

Burrows suggests legislative reform tactics



Mary Burrows

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State rep. Mary Burrows, R-Eugene, offered suggestions for legislative reform at the monthly meeting of Common Cause Monday night.

Burrows, representative from the 41st district, told about 20 persons that it is up to the Legislatures and citizen groups like Common Cause to "constantly and carefully examine how we can make the process more productive and meaningful."

Burrows presented these sugges-

tions for legislative reform:

- The Sunset Law which states that though provided for by the legislature, people doing research into the different State-funded agencies are not accountable to any particular task force.

- District Residence; According to Burrows, representatives do not have to reside in the district to which they are elected. She later qualified her statement, saying that a candidate must reside only in his district until the election. But, following election, the incumbents were not confined to the districts which they originally represented.

- Limit on Bills; Burrows said that "during the last two weeks (of the session) we had sometimes, 100 bills in a day." She further stated that approximately 2,900 bills were introduced to the legislature last session.

- Consolidation of Bills; Many bills could be edited and "composites" made so that pieces of legislation would be fewer, but more effective.

- Time Limit; Burrows feels time limits on bills in hearing committees should be set, so that each bill would have an equal amount of time consideration.

- Joint Hearings; Joint house and Senate hearings should be considered in order to cut down on the duplication of efforts.

Burrows also said terms for representatives in the House be extended to four years while Senate terms should be made six years. She wants all legislators limited to twelve years in office.

Burrows ended by adding that "no committee should be delayed until the press arrives." She confided that she had experienced times when committee members and gallery members were hastily ushered into committee rooms so that the press could receive a favorable visual impression of the proceedings.

Burrows then opened a question and answer period, during which Burrows also said she would be in favor of the Legislature meeting every year.

Straub signs employee disclosure order

Gov. Bob Straub signed an executive order Monday making personal information concerning employees working in regulatory agencies available to the public upon request.

The order forces disclosure of an employee's previous employ-

ment relationship with the agency and of any current financial interests the employee may have with a company.

"Common Cause and I felt the public had a right to know if key regulatory agency personnel have worked for or have a financial in-

terest in the organization they are regulating," Straub said.

The order changes the previous policy that allowed only the employee's name, salary and position to be available for public scrutiny.

"The main problem right now is to define what a regulatory position is," Isaac Regenstreif, administrative assistant to the governor, said.

He cited the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and the Department of Environmental Quality as examples of regulatory agencies, but added, "Virtually every agency has some position regulating something."

Regenstreif said personnel di-

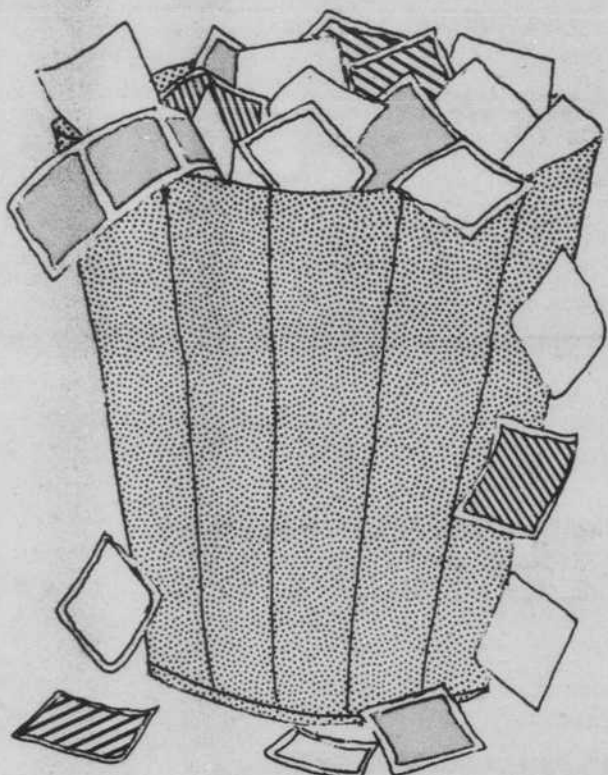
rectors will start immediately on the task of going through all job descriptions and identifying positions within the agency that are regulatory. He said the job would take about two months.

Straub noted the executive order is not retroactive and affects only employees hired starting Monday.

In signing the order, Straub also said he intends to introduce legislation next session that will add public members to all regulatory boards and commissions.

"Consumer interests are not represented on many boards which make crucial decisions regarding public policy," he said. "I will see to it that this situation is changed."

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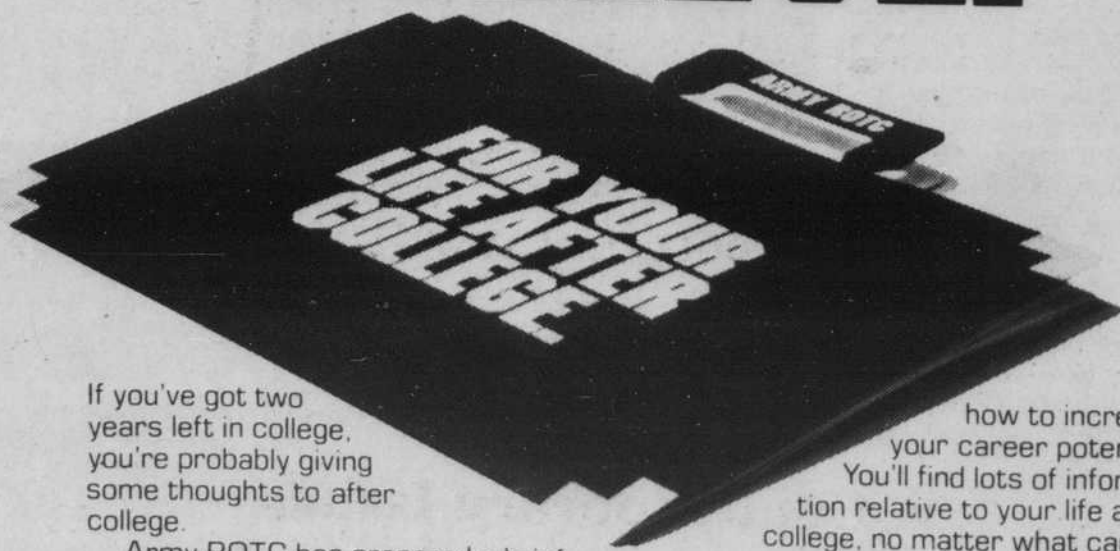
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