

Lausmann making another try for U.S. Rep.

Jerry Lausmann, a Medford veneer and plywood manufacturer, is making his second attempt to capture the Fourth District Congressional seat.

Lausmann says he is making the bid because, "I just don't see the Fourth District as being adequately represented." He adds that in visits to Washington, he has talked to incumbent Jim Weaver's peers and says, "I'm not getting the impression he is an effective congressman."

He says his own private polls show that people in the district feel they "aren't being listened to."

If elected, Lausmann said one of his main concerns will be to initiate a minimum forest roads program which would encourage more building of roads in forests to get timber out. According to Lausmann, the U.S. Forest Service says that twice as much timber is dying as is being harvested and that more ways to get the timber out need to be looked at. He also says that if managed properly, millions of dollars put into the national forests can yield back billions.

In a related matter, log exports, Lausmann says it is important to

remember that only lumber (with certain exceptions) off private land can be exported. Because of this restriction, he says the selling of logs abroad should be regarded as a private transaction and doesn't need any more regulating legislation.

Lausmann says he thinks a lot more research must go into the effectiveness and possible harmful effects of herbicides and pesticides used in forest sprayings. He points out, however, that the chemicals are more easily applied than "strong arm" methods and if they are found to be without

danger, they should be used.

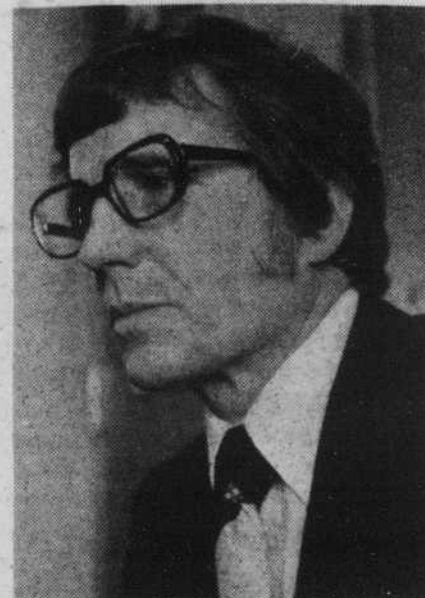
"I don't see anything that'll replace that bulk (energy) need right now," he says.

The candidate says he is against the Equal Rights Amendment because he feels, "The Constitution is a powerful instrument, a good solid instrument. It shouldn't be tampered with." He adds that he thinks equal protection for women can be enacted by legislation rather than through a constitutional amendment.

Lausmann also says he is opposed to all abortions except therapeutic ones and is opposed to any government funding of abortions.

The candidate says he favors mandatory sentences with no hope of parole for criminal acts involving use of firearms. He also says he thinks the death penalty ought to be one of the alternatives given a jury in first degree and premeditated murder trials.

Regarding international relations, Lausmann says "I don't particularly care for the way we have been poking around in other countries' governments." He adds that



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he thinks arms sales should go to all factions involved to prevent a third country from selling to other countries.

He also thinks federal spending for cities should be controlled. He said a lot of money had been wasted on American cities and that he thinks should iron out their own problems.

Anderson eyes free enterprise

William Anderson, a resident of Grants Pass, is seeking the Republican nomination for representative in the 4th Congressional District.

Anderson was out of town for several weeks and was unable to be reached for an interview. However, his views have been expressed in other publications and the following is a synopsis.

Anderson, a loan adjuster for Sebrite Corporation in Grants Pass, says he supports the "free enterprise system" and that he favors removal of government restraints on business. As a means to this end,



William Anderson

he proposes abolishing regulatory agencies.

He also says that if elected, he will vote against deficit spending measures.

On tax matters Anderson says he believes in "less taxes through less government." He says he favors tax reduction, not tax reform. He also says that the social security system should be voluntary.

On energy matters, Anderson says private industry should be the innovators in development of "all realistic sources of energy."

He is also opposed to the addition of more wilderness area, saying "the government already owns too much land."

John Sweeney

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care provided for all people, "not just the rich."

In the area of higher education, Sweeney says "For the people who have money, there is no problem, but for those who don't, there's trouble." To combat this, Sweeney would like to see the full G.I. Bill program returned, and would also push for government grant programs and the student

loans program.

Sweeney is in favor of welfare abortions, calling it an "unfortunate legal necessity" in that "we have the choice of paying the cost of an abortion or the cost of child support for 18 years." Sweeney also favors the Equal Rights Amendment, saying that equal work and equal responsibility should receive equal pay.

Sweeney says he would favor reinstating the selective service draft, but at the age of 20 instead of 19. "Drafting at 20 will be better than at 19 because in the couple years after high school young men will be able to hold down jobs in the public sector," says Sweeney, currently an Ordinance Officer in the Oregon Army National Guard with 21 years experience.

Fitzgerald thinks victory over Weaver 'believable'

Michael Fitzgerald, a sheep and cattle rancher in Brookings, says he is seeking the Republican nomination for the Fourth Congressional District race because, "I believe I can beat Weaver (the incumbent) in the general election."

Fitzgerald, who is a county commissioner in Curry County, adds that he thinks his performance in that office has shown that he has the qualities necessary for elected office.

If elected, Fitzgerald says he would make sure he reflected the views of constituents by conducting regular polls of the district. He says he would vote the way public opinion indicated he should.

In the energy field, Fitzgerald says he favors "deregulation of most things," adding that he thinks if the energy market had a proper competitive balance, prices would go down.

He also favors the building of more hydroelectric dams, he says, if environmental concerns are met.

On the nuclear energy issue, Fitzgerald says, "Nuclear energy is a very vital part of the energy



Michael Fitzgerald

mix provided the proper precautions are taken." He adds that he favors the breeder reactor nuclear power plant.

Fitzgerald also notes he favors development of alternative energy sources and notes that his own home is "rigged" for solar energy conversion. But, he adds that current technology has a "long ways to go."

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Jack Alan Brown, Jr.-

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With respect to the energy situation, Brown says nuclear power is statistically safer than other sources and is a good stop-gap measure. Brown does not favor building any more nuclear plants unless there is a "proven need." Solar energy is awaiting a breakthrough to bring the cost down, says Brown, adding that he doesn't favor tax incentives to help in development but wants utility stockholders to come up with the money.

Brown feels the U.S. is too involved with other countries. "I don't like the idea of shipping arms all over the place," he says, "especially to both sides as in the Middle East. And if we send them (arms) to friendly countries, we should run the equipment ourselves. We should provide teaching and education rather than financing."

Brown feels our national defense is lacking and that we are "backing into second place. We need the B-1 bomber and the neutron bomb, especially in view of the Soviet Union buildup in Europe. We need something to stop an attack with a minimum of destruction."

Brown doesn't favor welfare abortions, saying "It doesn't impress me as a proper role for federal government. It's not something specifically granted in the constitution. I am morally and conscientiously opposed to abortions and, before I would vote in favor of them, the constitution would have to be amended."

While unemployment is a major problem, Brown says "a certain measure of it is caused by having minimum wage laws that price unskilled laborers out of the market. There is also a lack of capital on the free market for the expansion of businesses."



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