

Tax plan tug-of-war goes to voters

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Salem — Looks like any tax-relief confrontation between Gov. Vic Atiyeh and the Legislature will simmer until next year's May primary. In remarks before the House Republican Caucus, the governor said there are many parts of the legislative package that he can't support, but he'll let them become law without his signature.

Wednesday, Senate Pres. Jason Boe, D-Reedsport, in effect said it doesn't much matter what the governor thinks. Boe expressed "disappointment" with Atiyeh's reaction, but predicted executive opposition to the program won't hinder approval by the voters.

Ostensibly, the governor is dissatisfied with the controls the Legislature places on local taxes. More likely, Atiyeh doesn't agree with where the House-Senate conference committee elected to send the bucks.

Atiyeh defined his constituency early when he proposed



Graphic by Tom Ettel

a 1.5 percent tax limitation — the cleaned-up Measure 6 he promised during the 1976 campaign. The plan favors the wealthy urban landowner, ignoring the poor, the transient, and the aged.

Atiyeh's proposal for dealing with the surplus embodied the same principles: send the money back to those who paid it. According to Atiyeh, it was time to end social engineering.

After a respectful look-see by the House Revenue Committee,

the executive's plan was filed away and a proposal aimed at those lower on the income scale was substituted.

The action angered Atiyeh.

"Those who benefit most from the House plan are the very citizens who are now receiving most of the benefits from government. The hard-working, productive citizens of the state are again left out in the cold."

Atiyeh didn't define "hard working and productive," but

his view wasn't shared by majority leader Rep. Grattan Kerans, D-Eugene, who represents a blue-collar part of town. "For the first time in the history of the state," said Kerans in floor debate, "we are saying that those at the lower end of the income scale will pay a lower percentage of their income in property taxes than those higher on the scale."

Next, it was the Senate's turn. Boe thinks current programs do a good job of meeting the

needs of the poor, and the upper body included assessment limits and income tax help aimed at a richer audience than the House plan.

At this point, Atiyeh submitted a revised proposal: channel the entire surplus into income-tax relief. Had that suggestion been accepted, those on fixed and low incomes would have missed out.

As the package emerged from the conference committee, the price has risen to \$705 million. The plan ended up serving those slightly below what the Senate was aiming for, and quite a bit above what the House shot for, but the leaders of both chambers seemed happy with the compromise.

If the Governor backs an initiative effort counter to the legislative plan, an issue sure to be discussed is concern over control of local budgets. The governor argues that a limitation — like the 1.5 percent ceiling both he and Measure 6 proposed — is required to restrain local spending.

Legislators answer that if localities want to increase their taxes — to whatever level — they should have an opportunity.

Bill would lower penalty for growing pot

SALEM — That zany bunch of senators is at it again. The same group that brought you "marijuana for medicine" is now considering a change in the state's drug laws that would decriminalize cultivation of small amounts of pot for personal use.

Such a change would make the state Senate the second public body in America to reduce the penalty for cultivation from a misdemeanor to a violation, according to NORML representative Ron Friedland. The only other body

to do so, he says, was the Oregon Senate last session.

Last week, the Senate approved HB 2267, which authorized physicians to supply marijuana to cancer and glaucoma victims. The latest pot provision is a minor change in a series of revisions to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, patterned after a federal law and passed by the 1977 Legislature.

The act codified Oregon's drug laws and allowed fines and penalties for pos-

session, sale and cultivation for various substances to be set administratively by the Committee on Controlled Substances.

The revisions to the act are embodied in SB 906, sponsored by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sen. Stephen Kafoury, D-Portland, a member of the committee, introduced the 1973 measure that decriminalized possession of less than an ounce of marijuana. He says it's likely SB 906 will

pass.

Kafoury adds that all "Schedule 5" drugs — those deemed by the Committee on Controlled Substances to have a "very low hazard potential" — will be reduced from Class C felonies or misdemeanors to violations. Marijuana will probably receive that classification.

Even if the bill passes, however, the controlled substances committee won't make its decisions until September, leaving agrarians hoping the changes will come just in time for harvest.

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MS. THURMAN, have a cream puff of a day! **TRUE** 6-1

JEWEL, **CAROLINE**, **DOREEN**, **AMY**, **TRISH**, **JODY**:

What sirens and champagne
Strawberries and donuts
What a breakfast!
We sure got no rest
Cause we know—
Our courtmembers are the best! 6-1

DEBBIE MELLOW: I hope that your time in Alaska is exciting and profitable! Thanks for the elegant times this year and the Monster Cookies. Have a great Summer! Love, **MARK** 6-1

CHI O's KAREN, KATHY, SUS: The Best Way to a man's heart is through his stomach. But you didn't have to make that lovely dinner to prove that! We think you're the greatest! With our deepest gratitude, **FIJIS** 6-1

TESSIE—Although your personal was really complete, we have a few additions that you failed to meet. "Car wash with telephone book in hand," "Mint big wheels worn on leg," "Breaking & Entering," "Kismet & freshly cut toenails," and "wet hand drawn dogwoods" made our weekend the best! But always remember that you can put butter, creamcheese, peanut butter, or even toast those bagels! Bless you Child, **BESSIE & KETHIE** 6-1

GAIL, LAURIE, REBBECCA, MARY, ALYSA, NICKI, JEAN, JACKIE, DONNA, SHIRLEY, CHARLIE, MAUREEN, and the rest of 2nd Floor Henderson. It's been a great year! Good luck on finals, and have a super summer. Love, **HERO** 6-1

GIN GIN: Just wanted to say thanks for the heart to heart talks, making the bad things fun, coming when I need you and for being the best of everything to me. **LISA** 6-1

TO KLAMATH FALLS AND YREKA: Good luck this coming week, and hope your summers are filled with sunshine and smiles! The **LULU FOOFEN TWINS** 6-1

MARY CARR:
Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
Forget that junk
and call me up!
John from Astoria

ROSA GONZALEZ:

Eres la persona mas a dorable que he conocido en mi vida. Te amo con todo el corazon, **TIM** 6-1

A prosy remembrance to **EUGENE VET WEEK**, as a Vet of tet. 69. I'm glad I didn't have to give my life for the old ERB and I'm only sorry men in my Platoon did Khe Sauh. 2nd Marnes 67' Mot 6-1

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Congratulations **MARGARET**! You did it! Good luck and wishing you happiness, Love, **KATHY** 6-1

"S":
The Drift was a blast
And the memories will last,
But the ending I fear
Of this 1/6 of a year—
Summer's coming too fast!
Love ya, "A"
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I know I really blew it
From the very, very start
But I just had to tell ya
That you really stole my heart
I haven't met a girl all year
That makes me feel the way you do
The best times that I had all year
Were the few times I spent with you
So now we'll go our separate ways
As school draws to an end
But I know I'm gonna miss ya bad
Cause you're such a very special friend.
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