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## VOTER

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The law also enabled the elections office to obtain the addresses of people who have moved. The DMV gives the Elections Division a list so they can forward new voter registration cards to people who changed their address on their drivers licenses.

So far, 140 more voters are registering each day than before the plan began. Betschart said she hoped more registered voters will produce a higher turnout in the upcoming May and March elections.

Executive assistant to Secretary of State Phil Keisling, Nina Johnson, said a big benefit of Motor Voter is how easily the plan keeps the voters information current, so they can mail the voters renewal cards.

John on also said the plan makes it easier to reach younger voters, who are more mobile.

Johnson said the program was first approved by the Oregon Legislature in 1989, on the condition of awaiting a federal mandate for all DMVs nationwide to accept registration cards.

When it became apparent the federal government was not going to settle on the issue quickly. Keisling endorsed a new law that provided the \$118,000 per biennium to implement the plan without a federal mandate.

The Motor Vehicles Division (DMV), the Secretary of State's Elections Division, and county clerks' offices statewide pulled together to help implement the plan into law last September.

## WIXMAN

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"One of the great signs is not that it is the end of the Communist giant, but the end of the last European imperial state," he said.

Wixman said the dissolution of the Soviet Union is in fact very similar to what happened to the French, English and Austro-Hungarian empires.

He said Gorbachev paved the way for political reform but was not able to change the economic system, and Gorbachev had trouble accepting that once he got change in motion he needed to let someone else take over.

Wixman will explain why the Soviet public did not accept Gorbachev and his reforms, and why the change to the Communist party was in name alone.

Gorbachev maintained that, even with the reforms, there must only be one party, the Communist party. Wixman likened that to the hypothetical of having the Nazis after World War II saying, "We have really changed now, so you should let us stay on as the main political party.

"They would not have accepted that then; why do we expect the Europeans to buy it now?" he asked.

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