May 24 and Hani's "He and She" (1963), May 31.

The course is coordinated with a history colloquium on Marriage and Sex Roles in Japan. There will be no admission charge for students enrolled in the class.

### V-ball teams meet for match at high school

A match between the top men's volleyball teams in the Northwest — the Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland and the Emerald AA men's team of Eugene — is scheduled for Sunday at North Eugene High School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Emerald Volleyball Club finished as the Region 11 champion last year and Sunday's match promises to be a hard-fought one, according to Emerald members. The match will show two different styles of play — the high, power hitting game of the Multnomah club and the faster hitting, ball control game used by Emerald.

Admission charge for the match is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for persons 18 years old and younger.

### Law students take first

For the third consecutive year a team of law students from the University's law school has taken first place in the Pacific Northwest regional round of the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. The 1977 regional round was held Thursday and Friday at the law school. Five other teams from law schools in Washington and northern California also competed.

Greg Cook, a second-year student at Oregon, was judged the top oralist in the region. Other Oregon team members are Daniel Callahan, Patricia Crain, David Feist and Steve Jacobson.

The Jessup Competition annually presents a current international law problem for debate by law students before a mock International Court of Justice. This year's problem concerns the legality of some present attempts to limit nuclear proliferation. In winning the regional round, the

Oregon team becomes eligible to compete in the national semifinals, held next month in San Francisco at the annual meeting of the American Society of International Law. The winner of the national round will debate the top foreign team in the international finals, also held in San Francisco during the American Society meeting.

### Yale prof speaks today

Thomas Emerson, a Yale University Law School emeritus professor of law, will deliver a lecture entitled "Control of the Intelligence Agencies" at 10:30 a.m. today in 129, Law.

The talk, sponsored by the University's law school, will be open free to the public. Emerson is the author of two books, "Toward a General Theory of the First Amendment" and "The System of Freedom of Expression."

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### MEETINGS

The Baptist Student Union will meet at 6:30 to-night at 1930 Onyx St. Sara Wisdom, state WNU director, will present a program about Annie Armstrong. For more information or transportation, call 344-7443.

### LECTURES

Eric Adelberger, a University of Washington professor, will speak on "Parity Violation in Nuclei," at 3:30 p.m. today in Room 16, Science I. He will describe a variety of experiments designed to study this parity-violating force between two nucleons.

Adelberger's lecture is part of the physics department's colloquium.

Manley Natland, a geological consultant, will speak on "Water-Laid Clastic Sediments," at 7:30 tonight in Room 177, Lawrence. Interested persons are invited to attend.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Spring softball entry blanks for women's and co-ed teams are now available in the WRA office, Room 8, Gerlinger. Entry deadline is 4:30 p.m. April 7. For more information, call x4121.

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