

groups engaged in racketeering getting two anti-union measures on the 2000 ballot, and judge orders Sizemore to pay \$2.52 million damages to two teachers' unions. Employer lockout of 10,500 longshore workers closes West Coast ports for 12 days. Union pension funds invest in South Waterfront project. Albany Steelworkers ratify contract at Wah Chang, ending 7-month lockout. Consolidated Freightways files for bankruptcy, laying off 15,500 union workers. AFL-CIO's Union Summer turns focus to recruiting young people. **2003:** Iraq War begins. Oregon Alliance for Retired Americans holds founding convention. Union workers installing 14-foot diameter sewer "Big Pipe" under the streets of Portland. United Auto Workers ends 11-month strike at Williams Controls. AFL-CIO launches Working America group. **2004:** After defeating John Kerry by 3% in the general election, President Bush says he will push for privatization of Social Security. SEIU strikes Parry Center. Building trades call for boycott of new Vancouver Convention Center. Congress okays free trade deals with Australia and Morocco. **2005:** Six unions leave the AFL-CIO and form the Change to Win labor federation. Congress ratifies the Central America Free Trade Agreement. 18,400 Boeing Machinists win improvements after a 28-day strike. AFL-CIO and Change to Win announce deal to preserve local labor unity with Solidarity Charters. Tim Nesbitt resigns as president of Oregon AFL-CIO; Tom Chamberlain succeeds him. **2006:** Custodians return to Portland Public Schools after Oregon Supreme Court rules the district's privatization was illegal. National Labor Relations Board opens the door for employers to classify millions of workers as supervisors. Union-backed Working Families Party wins official ballot status in Oregon. Laborers leave AFL-CIO. Tim Nesbitt appointed deputy chief of staff by Gov. Ted Kulongoski. **2007:** After announcing it will build a second truck plant in Mexico, Daimler halts production of Freightliner brand trucks at its Portland plant;



The union-built Portland Aerial Tram at OHSU is completed in December 2006, one of only two commuter aerial tramways in the United States. The tram carries commuters between the city's South Waterfront district and the main Oregon Health & Science University campus in the Marquam Hill neighborhood.

week-long strike by Machinists ends in a new agreement with some improvements. 1,300 Northwest drywall hangers win pay raises after two-week strike. Craft unions welcome Iraq war veterans into training programs. Fired Portland school custodians win \$14.5 million in back pay. **2008:** Stock markets around the world plunge amid growing fears of a U.S. recession. West Coast ports shut down on May Day as Longshore Union protests Iraq war. Bill Sizemore jailed for a day after being found in contempt of court. Unions call for new I-5 replacement bridge over Columbia River. Machinists strike Boeing for 56 days. **2009:** Barack Obama inaugurated as first Black President of the United States. Carhartt discontinues 'Made in USA'

apparel program. **2010:** Oregon voters approve union-backed Ballot Measures 66 and 67 raising taxes on corporations and high-income taxpayers. Oregon Legislature passes new laws banning employers from using credit checks in hiring, and granting union rights to a new group of in-home care givers. Congress passes historic health insurance reform known as Obamacare, or ACA. Intel announces it will spend close to \$4 billion in new facilities in Hillsboro. Oregon labor helps elect John Kitzhaber governor, but House of Representatives is evenly split for the first time in history, with 30 Republicans and 30 Democrats. Former AFL-CIO president Tim Nesbitt named governor's chief of staff. Washington voters agree with unions in-



27,000 Machinists at Boeing plants in Oregon, Washington, and Kansas go on strike Sept. 6, 2008. In the photo left, then candidate for U.S. Senate Jeff Merkley address pickets at the plant in Gresham. The strike ended Nov. 1 with a new 4-year contract.



In June 2009, union workers from Oregon Iron Works unveil the first U.S.-made streetcar since 1951. The streetcar runs in downtown Portland.



In 2009, Elizabeth "Liz" Shuler, a member of Portland-based IBEW Local 125, becomes the first woman and youngest (39) ever elected Secretary-Treasurer of the national AFL-CIO.

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