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Hosticka elected to replace Dix as state's House majority leader

SALEM (AP) — Oregon House Democrats elected Rep. Carl Hosticka as the new House majority leader Monday night to replace fellow Eugene Democrat David Dix.

Dix stepped down from the caucus post last week in the wake of continuing criticism over deficiencies in House Democrats' reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures.

The Democrats met behind closed doors for little over an hour Monday night before picking Hosticka, 45, as their new majority leader. They said he was chosen in balloting over Rep. Bruce Hugo of Scappoose.

Afterward, Hosticka told reporters he thinks House Democrats will be able to put their campaign finance reporting woes behind them and make a good showing in this year's elections.

"The Republican plan was to run against David Dix, and now they're going to have to run on their own merits," Hosticka said. "Now it's a non-issue."

Democrats currently control the House by a 32-28 margin.

Hosticka, a professor of public affairs at the University of Oregon, is running for a fifth term in the House. He served as chairman of the tax-writing House Revenue Committee in the 1987 and 1989 legislative sessions.

House Democrats will meet after the November general election to pick a majority leader for the 1991 legislative session, and Hosticka indicated he likely would seek the post again at that time.

Although Dix stepped down as majority leader, he announced last week that he would seek re-election to the Legislature.

Dix had been under fire for months because of problems in caucus reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures.

Secretary of State Barbara Roberts ordered a special audit of those deficiencies and later imposed \$65,000 in fines against three Democratic organizations. Dix was held personally liable for \$23,872 of one of the fines.



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