

## POLITICS

# Dwyer support crosses party line

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Election Day is less than two weeks away, and nobody in Springfield will wager who will represent District 42 in the Oregon House of Representatives.

A bet like that would be against the law. Besides, there is only one candidate in the race.

Bill Dwyer, Springfield's straight-talking Democratic representative, is running unopposed for a third term. Even the Republican Party has endorsed the sole candidate in his re-election efforts.

"There are 42,000 people in this district," Dwyer said. "And I try to represent the composite interest of the people."

And although his support cuts across party lines, Dwyer said he does not tailor his views to please people on either side of divisive issues.

Dwyer calls property tax-limiting Ballot Measure 5 a cheap device intended to give a tax break to the rich.

"Measure 5 is designed to force a state sales tax," he said. "Big real estate investors and high

## BIOGRAPHY

### Bill Dwyer

**Candidacy:** State representative, District 42

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 56

**Home:** Springfield

**Occupation:** Springfield-area building contractor, painter

**Background:** State representative, 1987-present



rollers down in California have a big stake in this, and those people don't care about the schools here."

Dwyer said he supports legislation that would allow for homestead tax exemptions, adding that he believes commercial property owners should

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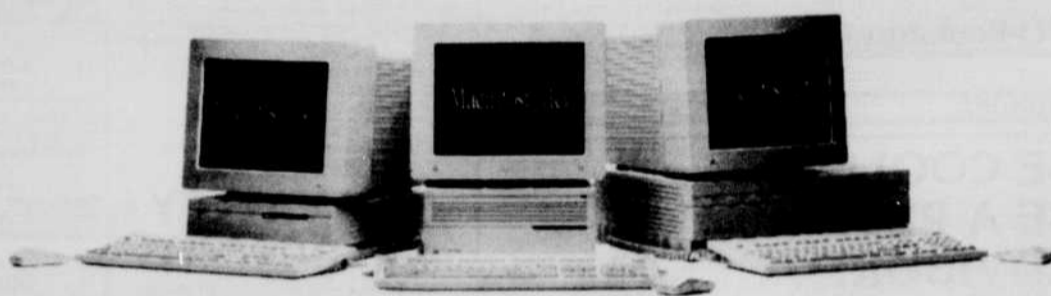
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