

# Packwood seated despite petitions



WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., was sworn in along with his colleagues Tuesday despite petitions asking that he not be seated.

He was given the oath after Majority Leader George J. Mitchell and Minority Leader Bob Dole agreed he would be seated, along with Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga. The two leaders said disputes surrounding the two senators would be resolved later.

Mitchell and Dole cited the precedent of 1953, when two senators were seated "without prejudice" — making them senators but acknowledging that complaints have been filed.

Mitchell said the complaints against both men will be referred to the Senate Rules and Administration Committee.

"There have been many contested Senate elections where the Senate was asked not to seat an individual,"

Mitchell said in a floor speech before senators took the oath in groups of four.

Packwood was accompanied by Oregon's senior senator Mark Hatfield, a Republican.

Several petitions have been filed by Oregon residents asking that Packwood not be seated. They accuse him of defrauding Oregon voters by taking actions that delayed — until after the election — a *Washington Post* article alleging that Packwood repeatedly made uninvited sexual advances toward his female employees and other women.

Packwood later admitted the conduct generally, but he refused to discuss specific cases or allegations that he tried to smear the reputations of some of the women.

The petitions said Packwood at first denied the allegations to the *Post*, and gave the newspaper damaging information on some of the women — both delaying tactics that kept the story unpublished until the election was over. Packwood narrowly won a fifth term.

# Boy needs kidney of imprisoned dad

ASHLAND (AP) — Brian Tucker can depend on his father to donate a kidney so he can be freed from a life tied to a dialysis machine.

But the 16-year-old boy's gift of freedom is locked in a prison cell.

Divorced from Brian's mother in 1982, Bennie C. Tucker went into prison in Arizona last year to start serving a 132-year sentence.

The offices of the governor of Oregon, an Arizona state senator and a California assemblyman are working out whether Bennie Tucker flies to Portland himself for the transplant operation, or just his kidney.

"They have to wait until the boy is stabilized," Steve Corson, an aide to Gov. Barbara Roberts, said Monday. "Then they will proceed as the best medical indications dictate. If that means bringing the boy's father up, that is what they will do."

Brian was born with a kidney problem known as prune belly syndrome.

The name comes from a lack of muscle in the abdominal wall, said his physician, Dr. Dean Raniele. It also means less muscle in the kidney, which leads to progressive kidney failure.

The name of the disease embarrasses Brian. The demands the disease makes on his body makes it tough for him to go to school. But it hasn't stopped him from wanting to grow up to be a cartoonist.

"I could draw that stuff easy," he said recently while watching cartoons to pass the hours he went through dialysis in Medford.

Life has not been easy for Brian, his 12-year-old brother, Travis, and mother, Pamela Tucker.

Pamela and Bennie Tucker divorced after seven years of marriage. Pamela Tucker said the drinking and fighting got to be too much.

She brought her sons to Ashland from Redding, Calif., two years ago, leaving all their belongings behind, to escape a bad relationship.

In Ashland, they found help through Dunn House, an organization for abused women and children, and the First Presbyterian Church, which has established a fund for Brian.

# Hemlock founder may form new group

(AP) — Derek Humphry is attempting to regain control of the National Hemlock Society, the right-to-die organization he helped found 12 years ago.

If he fails, he says he will attempt to form a new organization to pursue the society's goal of physician-assisted suicide for the terminally ill.

Alleging problems with management style and staff morale, Humphry has asked the society's board president and executive director to step down.

If they refuse to do so at the board's February meeting, Humphry plans to contact board members and chapter leaders around the country, asking if they would support his effort to form a new organization.

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Humphry, 62, retired as execu-

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— Derek Humphry, National Hemlock Society

tive director of the Eugene-based society in May after months of turbulent confrontations with several board members, including president Sidney Rosoff.

Rosoff, a New York attorney, strongly disputed Humphry's characterization of the organization.

"I'm in this movement because I think it is the right movement," Rosoff said. "What we have here is an effort by Derek to denigrate Hemlock, which he is doing nicely."

Humphry and others counter

that decisions to eliminate some chapter coordinator positions around the country, along with the suspension earlier this year of all advertising efforts, could kill the organization within six months unless they are reversed.

"These are decent, well-intentioned people," said Humphry, referring to Rosoff and John Pridonoff, the executive director hired in August to replace Humphry. But Humphry said he feels he must step in.

Humphry cites declining donations and poor staff morale as evidence of problems at Hemlock.

Hemlock Society treasurer Jean Gillett said revenues have been sluggish. She said they have been slowed in part by a lack of advertising, which forced the society to tap its investment account an average of \$28,000 per month for the past six months.



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