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Weaver confirms re-election plans

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Jim Weaver will run for re-election. At the end of a speech attacking Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., for being a "special interest" politician, Weaver announced to the more than 500 supporters who turned out at the Eugene Hotel Tuesday evening that he would seek re-election to the House.

"I have gone long and deep into myself because Bob Packwood must be defeated," Weaver said.

Politicians such as Packwood stymie solutions to our problems, he said.

"Politicians seem to be drawn to special interests for their own security. In my colleagues I see this and I weep for them.

"Yet I want to remain a prudent politician. And I am as prudent as my politics will allow," he said.

"We need all that political strength back in Congress and we'd better keep it."

Americans are uneasy with a political system which is not responding — a system still owned and operated by the special interests that got us into this mess in the first place, Weaver said.

"For that reason, Bob Packwood, who stands for that special interest and is owned by them, must be defeated."

Packwood subscribes to "status-quo" politics of reading the polls and saying the right things but then selling out, Weaver said.

"In July he favored coal and nuclear power as our public saviors ... in August, conservation and renewables were the answer."

Packwood can say what he wants while he's here but he "winks at utilities and they know what he'll do back in Washington

because it's bought and in their pockets," he added.

Turning to state Sen. Ted Kulongoski, D-Junction City, Weaver said, "I loved your phrase, Ted. 'After two terms of Packwood in office, it's Packwood-12, the people-0.'"

His positions (chairer of the Forests Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee and ranking majority member of the House Interior Committee's Water and Power Resources Subcommittee) are too useful to forfeit, he said.

Again turning to Kulongoski, he said, "I look to a young, vigorous challenger to unseat Packwood. It can and will be done.

"I will stay in the House and seek re-election to the fourth district."

It's been a "long, hard struggle to win this congressional seat. We must keep it. We have a challenge and we must meet that challenge."

We must meet the challenge of rip-offs in Congress, he said.

Kulongoski has been expected to announce that he will run against Packwood if Weaver did not. Before Weaver's speech, Kulongoski said he may announce his political plans later this week.

Weaver said he made his decision for several reasons.

Most important, he said, were the hundreds of people who contacted him in August and urged him to seek re-election.

Also, "I am personally happier running for re-election."

And third, "I am not willing to do what Bob Packwood has done to raise funds. I will not go to special interests for money."

Weaver is seeking his fourth term in the House.



Photo by Steve Dykes

Congressman Jim Weaver beams at a crowd of supporters who turned out to see him announce his candidacy for re-election Tuesday night at the Eugene Hotel.

County returns decriminalization petitions

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Petitions filed last week to place a measure on the May 1980 ballot for decriminalizing cultivation of marijuana for personal use were returned to their collectors Monday marked "void."

People Effectively Appealing for Cannabis Equality turned in 8,135 signatures to the county last week supporting a ballot measure that would, if passed, instruct Lane County commissioners to deny funds for search, seizure, surveillance and prosecution of people cultivating marijuana for personal use.

Don Penfold, county administrative services director, returned those petitions to PEACE Monday saying the organization had failed to follow the law when they turned in the petitions.

He cited sections of the Oregon Legislative Assembly and the Oregon Constitution that require a full text (explanation) of the measure be attached to each petition when it is submitted.

All petitions filed were submitted without the text.

Petitions for the measure carry at the top the ten-word ballot title "Shall enforcement of marijuana laws against personal use/cultivation be reduced?"

Lewis Ward, a University student and a member of

PEACE, said his organization did not violate state laws in filing the petitions.

Ward said his organization followed guidelines for petitioners published by the secretary of state requiring each sheet of signatures to be attached to a verification sheet signed by the petition circulator.

Nowhere in the secretary of state's manual did it say a full text should be attached to each sheet, Ward said.

A 1979 Oregon Legislative Assembly law says, "Each sheet of signatures shall be attached to a full and correct copy of the measure to be initiated or referred."

Penfold said he has previously voided petitions for the same reason but not a petition carrying such a large number of signatures.

Penfold said he is not being "arbitrary or capricious" but that he has sworn under oath to uphold the law.

He said he considered the inconvenience and expense resulting from his action before he made his decision.

PEACE can either take the issue to circuit court or file a new petition, he said.

Ward said his organization was prepared to do both.

PEACE is waiting for information from its lawyers, he said, but in the meantime, they will continue to

collect signatures.

They have a January deadline for turning in the 5,614 signatures needed to place the measure on the ballot.

Not all petitions require the full text cover sheet. Recall petitions contain a 200-word explanation on each cover sheet.

City police capture local rape suspect

Eugene police arrested a Springfield man early Tuesday morning in connection with the Sept. 25 rape of a University student.

Henry Jacob Parker, 20, has been charged with sexually assaulting an 18-year-old woman on the bike path near the Eugene Water and Electric Board's steam plant.

Police said Parker was arrested at 3 a.m. Tuesday and was arraigned that morning on charges of rape, sodomy and robbery. A preliminary hearing on the case will be held Oct. 9.

A citizen tip helped lead to the arrest, according to Gloria Timmons of the Eugene police department.

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This week's sports supplement spotlights Alberto Salazar and Rudy Chapa, two of the most popular athletes at the University. They talk about their plans for the future, their goals in this Olympic year and why they feel Oregon is the best place to run cross country. **See Pages 4-5B.**

Dean DeHeer, staff psychologist for Lane County Adult Corrections, says a jail guard's role has changed dramatically over the last few years. Along with the new roles have come increased stress and isolation for corrections officials involved, and he's there to help. **See Page 8A.**

Neckties have been the subject of speculation recently as to their psychological significance. Gerald Andersen, director of the Neckwear Association of America, believes they reveal personal character; some others say they wear neckties just from habit. **See Page 7A.**