House chase sends politicians scrambling

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U.S. Rep. Jim Weaver's intention to bump Republican Sen. Bob Packwood from his Senate seat has sent Oregon's top politicians scrambling to fill Weaver's vacant congressional position. Three Democrats and two Republicans are playing this game of musical chairs, all vying to represent Oregon's 4th district, which includes the University area. The music will stop after the May 20 primary.

The democratic candidates are the first to admit their platforms sing very similiar tunes.

Peter DeFazio — After five years as an aide for Weaver in both Eugene and Washington D.C., the 38-year-old DeFazio tries to distance himself from his former boss while hoping to fill Weaver's shoes. Criticized by his opponents as being a Weaver clone, he argues that he is a team player, whereas Weaver is a "lone wolf." He has been chairman for the board of county commissioners for the past two years.

With a budget half the size of his democratic competitors, he has adopted the underdog position, calling his campaign "classic grassroots."

"Margie (Hendriksen) had a fundraiser in Washington where she raised \$10,000 and I had a garage sale that raised \$1,200." This follows suit with his record as a fiscal conservative while being a liberal on social issues.

DeFazio says the federal student loan system results in more dividends to banks than students by providing banks with zero-risk premiums. More National Direct Student Loans, which do not involve the banks, are necessary, he says. A 34-percent cutback in the education budget since 1980 indicates that "we have neglected the needs of our younger people."

A shift in the federal budget's priorities is essential, he said. "The public is not willing to fund a wartime economy during peacetime."

As a first step, he advocates boosting the amount of federal taxes large corporations are required to pay. "Congress is getting a backbone and won't allow \$700 toilet seats anymore."

Margie Hendriksen — As a state senator for the past four years, 42-year-old Hendriksen has been seen as one of Oregon's most ardent champions of women and labor rights. This support is now paying off in hefty campaign contributions and endorsements.



She relishes the reputation as a representative for normally unrepresented groups: "When we're talking poor people, we're talking women and children expected to shoulder the burden of the deficit that they didn't create."

As head of the education committee, she helped secure \$12 million of the lottery fund for higher education, worked for a tuition freeze and got faculty salary increases for the University. However, she did not receive the influential Oregon Education Association's endorsement because, according to Hendriksen, she opposed the sales tax.

She sees herself as a mediator between labor and environmentalists, helping to strike a balance for the protection of the wilderness without jeopardizing timber jobs. She is the only candidate who calls for legislated restrictions on Canadian timber imports that she says have glutted the market and ruined Oregon's economy.

Bill Bradbury — Elected as a state representative in 1981 and as a state senator in 1984, the 36-year-old Bandon resident has quickly advanced up the political ladder.

The amount of money available for student loans must be increased and the federal government has an obligation to provide financial aid. Bradbury says. However, protection of student aid is impossible without a healthy economy, he

He advocates Oregon promoting its key assets, namely the timber, fishing and tourist industries. He has received the endorsement from the League of Conservation Voters, an environmentalist group. "The federal forests aren't just there for the timber companies," he

His competitors have criticized his focus on local issues, a claim for which he makes no apologies. "I want to take care of our store at home." he says.

But he believes the federal government needs to take an 180-degree turn, and reduce the "bloated military budget." He said balancing the federal budget should be top priority to help reduce the overvalued dollar that has stifled our international trade.

He is spending \$60,000 on his campaign to familiarize Oregonians with his name, which up to now has been fairly unknown.

Mary Burrows — With 14 years of experience behind her as a state House representative, Burrows is launching her first attempt outside of the Oregon political realm. Burrows, 53, wishes to participate in the decision-making process surrounding the national revenue.

Burrows admits she is not the typical Republican. She advocates reduction of the military budget and acknowledges taxes may need to be raised in order to protect some human service programs that "have short-term costs and a long-term impact," such as youth job-training programs.

Higher education is one such program that deserves protection, she believes. "It's getting difficult for students to hold their own. It's the small independent colleges that are going to go under."

She believes environmentalists often are blamed for the plight of the timber industry, when the problem lies with the competition from Canada. However, Congress should not opt for placing quotas on Cana-

dian timber imports, but rather continue with negotiations.

These rather unorthodox views for a Republican may cost her votes in the primary, she says, but will garner cross-over votes from more conservative Democrats in the general election.

Bruce Long — While he resents being typecast as an unbending conservative, the 42-year-old Long admits his philosophy leans the farthest right of any of the candidates. The Douglas County commissioner also admits his and the

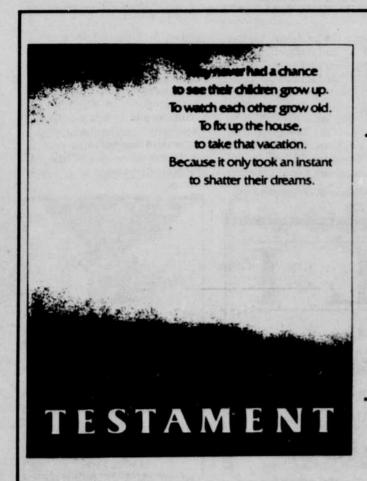
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