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Atiyeh wins — again

From Associated Press and Emerald reports



The polls had been closed for only 20 minutes when Gov. Vic Atiyeh came smiling into his campaign headquarters at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Portland.

"I've been around these things long enough to know it looks pretty darned good," he told cheering supporters.

Within an hour, Atiyeh's challenger, Democratic State Sen. Ted Kulongoski, had conceded victory and said it was time to put aside the harsh comments made during the campaign.

"There is good and bad in a race like this," Kulongoski said. "The good is that it gives people a choice. The bad is that it does tend to polarize the citizenry. I think it's time to pull the people of the state back together to attempt to solve the tremendous problems that we have."

But even if Kulongoski's attitude was one of reconciliation, the



Ted Kulongoski

atmosphere at his Eugene headquarters at the Hilton Hotel was one of dismay and disappointment.

Kelly Buntjer, coordinator of the University's Students for Kulongoski organization, said that while she was surprised at the state-wide margin of defeat, the real "gut wrencher" was Kulongoski's loss in Lane County, his home county.

By 10 p.m. Tuesday, Atiyeh was leading Kulongoski 32,110 votes to 29,242 in Lane County.

State wide, the midnight tally was 204,634 votes for Atiyeh, 119,733 for Kulongoski.

"I'm dismayed, confused, bewildered," Buntjer said bitterly.

Kulongoski, who lost his second state-wide campaign in two years, was asked about his own political future. His state Senate seat expires this year.

"I never am going to make a decision like that in a very rash time," he said, "but I think the people have spoken very well."

Atiyeh said his main campaign objective was to let the people know his administration had made some major accomplishments in its first four years in office.

"I'm pretty quiet about all the things that have happened," the governor said. "It took several months for us really to get the message out of all the things that really had happened in Oregon. I like to believe they heard that and liked it."

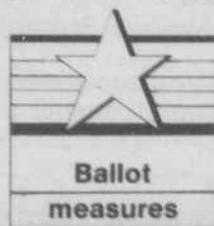
Kulongoski said he hopes Atiyeh "immediately attempts to pull together the different coalitions of the state — labor, the environmentalists, human resources people, higher education — trying to get them together to work on the different agendas to try to find a fiscal foundation for the state."

Asked what he would do now, Kulongoski said he had three priorities.

"I'm going to go running in the morning, then I'm going to go to Mass, and I want to go hunting sometime."

State land use planning, tax limit ballots defeated

By Phil Lemman
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Oregon voters expressed faith in their state and local governments Tuesday, rejecting measures eliminating state supervision of land use planning and imposing a 1½ percent property tax limit which would have cut local governments' revenue by one-third.

Based on late figures with 62 percent of Oregon precincts reporting, both Ballot Measure 3, the property tax limitation measure, and Ballot Measure 6, which would have abolished the state Land Conservation and Development Commission, were defeated by slim margins.

Despite somewhat lower support than was shown on pre-election polls, Oregon's nuclear freeze initiative passed, with 60 percent of Oregon voters sup-

porting the measure. Voters in seven other states approved similar measures, with Arizona the only state not approving its nuclear freeze ballot measure.

Oregonians showed their independent streak and refused to follow 48 other states in allowing self-service gasoline, with a 56 percent no vote. More than 75 percent of Oregon voters said new construction should not be added on to property tax rolls and 60 percent refused to increase the 20-day time limit the governor has to veto bills after a legislative session, as proposed by other ballot measures.

A Lane County mobile home rent control measure was also defeated. With 71 percent of local precincts reporting, 52 percent of area voters disapproved of the rent limit. Ballot Measure 7 would have rolled back mobile home space rental to September, 1980, levels and limited annual rent increases.

Despite the continuing recession, Oregon voters didn't vote according to their pocketbooks. Ballot Measure 3

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Weaver sails into office on surprisingly easy win

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The campaign was a little rough but Tuesday's election turned out to be smooth sailing for 4th District Congressman Jim Weaver.

Democrat Weaver beat his Republican opponent, Ross Anthony, by almost 60 percent — 54,294 votes to 36,492, with 57 percent of the precincts counted.

Weaver, 55, won in all but one of the eight counties that fall at least partially in his district. The only exception was Josephine County.

The four-term incumbent, whose congressional record formed the core of both candidates' campaigns, said Tuesday night he was pleasantly surprised by the size of his win.

"I hoped for it, but I didn't expect it," he said.

Assured of his fifth consecutive term, Weaver was enthusiastic about serving his 4th District constituents.

"I'm going to be more effective in this term of Congress than I've ever been before," he said. "This will be an important session and one we'll have our hands full on."

Anthony, a 36-year-old University economics professor entering his first political race, said he felt the campaign was a good one.

He said he didn't know what swayed the voters but said that "certainly the fact I'm challenging an eight-year incumbent was a major factor."

For Weaver, the election was a comfortable victory after an uncomfortable campaign.

In the closing months of the campaign, Anthony criticized Weaver for refusing to debate. Weaver refused to debate unless Anthony apologized for comments made about the congressman's record.



Jim Weaver

"I think voters were able to see through the negative campaign," Weaver said.

But Anthony said he felt some of his ideas didn't get an adequate forum because Weaver wouldn't agree to a debate.

Weaver, who has been outspoken in his support of environmental issues and opposition to nuclear weapons, said he thought those issues helped make the difference.

His involvement in the Washington Public Power Supply System lawsuits also may have attracted some votes. "I would have to guess that it had its effect — but you just never know," Weaver said.

Undaunted by defeat, Anthony said he'll decide "after the first of the year" whether he will seek office again. "Certainly I'd have a tremendous leg up," he said.

Meanwhile, the assistant professor said he'll soon resume his former position.

"I'm going back to teaching, and I'll probably be a better teacher," he said.