

# Lawmakers move toward ratifying D.C. amendment

SALEM — The House took one small step Tuesday toward ratifying an amendment to the federal constitution giving the District of Columbia one representative and two senators in Congress.

The Oregon Senate approved the plan in February, but the state House repeatedly has balked. As the legislation emerged from House committee, it called for an advisory vote of the people as to the wisdom of supporting congressional representation for the nation's capitol.

Tuesday, though, the full body narrowly voted to change that. The House committed itself

to voting on the actual plan today.

Supporters of that alteration argued that the plan to send the issue to the people represented an effort by the House to duck a sticky issue.

"Sending this out for a vote of the people is a simple way to avoid the responsibility of making a relatively simple decision — whether or not people in Washington D.C. should be represented in the federal legislature," said Rep. Tom Mason, D-Portland.

"If you don't think the people in D.C. should be represented, say so. But don't send this out to a vote of the people. That's not

what we're here for."

As with any federal amendment, the district voting rights measure has to be approved by three-fourths of the states, meaning that 29 more will have to ratify it before the 1985 deadline.

While residents of Washington D.C. may be the last Americans to get federal representation, Oregonians might be the first to experience a new kind of cigarette. Under a bill approved by the Senate Monday, any cigarette or small cigar sold in Oregon would have to self-extinguish.

Currently, cigarettes keep on burning even when they're not being smoked, some for as long as 20 minutes. And Sen. Charles Hanlon, D-Cornelius, told the body that slow-burning smokes have a tendency to be deadly.

"Cigarettes are the leading cause of home fires that result in death," Hanlon said.

## KWAX to air budget talks

The proposed state higher education budget will be the subject of a panel discussion broadcasted live by the University's radio station, KWAX, at 7:30 p.m. today.

Panelists are expected to review the meaning of proposed state general fund budget cuts for the University and the Eugene area, according to station public affairs director Marcia Guckes.

Listeners will be given the opportunity to call in their questions and comments during the broadcast scheduled to last about one hour. Guckes said the call-in telephone number

will be announced at the beginning of the broadcast.

Panelists will include Richard Hill, University provost and academic affairs vice president; Katherine Eaton, government research and service bureau head librarian, representing University faculty members; Rebecca Bragg, University library administrative assistant and Oregon Public Employees Union local president, representing staff members; and Rich Wilkins, ASUO student body president. Guckes will moderate the discussion.

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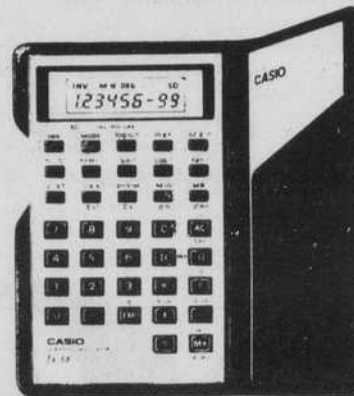
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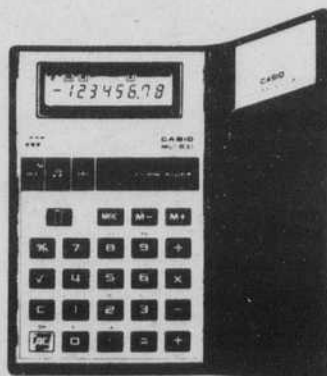


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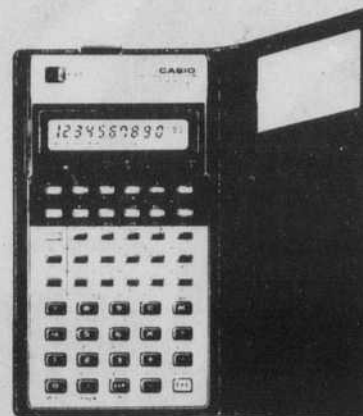


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