

...WTO rally in Portland

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the program would run afoul of WTO commitments. A key commitment nations make on joining the WTO is for their governments to treat all companies equally; foreign corporations can be treated no worse than domestic corporations. So Congress changed the bill to reimburse cars manufactured anywhere.

In the end, of the 677,081 cars sold through the program, just 38.5 percent were domestic brands. Tellingly, all 10 of the top 10 brands of "clunkers" turned in were American name plates, while just two of the top 10 vehicles purchased were. By requiring that foreign makers be treated equally, WTO rules reduced the stimulus effect the cash for clunkers program could have on the domestic economy.

But it doesn't have to be so. In Congress, 132 representatives and seven senators have signed on to a bill called the Trade Reform, Accountability, Development, and Employment (TRADE) Act, which would require a review and renegotiation of all existing trade agreements. Oregon's U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley and Reps. Peter DeFazio and David Wu are among the co-sponsors of the bill.

"For far too long, we've allowed unfair rules to undermine our values and harm our economy," Merkley said in a press statement. "We can begin to undo that damage and create the jobs we need by building a trade system that puts American workers on a level playing field and ensures that the other countries with whom we do business with treat their workers fairly and abide by environmental guidelines."

B.U.L.L. Session raises \$311,000 for kid's charities

Nine children's charities were presented with the proceeds of this year's 19th annual B.U.L.L. (Business Union and Labor Leaders) Session charity golf tournament.

A total of \$311,000 was distributed to local charities that benefit children needing long-term chronic care, short-term respite and end-of-life care.

It is Oregon's largest single-day golf charity fundraiser event.

The charities included: Artz Center for Developmental Health, Doernbecher Children's Hospital, Emanuel Children's Hospital Foundation, Gales Creek Camp Foundation, March of Dimes, Providence Child Center, Shriners Hospitals for Children-Portland, Special Olympics Oregon and Wheel to Walk Foundation.

"These kids have faced and continue to face very challenging situations at such young ages," said Tim Gauthier, executive manager of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) Oregon-Columbia Chapter, and president of the B.U.L.L. Session board of directors. "We count ourselves lucky to work with so many great local

Local Motion

November 2009

Union certifications and decertifications in Oregon and Southwest Washington, as reported by the National Labor Relations Board and the Oregon Employment Relations Board

Recognition elections

Date	Name of employer	Name of union	Location	Results:	
				Union Yes	Union No
11/12	Baycrest Village	UFCW Local 555	North Bend	58	22
11/19	First Student	Teamsters Local 962	Grants Pass	58	44

Requests for recognition election

Name of employer	Location
Name of union	Number of employees
Rose City Printing & Packaging (decertification)	Portland
United Steelworkers	32
Mount Trailer (decertification)	Portland
Machinists Local 1005	6
First Student Inc.	Lake Oswego
Oregon School Employees Association, AFT Local 6732	40

Labor Law Conference scheduled Jan. 29

The 14th annual Oregon Labor Law Conference will be held Friday, Jan. 29, at IBEW Local 48's union hall, 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland.

Registration is \$85 and includes all materials and lunch. The deadline to register is Thursday, Dec. 24. The goal

of the conference is to provide training to help officers and staff of unions avoid liability, serve their members better, and be better equipped to organize. For more information, call Norm Malbin at 503-889-3669 or e-mail norman@ibew48.com.

organizations to help these kids thrive."

The event is co-sponsored by NECA-IBEW Local 48 and Union Bank of California.

More than 400 business, union and legislative leaders from Oregon and

Washington — and from as far away as Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles — participated in this year's event.

More than \$3.7 million has been distributed to charities over the history of the B.U.L.L. Session.



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