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Chancellor criticized Legislators denounce 'hit list'

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The chancellor's list of "expendable" programs released last week didn't take long to reach the special session in Salem, causing some legislators to speculate on the timing.

Local legislators contacted over the week-end denounced the list and its contents, calling it "overkill" and a "death wish list."

"It sounds more like a shock technique than reality," said Sen. Ed Fadeley, D-Eugene Springfield.

"Most legislators know that it's a lot more than the economic times justify," he said.

The Legislature asked the State Board of Higher Education to prepare a list itemizing what would have to be cut to roll back the \$49 tuition surcharge imposed this term. The board estimates the lost tuition revenue will cost the state system \$6 million.

Rep. Grattan Kerans, R-Eugene, called the list "rather amazing."

"I would say it's the ultimate in showdown politics," Kerans said.

Sen. Ted Kulongoski, D-Junction City, called it "more politics than good government of the state system of higher education."

"I find it very strange that the

chancellor's office would do this without consulting Paul Olum, the dean of the law school, or any other deans," Kulongoski said.

The list is "a pretty good example of overkill," Fadeley said. He called the possibility of closing the University law school "preposterous."

The law school is one of 10 University areas listed for "reduction or elimination." Other programs on the list include virtually all of the community services and public affairs school, the marine biology institute, a reduction in business administration enrollment and graduate degrees in counseling psychology.

Fadeley said the directions Chancellor Roy Lieuallen gave the State Board of Higher Education two weeks ago were "based on erroneous assumptions" over the depth of cuts.

The majority of the cuts the list deals with are based on the impact of rolling back the tuition surcharge, but those are not actual cuts, Fadeley said.

The Legislature has not yet told the board to drop the surcharge, and the institutions might not lose much tuition revenue even if the surcharge is dropped, because it might enable more students to come to school, he said.

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Allies say pres. plan in trouble

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's congressional allies are doubtful that his 1983 spending plan — with its massive deficits and additional cuts in domestic programs — will survive an election-year session of Congress.

Democratic opponents, meanwhile, simply are dismissing the \$757.6 billion budget and its projected deficit of \$91.5 billion as unworkable.

But top administration officials argued Sunday that there is little room for change in the president's proposals without damaging the economy.

Presidential counselor Edwin Meese III also tried to play down Republican discomfort over the budget, which formally will be submitted to Congress on Monday. He indicated Reagan will appeal to the nation to generate Congressional support.

"The president still has strong support in the country," Meese said. "People still like his programs. ... I would never underestimate the ability of this president to mobilize the American people behind his policies."

For the moment, however, there is little outright support of the budget on Capitol Hill.

"I don't believe anybody realistically believes that we're going to accomplish everything the president suggests," said Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., chair of the Senate Finance Committee.

Republicans used their majority strength to enact Reagan's proposals intact in the Senate last year, then attracted enough conservatives from the Democratic majority in the House to prevail there as well.

Several congressional sources now are predicting that Republicans would spend the next several weeks debating whether to simply abandon Reagan's recommendations and develop an alternative of their own.

Sen. Ted Stevens, D-Alaska, expressed the feelings of a number of his colleagues. "I was just sort of in a state of shock as I listened" to a briefing on the president's budget on Friday, he said.

Although he said his tax-writing committee would not "present a package in opposition to the president's package," Dole noted that "we may have some ideas of our own when it comes to revenue increases and may have ideas of our own when it comes to spending reductions."

Sen. Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich., said, "The (president's) economic plan isn't working, we do need a mid-course correction and the deficits need to come down. ... We've got to get people back to work. If these unemployment numbers keep rising, nothing positive is going to happen."

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Atiyeh's budget cuts draw fire

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A letter from the Chamber of Commerce read, "no new taxes."

The next day Rep. Margie Hendricksen, D-Eugene, opened another letter from the Chamber of Commerce urging her to "save the University."

Hendricksen told this story to about 40 constituents Sunday at Eugene's Harris Hall as an example of the "very difficult situation" legislators face. Hendricksen voiced frustration over the "philosophical split" at the special session, she also criticized Gov. Vic Atiyeh's approach to budget problems and explained her tax reform proposal.

"It's a real dilemma up there," she said. The Republicans are holding firm — "like a fist." But many legislators "just want to get out of there" and because of that it's "very difficult to hold people to responsible decision-making."

The Democratic leadership was unwise in agreeing to 5 percent cuts in state agency budgets, Hendricksen said. It was a "fundamentally wrong premise" to accept any more



Photo by Mark Pynes

Rep. Margie Hendricksen, D-Eugene, points out what she sees as the flaws in Gov. Vic Atiyeh's approach.

cuts in a budget where "there is no fat."

Democrats would be in a better position now if they would of begun with a no cut proposal, rather than attempt to hold their position at 5 percent now, said Hendricksen.

Conservative Democrats have been unwilling to support plans of the majority of the Democratic caucus, Hendricksen said, so any break in the deadlock will probably come from moderate Republicans.

The governor's approach to the state's budgetary crisis is "totally irresponsible" and would, for example, lead to financial exigency at state universities and colleges, she said.

She lashed out at Atiyeh's "so-called" Economic Recovery Plan. The governor's plan calls for state agencies to hire workers who would help businesses deal with state regulations. Normally this is done by lawyers, accountants and architects in

off the tuition increase," Fadeley said. "I think they're in error about that."

Fadeley also criticized the list as "obscuring the good news and turning it into a debate over the bad news."

The amount the Legislature proposes to cut from higher education's budget is 35 percent of the cut proposed by Gov. Vic Atiyeh, he said.

"They're not winning legislative friends trying to blame all their ills on the Legislature," he said.

the private sector, Hendricksen said.

"Business is being subsidized at the same time that money is taken away from those who need it the most."

Hendricksen is sponsoring a tax reform proposal slated for hearings before the Joint Revenue Committee.

"Taxes are a critical part of whether the state will survive under the onslaught of Reaganomics," she said. Her plan — "slurping up the trickle down" — is designed to recapture some of the \$1.1 billion that will be freed up in Oregon after July 1982, when federal tax cuts take effect.

Single tax returns for people with incomes below \$11,000 (67 percent of Oregon taxpayers) would incur a lower tax rate in Hendricksen's plan, while those with incomes above that level would pay at a higher rate. The borderline for joint tax returns would be \$24,000. Tax rates would range from 3 to 15 percent.

Considering the federal tax cuts, she said, her tax tables would still leave everyone ahead — and bring about \$140 million in additional revenue to the state.