

Weaver seeking another term in Congress

Jim Weaver, Oregon's Fourth District U.S. Congressman, says he wants to go back to the Congress to "accomplish things I think desperately need to be done."

"I've accomplished a great



Jim Weaver

deal, but there are a thousand things I could do in the House," says Weaver. One of the things Weaver cites as an accomplishment is legislation to better man-

age timber resources. As chairman of the Forests subcommittee, he says, he was able to include a timber sustained-yield provision in a forest law. He also says he aided in allocating \$242 million to the U.S. Forest Service in addition to the President's budget recommendation.

Oral bidding for timber is another issue Weaver cites as an example of the representation he has provided in Washington. He says he was instrumental in providing legislation to allow oral bidding for timber, legislation he says will allow small timber operators to compete with larger companies.

On reforestation, Weaver says "reforestation has really only begun a few years ago. One reason is that we were mining timber; nobody saw the end of it. Timber shortages have made people realize that we face a bad situation."

"The problem now," says Weaver, "is that private forests were cut at a very rapid rate. Some of them can no longer provide timber. That's why the mills are closing."

"Some people try to blame it on

wilderness areas and national forests," he says. Weaver says national forests and federally controlled timber areas have been consistently more stable in timber supply. He says some people are now calling for increases in the amount of timber taken from the national forests. "That," Weaver declares, "would be making the same mistake."

Energy is another issue for which Weaver sees room for improvement. Though he says he is not prepared to say the state should close the Trojan nuclear power plant, he says he opposes building the proposed Pebble Springs nuclear plants.

"The nuclear industry is a dying industry," according to Weaver. "Nuclear energy is unreliable, and

I doubt that all of the problems will ever be solved," he says.

Weaver says he would prefer to see more development of alternative sources of energy, such as solar, wind and geothermal. Cogeneration is another of Weaver's hopes for the energy future. He says much of the wood cut by the timber industry is left in the forests as slash, and one of his programs is to support pilot projects to use slash for energy production. He would also like to see the forest service use more fully the slash left in the forests.

Weaver says he supports the Equal Rights Amendment and he says he supports welfare abortions as well. "I strongly support the right of women to choose, and they shouldn't be precluded from

choosing by a lack of money," he declares.

Weaver says he opposes SB 1437, a proposed revision of the federal criminal code, because "there are a number of civil liberties problems. Much of the bad stuff was taken out of SB 1 (a bill from which SB 1437 emerged as a compromise) but it still is an infringement on free press and other civil liberties," Weaver says.

Regarding defense policy, Weaver says we are in an age of "technological madness." He says he prefers a "lean, mobile fighting force," not one which is "encumbered with devices." He says a defense system which depends too heavily on massive technology "takes money away from what really needs to be done."

Bates says timber could be better used

Eugene Democrat Jonathan Bates is trying for the second time to unseat incumbent Democrat Jim Weaver. Bates lost to Weaver in the primary election two years ago.

"Southwest Oregon has suffered in the past from poor representation," Bates says. He adds that the region is heavily dependent on the forest industry, and suffers one of the highest unemployment rates in the Pacific Northwest and the highest unemployment rate in Oregon.

Bates says timber could be more effectively used in the region by encouraging intensive reforestation programs and encouraging industries like the furniture industry to locate in the area. He says much wood with potential uses is now burned as slash.

Bates says he will encourage comprehensive reforestation. "The federal government and the small operators are screwing up," says Bates. He adds that some timber interests seek immediate profits without keeping an eye on future timber needs. Bates says another goal he has is to bring the Forest Service "up to snuff." He says the service is "well-motivated, but runs up against managers from the east 'who don't know the region's timber needs or problems.'"



Jonathan Bates

Another problem Bates sees with present timber policy is that "wilderness is tying up thousands of acres of land in limbo." He says he will not support more wilderness lands for the state.

On nuclear energy, Bates says he doesn't fear nuclear power, but nuclear facilities must meet three criteria: "Can it be safe, is it economical, and do we need it?—Now, Bates says, alternative energy sources are more practical

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tax credits.

Anderson favors the Equal Rights Amendment and welfare abortions. "Fundamentally," he says, "abortion is a religious issue. Some people start in with their theological basis for opposing abortion, which they're entitled to, but they have no right to impose their views on the rest of us. Abortion is not murder. It is a medical technique that should be available to people on welfare as readily as to the rest of us."

Anderson says the medical aspects of Social Security should be divorced from the system and made into their own program. He says we should have one public

pension system. He thinks Social Security should be enough to provide for a decent old age, and if some folks want to live better than that they should save their money during the years.

Should he become Senator, Anderson says he won't worry about what people in the state think about the issues, but instead he will spend more time studying the issues himself. "I may have people unhappy with me in the state, but if I do what I should do there's bound to be someone unhappy with me. I love controversies, I love contests and I love arguments, and I'm sure I'd be involved in quite a few."

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