

Weaver, Lausmann debate

Candidates square off on spending

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Rampant government spending and fiscal conservatism were the favorite topics for 4th representative district incumbent Jim Weaver and his challenger Jerry Lausmann in their Tuesday debate in the EMU.

While both Republican Lausmann, and Weaver, D-Oregon, blasted what they call excessive spending by the federal government, their solutions to the problem differed.

"We've got to constitutionally stop the government from spending more than it takes in," Lausmann said. "The (federal) government spends \$50, \$60, \$70 billion more than it takes in each year." He advocated giving taxpayers an across-the-board tax cut, but did not say how large the cuts should be.

Weaver said his approach to cutting spending in the last Congress was to vote against the larger appropriation bills.

"The government is spending like it's going out of style," Weaver said. "I voted against nine of the 13 appropriation bills this year as a protest and to force cuts in the budgets."

Weaver continually expounded on his voting record as a fiscal conservative in Congress and noted he voted against legislation that would have raised the federal debt ceiling; voted against the public works bill and voted to uphold the president's veto of the bill; voted against a proposed budget that included a \$60 billion deficit; and voted for a 2 percent cut in the federal budget on its final passage.

Lausmann, on the other hand,

Senate to hear evaluation plan

Student course evaluation and student access to that information will be part of two motions presented at the University Senate meeting today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 229 of the Law School.

Helmut Plant will present a report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Evaluation of Courses that would amend current faculty legislation on course evaluations.

The committee recommends that a shortened evaluation form be used, and that it include questions about teacher effectiveness; a section for student comments and another section for departmental questions.

The committee also recommends statistical information contained in the evaluations be made available to students and student groups with the instructor's consent.

Paul Holbo and Stanley Greenfield will present an amendment to the committee's recommendations that would reduce the number of times student evaluations are solicited.

The amendment would also delete the committee's recommendation that evaluation information be made available to students.

Both motions will be discussed in the Senate and presented at the University Assembly meeting on Nov. 1 for faculty ratification.

called Weaver one of the big spenders on Capitol Hill. He claimed Congress is saddled with a big spending image that Weaver can't divorce himself from.

He gave three examples of Weaver's big spending pattern, saying that Weaver voted for a federal budget that was \$6.1 billion larger than requested by Pres. Carter; voted against the Holt amendment to the House budget resolution, which had a spending limitation in it; and voted for financial assistance for New York City.

Weaver countered by saying the Holt amendment contained tax cuts that benefited the wealthy and would have increased this year's budget deficit to \$100 billion.

Weaver said baseline utility rates — where each consumer gets a certain allotment of cheap power, with all power used above the allotment priced at a more expensive rate to encourage conservation — should be the most important item in both the Northwest and national energy bills. He said that baseline rates will give the consumer a strong incentive to conserve.

Weaver vowed to fight any bill that doesn't include the use of wood wastes and slash for the production of energy.

Lausmann said he doesn't favor subsidy of home insulation because high costs of home insulation makes cost savings minimal.

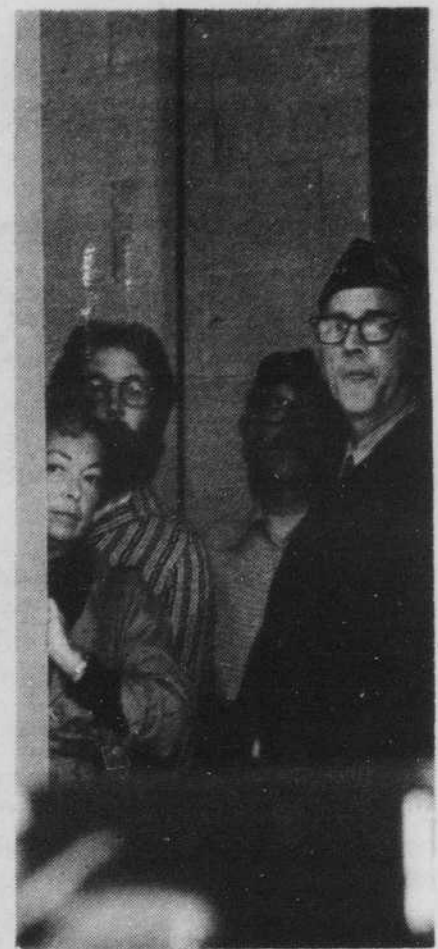
He also said he doesn't feel that wood slash can be used economically at this time, but should be used in the future when it's more cost-effective.

Lausmann and Weaver differed on the subject of timber exports. Lausmann said he sees the argument that the export of privately-owned logs is costing jobs as invalid. Weaver said he sees no difference between the privately and publically owned logs, saying that a log exported is a log lost to our economy.

The candidates were asked their stands on several state ballot measures. Weaver says he may



Onlookers packed themselves into the EMU's Dad's Room Monday to observe U.S. Rep. Jim Weaver and Republican challenger Jerry Lausmann debate campaign issues. The candidates answered questions posed by a panel of newsmen during the one hour ASUO-sponsored event.



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back Measure 11 because it gives relief to homeowners and renters and provides for a spending limitation. Lausmann supports Measure 6, saying 11 has no ceilings for property valuation or the state income tax.

Weaver opposes Measure 7, which would prohibit state funding of abortions; opposes Measure 8 which would bring back the death penalty; and supports 9, which would prohibit utilities from using ratepayers' monies in the financing of thermal power plants.

Lausmann supports Measure 7, saying he opposes abortions unless they are needed to save the mother's health; supports 8 because he believes the death penalty would be a good deterrent to serious crime.

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