Goldschmidt at a loss to explain tax rejections

SALEM (AP) — Gov. Neil Goldschmidt said Tuesday he doesn't know what to make of the May 15 election results on school tax advisory measures.

"I haven't the foggiest notion," he said when asked what the outcome of the votes meant.

The governor has been out of the country on a Far East trip, including during the primary election, and Tuesday was his first day back at the Capitol.

Goldschmidt did say the election at least seemed to narrow the options for reforming school finance.

Voters said they wanted change but then defeated all four tax proposals on the advisory ballot.

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Two sales tax plans fared better, however, than two pro-

posed income tax increases.

Goldschmidt said he didn't know if there should be another special legislative session this year to handle the school

"I used up my quota" in calling the one-day session held May 7 that overhauled workers' compensation laws, he said.

He said any plan for school finance reform will have to be fashioned slowly and carefully. The plan would need help from educators and the public and couldn't be fashioned in closed-door negotiations as was the workers' compensation package, Goldschmidt said.

He made the remarks after swearing in Reg Madsen as new superintendent of state police.

On another topic, Goldschmidt said he believes Oregon remains as a possible site for a branch campus of Tokyo's Waseda University.

Aryan pair to remain in custody

BOISE (AP) — Two members of a white supremacist group were ordered to remain in custody Tuesday after FBI agents testified that an informant who infiltrated the Aryan Nations supplied details of an alleged plot to bomb Seattlearea establishments frequented by homosexuals and minorities.

U.S. Magistrate Mikel Williams heard more than 2½ hours of testimony before continuing an order that Robert J. Winslow. 29. of LaClede, and Steven E. Nelson. 34. of Hayden Lake. be held without bail.

The order initially was issued by U.S. Magistrate Stephen Ayers in Seattle before the pair was transferred to Idaho. Williams said he was continuing it primarily to ensure public safety.

Winslow and Nelson were arrested May 12 in Seattle and indicted by a federal grand jury in Boise six days later on one count each of conspiracy to bomb, knowingly making, receiving or possessing pipe bombs and carrying firearms in relation to a violent crime.

A third man, Procter J. Baker. 57, of Coeur d'Alene, was charged in the same indictment with one count of conspiracy to bomb and one count of knowingly making, receiving or possessing pipe bombs.

Trial for all three is scheduled to begin June 25 in Boise. Baker was arrested May 12 at Coeur d'Alene and remained in custody there Tuesday.

"These defendants conspired to kill, maim and wound people in the Seattle area," Assistant U.S. Attorney Ronald Howen told Williams This is purely and simply domestic terrorism.

Howen argued against a request from attorneys for Winslow and Nelson that they be released but required to wear electronic monitoring devices. He said prosecutors have more than 100 hours of audio and video tape that include both men making blatant and specific threats of violence against various minority groups.

Some of the material was obtained with the help of Rico Renaldo Valentino, a former wrestler whom FBI agents testifying Tuesday identified as a "confidential informant" who infiltrated the Church of Jesus Christ Christian (Aryan Nations).

Agents said Valentino wore a wire during meetings with the defendants and was driving the van in which Winslow and Nelson were riding when they were arrested. It contained two guns and what investigators identified as the makings of a pipe bomb.

The FBI had not previously acknowledged Valentino's role or confirmed where he was during the Seattle arrests.

"It is a strong case against the defendants," Howen said.

Nelson lives at the Aryan Nations compound at Hayden Lake, where he works as an aide to the Rev. Richard Butler, 72, founder and leader of the group.

The government alleges the three were part of an unsuccessful conspiracy to bomb a gay nightclub, a synagogue and several bars patronized by blacks in Seattle, as well as Korean businesses in Tacoma, Wash.

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