

# Everett to try for US Senate

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Hoping to help clean up Oregon politics, Clif Everett will try to put his name on the November ballot once again. This time, Everett will be challenging Mark Hatfield and Vern Cook for a chance to represent Oregon in the U.S. Senate.

Everett, 58, a political maverick who championed an ill-fated attempt to repeal Oregon's land use laws two years ago, will hold another nominating rally Saturday to gather 1,000 valid signatures to give him a chance to run for Senator as an independent candidate.

Everett fell about 500 signatures short during a similar convention two months ago. At that time, he hoped to gather enough signatures to put his name on the ballot as the independent gubernatorial candidate.

The nominating convention will be held August 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Lloyd Center Auditorium in Portland.

Why change from governor to Senator? The choice was made for him because of Gov. Bob Straub's support and his inability to stem the tide of the gubernatorial election, Everett says.

"Some people felt that if I ran

that might mean that Straub would have enough votes to win the election anyway," he explains. "And he's been doing such a bad job that I didn't want to risk that."

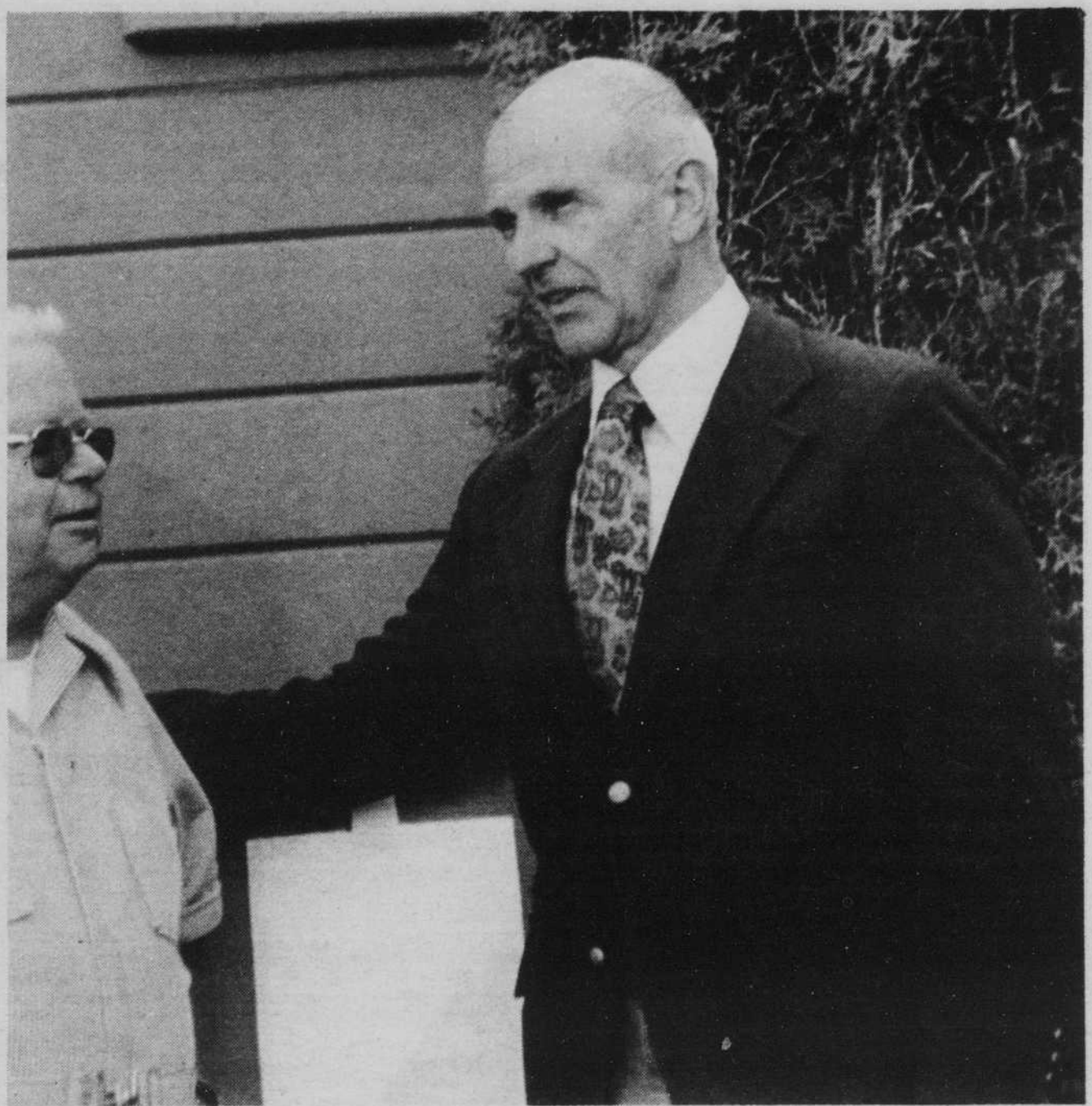
Everett says neither candidate for Senator has been listening to the people and what they want. "Perhaps they have been on the public payroll too long and actually believe that we, the people, must be controlled by big, strong government."

His candidacy is a chance to get Hatfield and Cook off the public payroll and out of the political arena. If that happens, Everett says he hopes to "clean up" politics in the state and stop the "giveaway" of American interests to "Marxist" dictators.

"I've been distressed that we didn't listen to men like (General George) Patton and (General Douglas) Mac Arthur," he says. "I wish we would have. But at that time we didn't want to hear what strong men had to say so we listened to a bunch of sissies."

Whether or not he could win against Hatfield or Cook, Everett says that his candidacy is worth a try.

"Whether there is a chance or not isn't important. I'd just like to raise the issues and see what happens."



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Clif Everett: shooting for the Senate

## Conservative Christian chairs GOP

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BEND — At its annual convention Saturday the GOP elected Walter Huss, a fundamentalist Christian and conservative politician, state party chairer.

Huss, whose wife had been elected chairer of the Multnomah County Republican Central Committee last month, defeated incumbent chairer Steve Young and challenger Dewey Newman on the first ballot.

But, Newman says, Huss' victory could mean that Republican candidates for statewide offices will run independent of the party.

Newman, a Eugene research consultant, announced his candidacy for chairer last Friday, less

than a week before the GOP convention. Although he ran as a compromise candidate between Huss and Young, Newman withdrew to throw his support for Young in an attempt to stop Huss's election.

Newman told reporters last week that if Huss was elected it

could mean the Oregon GOP would be split by his narrow view of "qualified candidates."

"(Huss) does not offer the type of change needed," Newman said. "I am convinced that his publicly and privately stated desire to elect only 'right thinking' candidates would so narrow the support

of Republican candidates that the party would at best become a token force in Oregon politics."

Under Huss' control, the party may only support conservative candidates, Newman said. Also, as a supporter of the property tax limitation measure on the November ballot, Huss may try to

influence the party to support Measure 6.

Although most Republican party members took a "wait and see" attitude about the change, state Rep. Mary Burrows, R-Eugene, called Huss' election "an embarrassment" to the state GOP.

## Party sets Nov. plan

BEND — By a very slim margin, the Oregon Republican Party voted to endorse the "concept" of the state's property tax limitation measure on the November ballot.

The vote, which came at the end of the two-day GOP convention that was marked by party splits and infighting among some party members, is in contrast to the state's Democratic Party which voted two weeks ago to condemn the measure.

The property tax limitation, which would limit taxes to one and one-half percent above the 1975 assessed value of the property, was just one of the measures addressed in the GOP platform.

A measure to end state funded abortions was also endorsed by the party.

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