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Oregon still Coors beer dry

Senate stalls measure permitting sales

By Brooks Dareff
Of the Emerald

The Adolph Coors Co. appears to have wasted the money it spent earlier this month flooding all of Oregon's daily newspapers with advertisements, which extolled the purity of its beer, and denouncing the deprivation Oregon beer drinkers are suffering at the hands of state legislators.

Oregon is, and will remain, the only western state where Coors beer is not sold.

Last Tuesday, the Senate voted 20-8 to refer to the Business and Affairs Committee a measure that would have enabled the Colorado brewery to distribute its beer in Oregon. The Senate action means the measure will either die in committee or emerge in some new guise further up the road.

Oregon AFL-CIO President Irv Fletcher believes that Coors' efforts of the last several months culminated in just one battle in a war they are waging against opponents. He says Coors knew they would lose, but that they wanted to fleece out their adversaries. "They'll punish those people who voted against them," Fletcher says.

If it had passed, the measure would have reversed an Oregon statute requiring all packaged malt beverages to be pasteurized. Coors uses a filtration process.

What lobbyists and legislators could not stomach, however, according to Sen. Mike Thorn (D-Baker), who is the measure's spokesperson, was the company's alleged anti-labor practices and right-wing political activities.

Because public health officials decided

not to become involved in the issue — reportedly because they are more concerned with the pitfalls of alcoholism than with the merits of Coors' filtration process, says State Health Division spokesperson Donna Clark — evidence regarding Coors' health dangers was limited, as was debate on the Senate floor.

Thorn responded to an accusation that asbestos was used in the filtration process with assurances that the hazardous substance hadn't been used since 1977.

Evidence presented against the filtration process showed that Coors had a higher bacteria count than beer currently distributed in Oregon, according to Sen. Margie Hendriksen (D-Eugene).

Hendriksen denied that the bill's opponents were politically motivated, but said later that since Thorn elected to raise the political issue, she decided to counter by citing Coors anti-woman and anti-labor practices.

These alleged practices have prompted a nationwide boycott headed by former Coors employee David Sickler. Among groups participating in the boycott is Earth First!, an environmental group organizing a logging road blockade in Southern Oregon's Siuslaw National Forest.

Fletcher says no environmental groups participated in the lobbying effort in Salem, probably because the measure had, he says, so little chance of passing.

Thorn admits that company founder Adolph Coors was anti-labor and involved in various right-wing causes, but claims the company has mended its ways and should not be

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