

state representative races

District 40: Chalmers vs. Frohnmayer

District 40 challenger Don Chalmers is openly against nuclear power and supports the public power and construction work in progress (CWIP) initiatives.

"There are some issues you just can't be moderate on," Democrat Chalmers says, "there should be a moratorium on nukes" until they are proven safe. That's not an alarmist position, that's a conservative position."

On Measure 8, he believes it's not appropriate for society to kill other people. The poor are usually the ones executed and there's not any feeling (on his part) that it deters violent crime."

Chalmers opposes Measure 7, which would prohibit the use of state money for abortions, saying: "Though I wouldn't recommend it (abortion), people should have the right to choose."

On Measure 10, which would abolish the Land Conservation and Development Commission land-use planning goals and require the legislature to rewrite them in 60 days, Chalmers feels

"the legislature engaging in (land-use) goalmaking, being the political animal it is, is foolhardy."

Chalmers feels passage of the measure would seriously endanger Oregon's dwindling agricultural lands and the state's overall livability.

Chalmers attacked District 40 incumbent Dave Frohnmayer's performance saying "people should be screaming over Dave's voting record."

He said Frohnmayer has consistently voted against bills the incumbent has called good ideas, but poorly drafted or unconstitutional.

He said cutting back higher education is "short-sighted," elimination of duplicate services such as those developing at Portland State University would be preferable to cutting back on existing programs.

He feels Measure 11 will better serve students because it imposes a state tax limitation, legislative spending limit and provisions for bond sales.



Don Chalmers



Dave Frohnmayer

Rep. Dave Frohnmayer says he is snowed under by speech requests on the question of "Measure 6 or 11?"

"No one will let me talk about anything else," he says. Frohnmayer, a University law professor, favors Measure 11, the Legislature's proposal to cut property taxes 50 percent, over Measure 6, which would reduce property taxes to 1.5 percent of the 1975 value.

"Eleven we can live with as a state," he says, adding the Legislature will have to examine carefully where and how cuts can be made in government spending if Measure 11 passes.

"We must work on improving government accountability," he says. Frohnmayer is a strong proponent of higher education and opposes any across-the-board cuts in the state system budget.

Frohnmayer stresses a preventative approach to social services, saying that the govern-

ment must start more programs like Project Independence — which provides services to the elderly in their homes.

Conservation as the key to his Northwest energy philosophy. "I'm rated in the top 10 percent on environmental issues." He adds that he would like to change the energy picture for the future and will continue to endorse alternative methods of transportation, and conservation programs.

Frohnmayer is also concerned with streamlining the legislative process. He cites internal reforms; limiting the number of bills introduced in one session; sharing power in the Legislature; and enforced deadlines for processed bills as ways to speed up a bill's progress through the Legislature.

He is opposed to Measure 7, which will prohibit state funding for abortion. "I am adamantly opposed to it. It is totally unacceptable."

District 41 Mary Burrows: Republican

Rep. Mary Burrows sees the upcoming legislative session as "the starting of a whole new era" and wants to be there to take part in it.

Burrows, who has served in the state House representing District 41 since 1972, says that if Measure 11 passes the Legislature will have to adopt some "tight, tough management procedures" to cut into government waste.

She adds that if Measure 6 — the California-cloned measure limiting property taxes to 1.5 percent their 1975 assessed values — passes "it will be a disaster." Burrows supports Measure 11.

Burrows says that higher education will be one area scrutinized for cuts. She will not support any budget cuts in the education budget: "I won't sup-

port it. They've already been cut enough." Burrows recently received an award from the ASUO for her "100 percent voting record on student issues."

Burrows views her job in the Legislature as an "ombudsman" adding that she serves as a link between her constituents and government.

Burrows does not let the fact she's a Republican stand in her way of voting as she chooses.

"Once partisanship gets in the way the issues get more complex," she smiles, then returns to being serious. "I have an allegiance to my own sense of integrity. I get along with both parties."

Burrows says that conservation of energy is something that "hasn't even begun in Oregon." She points to resource recovery, separating refuse, mandating

weatherization of homes as some parts of conservation not being fully utilized.

Responding to a charge from her opponent Tom Fagan that she lacks "leadership and innovation," Burrows defends herself by saying, "There are many different kinds of leaders. There are too many primadonnas in the Legislature... To me, a leader is someone who has the courage to stick with their convictions. That is crucial."

On other issues Burrows is against Ballot Measure 8 saying the death penalty is "a barbaric custom for barbaric societies." She doesn't support Measure 7 — which would prohibit the funding for abortions, and is against Measure 10 which would abolish the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

Tom Fagan: Democrat

In an election marked by a thrust of support for Republican candidates against their Democratic opponents, Tom Fagan is a candidate that faces twice as many hurdles.

Fagan, 31, a Eugene lawyer trying to unseat State Rep. Mary Burrows for the 41 District seat, narrowly missed support from the Lane County Young Democrats in a meeting last month.

Fagan fell a few votes short of that organization's endorsement when the Young Democrats endorsed his Republican opponent.

Members of that group criticized Fagan for his poor performance during endorsement interviews with them in October. Fagan, however, thinks Burrows' performance as a state legislator is poor.

Although he admits Burrows

is a "nice lady," Fagan says her leadership role in Oregon's House of Representatives has been poorly portrayed.

Fagan, who has not held a public office, says during his first term of office, he would provide some sort of leadership through tax relief programs and state corrections department revisions.

As a lawyer, Fagan has experience with the Oregon criminal justice system and he would like to change some policies to make it possible for more community corrections facilities around the state.

The idea of community corrections facilities, such as work release centers and better local jails, has been endorsed by Gov. Bob Straub. Fagan says those facilities would make it possible

to deal with convicted criminals on a local level, rather than sending them to overcrowded penal institutions.

On taxes, Fagan criticized Ballot Measures 6 and 11 and promised a major effort for tax reform in the next legislative session.

That reform should include some form of reduced government spending, Fagan says. Any reduction should begin in the programs filled with the most waste, which could include the budget for higher education, he explains.

Although Fagan has supported Measure 11, which would reduce state property taxes by 50 percent for homeowners and would give larger refunds to state renters, it doesn't go far enough to cut state spending.

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