# Worker compensation bills easily pass legislature

SALEM (AP) - The Oregon Legislature easily passed two workers' compensation reform bills Monday in a special session that lasted about 10 and a half hours.

The main bill scooted through the chambers with more affirmative votes than even backers had predicted. The tallies were 54-6 in the House and 23-7 in the Senate.

The outcome was a major victory for outgoing Democratic Gov. Neil Gold-

The measure was a modified version of one drafted by a labor-management

task force appointed by the governor. The panel began meeting in January about a month before Goldschmidt announced he wouldn't run for a second

The bill had strong bipartisan support from the beginning. In the end, every Republican lawmaker voted for it, along with 38 of the 51 Democrats.

Senate President John Kitzhaber, D-Roseburg, said the bill makes the "most sweeping change since the current workers' compensation system was established in 1965."

Backers of the measure said it will

help workers by raising some benefits and streamlining the system to reduce their need to hire lawyers to pursue their claims.

Foes of the bill argued it will deny compensation to many injured workers who now qualify for aid and that there are no assurances any cost savings will be passed along to employers.

Sen. Grattan Kerans, D-Eugene, termed the measure the "insurance company enrichment act of 1990."

He said the system needs reform but that "we've taken a meat ax to something that needs razor surgery.

The measure had strong business support but caused a fracture among labor unions. The Oregon AFL-CIO endorsed the bill, but numerous unions individually opposed it.

Goldschmidt, in a speech he called a swan song, told lawmakers the main reform measure was aimed at benefiting workers as well as reducing costs.

"Today, we have the opportunity to change Oregon's course, to move back to fundamental values, to take care of our workers when they are hurt and to work harder to prevent the hurt in the first place." Goldschmidt said.

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Congratulates new initiates, Julie S. Suzanne W., and Kim P.

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3-man, smores, and sneaker waves too,
thanks for a week-end that wouldn't
have been as much fun without you!
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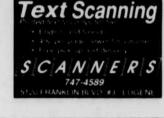
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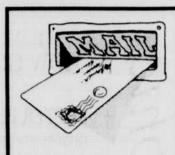






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