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Solons Support Coast Fishing Protection

Senators Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood warned Wednesday that "only a national commitment will save our commercial fishing and seafood industry from continued decline and eventual death" as they joined Senator James Eastland (D-Miss.) in sponsoring legislation to express congressional policy in support of the U. S. commercial fishing industry.

A Senate resolution introduced Wednesday calls for strong protection of coastal fishing operations from foreign fishing fleets and urges coordinated support for improving the U. S. commercial fishing fleet.

"Declining production, an outmoded fleet, lack of diversification, undefined fishing boundaries, pollution, inadequate funding for research - this is only a partial list of difficulties which threaten to drown commercial operations and to penalize sport fishing operations," Eastland said in introducing the resolution.

Hatfield and Packwood expressed the hope that passage of the proposal would pave way for additional, specific legislation.

"Foreign fishing fleets operating off Oregon vacuum up all fish with modern and efficient equipment," Hatfield said in remarks to the Senate.

"Oregon's commercial fish catch has dropped by nearly half since the Russians began scouring our coastal waters," he said.

Packwood said "it is almost unbelievable that so little effort is being made by the federal government to protect and preserve the interests of our seafood industry."

"The federal government has consistently done too little, too late to protect the fishing industry," he said.

Family Clinic Hires Couple

Dr. James Wahl and Dr. Gail Wahl, psychologists, are new staff members at the family service clinic. Mr. and Mrs. Wahl will each work half time. They replace Mrs. Mabel Holt who recently retired.

The Drs. Wahl both earned their PhD's in psychology at the University of Oregon. Last year they were psychology interns at the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute of the University of Nebraska Medical school.

Dr. James Wahl was a clinical trainee in psychology at the Veterans hospital in Roseburg (psychiatric dept.) in 1968-69. He was a research assistant at the University of Oregon in 1969 and a clinical trainee, public health service, department of psychology, University of Oregon in 1969 through 1971. At this last training job he worked at the psychology clinic at the University of Oregon and with some of the schools in Eugene.

Dr. Gail Wahl was clinical trainee at the Veterans hospital in Palo Alto in 1968-69 and a clinical psychology trainee at the public health service, department of psychology, University of Oregon, in 1967-70. She worked at the Linn county mental health clinic in Albany during 1970-71. That clinic is similar to the Curry county family service clinic. At the Albany clinic she worked part of the time with the schools in the area.

The Wahls spent some months traveling in Europe and Asia last fall. They arrived in Curry county to begin work a couple of weeks ago. The Wahls have no children and they live in an apartment in Wedderburn.

eyes of those more politically experienced, the conclusion may be tempered by the fact he believes patience is the most valuable of all virtues and embraces the theory it is attained only by constant acquisitiveness.

Taken together, the parts that make up Oregon's House Minority Leader are united to achieve two goals. The first is a productive 1973 session in the best interest of the state. The second is to return for an equally productive session two years hence - but as Speaker of the House of Representatives leading a restored partisan majority peopled by lawmakers about which no segment of the population will have a "paranoid look".

By deed as well as word, Gordon Macpherson is working toward this goal. And he intends to remain in the legislature just as long as he believes his contribution is needed and fruitful.

I RENTED IT THROUGH THE WANT ADS

dellenback Report

The Effectiveness Of A Congressman

New members of the House of Representatives find that their legislative efforts are often frustrated. With each of 435 Members attempting to accomplish his or her own goals for his or her district, the situation is often most confusing.

When I arrived in Washington as a freshman Congressman in 1967, the Congress was dominated by the seniority system. (Some changes for the better have been made, but seniority still means too much in Congress.) A freshman member of the minority party, I set out to serve the needs and concerns of the people of Oregon's Fourth District. Not very many of my colleagues knew my name, let alone what to expect from me.

One must do his job patiently, looking for opportunities to assert himself while paying attention to his committee assignments and to the needs of his constituents, as best he understands them. I have taken that approach to my current assignments on the Education and Labor Committee and on the Interior Committee. My efforts on those two important House committees are beginning to pay dividends for Oregon.

As my fourth full term in the House of Representatives begins, I am both hopeful and confident that my efforts in the next two years will be productive. That confidence has been increased by the fact that in the last few months the House leadership has seen fit to give me two important additional assignments.

My assignment in September to the National Commission on the Financing of Postsecondary Education bears directly on the work of the Education and Labor Committee, and even more specifically on the work of the Special Subcommittee on Education on which I serve as ranking minority member. When appointments were to be made to the Study Commission, I asked for consideration, received it, and then received the appointment.

Then, several weeks ago House Speaker Carl Albert announced that John Dellenback had been appointed to the Joint Committee on Congressional Operations. This, too, was a position I had actively sought and one that I am most pleased to have. It offers an unusual opportunity to help strengthen the role of the Congress.

The Joint Committee on Congressional Operations has been given a broad mandate. Namely to make "a continuing study of Congressional organization and operation; and to recommend improvements designed to strengthen Congress, simplify its operations, improve its relationships with other branches of the United States Government, and enable it better to meet its responsibilities under the Constitution." That covers a lot of important ground.

The Joint Committee's membership is limited to five Senators and five Congressmen: three Democrats and two Republicans from each body. Thus I am one of only two Republicans in the House on this key committee. Because the membership of the Joint Committee is limited, all committee members are involved in all the activities of the committee.

As we identify a problem and begin to look for solutions, this group will be looking beyond surface mechanics. As former Chairman Jack Brooks has expressed it, "We do not seek the spectacular solution, we seek the workable solution." If, through the efforts of the Joint Committee on Congressional Operations, we can really help make the Congress function more effectively, then the entire nation will receive dividends from our efforts.

Legislative Log

NEWS FROM COOS-CURRY LEGISLATORS
Sen. Jack Ripper
Rep. Ed Stevenson
Rep. Bill Grannell

The most exciting event in the House of Representatives, according to Rep. Doc Stevenson and Rep. Bill Grannell was the passage of Governor Tom McCall's property tax relief plan. If it becomes law, it would provide around 50% property tax relief for homeowners in Coos and Curry Counties. Both Representatives were encouraged by the bi-partisan support the measure received (43 members voted for the measure) and they are hopeful that the State

Senate will act on it in time to be referred to the voters before school tax elections this spring. Some of the revisions give more favorable treatment to the small businessman and farmer than the original proposal. Other changes include state financing of kindergarten programs and increased state contribution to transportation costs of schools. These changes should benefit our area.

Rep. Grannell, Sen. Ripper and Rep. Stevenson were joint

ONE NATION UNDER GOD

BY DAVID JOHNSON

In our pledge of allegiance to the flag of our nation the phrase "one nation under God" is used. As Americans we like to think that we live in a Christian nation, a nation that truly honors God.

America is a nation that does not have a King or Queen. Our President is respected but not worshipped. The right to worship as one chooses is guaranteed each individual in our Constitution.

There are a lot of aspects of our nation that could not be labeled "under God". Our nation seems to be at a low moral time in its history.

It seems that the relevant question is "Which way, America?" Will America be like other powerful nations in the past that have let affluence lead them into immorality and thus downfall? Or will America truly be a nation of homes and churches—one nation under God?

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sponsors of legislation introduced this week which would extend the boundaries of our offshore fisheries to 50 miles. Within that area, the State of Oregon would have the right to regulate and control the commercial fishing activity. This bill was designed to protect Oregon's fisheries against the heavy foreign fishing pressure by Russia and Japan.

"This is an issue that the United States Government has continually ducked. If we are going to protect our fish, we are going to have to stop passing the buck, and instead pass a law to protect our fish. Oregon will take that first step," Grannell said at a news conference by the three sponsors.

Other bills introduced by your legislators on the Monday deadline for filing bills, included a measure to expand the Elk River Hatchery, a bill to exempt commercial fishermen from employer status, and one which would revise the residency requirement for fishing licenses.

On the Senate side, the Ways and Means subcommittee on Education has had daily hearings on the budget for Community Colleges. Sen. Ripper has been striving to reapportion the suggested community college budget so that the smaller colleges, such as Umpqua and SWOCC, would get a larger portion of support since they do not have as large a tax-base in their areas. This would mean a good deal of difference in tax relief to the individual taxpayer in Coos and Curry Counties.

The Bill-board Law of the 1971 session was up for some scrutiny in the Senate. There is no change proposed in the law, but the amount and method of reimbursing the billboard companies is suggested for change. Sen. Ripper carried a bill and got it passed in the Senate which would, if becomes law, mean to the State of Oregon a savings in court costs between five and eight million dollars.

Rep. Grannell also appeared before the Senate Committee on Environment and Land Use to testify in opposition to SB 100. He said, "we are going to have to turn the organization of this thing upside down if we are going to make it work and be responsive to the people," pointing out that the areas of extensive population growth and density such as Washington and Clackamas counties are the areas which are in trouble and need land

use planning. Visitors to the Capitol include Bob Groves, Myrtle Point, representing Public Employees Local 502. R. C. Geaney and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gross of Myrtle Point area were in Salem also, for a meeting of the Oregon Livestock Association. They entertained the Rippers and Stevensons for dinner on Wednesday and the Legislators were treated to a steak and egg breakfast on Friday morning by the Livestock Association.

The Cattlemen's Association spokesmen pointed out that they are concentrating on "Economy Cuts," and hoped that the Legislature was doing the same.

Farrier Class Needs Students

Nine people have signed up for the proposed horseshoeing class but unless at least 20 are signed up, the class will not be held, notes Curry Extension Agent Walt Schroeder.

The purpose of the class is to teach hoof trimming and basic horseshoeing. The classes will be held either in March and April, or April and May, at a time and place convenient to the majority of participants. The fee will be from \$15 to \$20.

Anyone interested in learning about horseshoeing is asked to contact the Extension Office, P.O. Box 488, Gold Beach, or phone 247-7011, ext. 226.

Pattern Alter Classes Slated

A preliminary meeting for a personal pattern alteration class, under the Community Education Program, will be held Monday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Diane Bender, 1077 W. Lakeshore Drive. This will be a general information meeting and those attending are asked to bring notebooks. Classes will begin Wednesday, Feb. 28.

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FIN'S Market

Well I really did it last Tuesday. I mean really! Many times in this column in the past I've really laid it on people for not responding to visits by our good ol' elected officials. Give them officials the respect due their office, if for no other reason, by getting your bodies to wherever they might be stopping, I've said. And meant it.

Well guess who was in the city last Tuesday... and then guess who forgot he was going to be here... at the city hall... to meet with the city council... and other interested citizens. ME, that's who forgot.

When I realized I'd really goofed... was when good ol' John Dellenback walked into the back shop and caught me setting type.

Did I feel about so high, let me tell you. But he was nice about it... even said it was the best meeting he'd ever attended here. Wonder if he could of meant 'cause I didn't make it.

Like I say, I felt bad about it. But... probably not near as bad as some people up in lower Coos county. Seems the entire Bandon city council forgot their meeting with John... and kept him waiting nearly 30 minutes while they rallied the forces and made it to the meetin' place.

-P- Friend of mine last week kinda proved that some parents draw no limits where their children are concerned. He had to leave in the middle of a project we were engaged in to go and pick up his two daughters from their ballet lessons and when he returned I jokingly accused him of going high-class on the rest of us common folks. "No," says he, "it's just that one of the girls is a little clumsy and I'm just trying to get her to where she can chew gum and walk at the same time."

-P- I swiped the following article from the Western World at Bandon. It's by George Welch of that city, who writes some kind of a column he calls "The Grassroots Viewpoint"... and it deals with tourists to some degree.

TOURISTS
The people of this area are getting sick and tired of always being bad-mouthed about not being friendly with our visiting California cousins. All the people, including the James G. Blaine Society, are right in there helping the Chamber of Commerce spread the red carpet for our visitors. We want to make these people feel at home while they are visiting Oregon, and when they return to California, they can say that they were given a friendly old-fashioned welcome while they were here.

When one talks to these tourists, just tell them about the good points of our wonderful Pacific Coast. A good starting point is our roads. Tell them that a traveler can go anywhere in western Oregon with a good four-wheel-drive, though it doesn't hurt to have a set of chains for all four wheels. Most of the natives carry a power saw and a double-bitted ax when they travel, but this is just a safety measure. Lots of times one can drive for miles and never find a tree across the road.

That old story about it always raining in Oregon is another piece of propaganda put out by people who are jealous of our wonderful climate. There is absolutely no truth to that statement that it rains all the time in Oregon. Lots of years we will have a week or 10 days of clear sunshiney weather in August; not every

Like a kid peeking under the tent to watch the circus...

That's the way Rep. Gordon Macpherson (R-Waldport) describes himself during undergraduate days at Willamette University as he followed activities of the State Legislature in the Capitol Building across the street from the campus.

And it was during those years the 36-year-old House Minority Leader vowed someday to serve in that Legislature.

Today it's obvious the third-term House Member had even earlier honed the leadership qualifications and candid pragmatism that have elevated him to a position of power in state government.

The son of a Grande Ronde logger, whose mother still teaches school in Portland's Sylvan District, Macpherson's high school years in Willamina were distinguished by roles in student government and statewide offices in Order of DeMolay and Kiwanis International's Key Clubs. And while at Willamette, he ran and was narrowly defeated for the University's studentbody presidency.

A prep football career and employment as a logger, sawmill hand and farm laborer hardly are consistent today with the mild-mannered mien projected by the small town lawyer as he cajoles his party.

year, but every few years.

Our beaches are wonderful: we have surfing, swimming, beachcombing and agate hunting all up and down our coast. Sometimes a swimmer or a surfer is caught and eaten by a shark, but it doesn't happen very often. In fact not more than a dozen swimmers are caught by sharks each year. As to our beachcombing and agate hunting, it is only now and then that a big wave washes someone out to sea, or rolls a log over an agate hunter. We lose a tourist now and then but it is only a small percent of the visitors to our wonderful beaches.

Back in our mountains there are hundreds of square miles of unspoiled wilderness for the camper and nature lover. One can camp or back-pack day after day and never see another person. It is perfectly safe except that once in a while a child is caught by a panther or some other varmint. This doesn't happen to every family that camps in the woods. Some years we only lose two or three children for the whole year.

As to the Sasquatch or Big Foot, they aren't much of a problem. The best thing to do if they come around your camp is to ignore them, and most times they will just go away. Occasionally they will carry off a girl or young woman. Only last summer a Big Foot carried off a hippie girl. He took her down to the creek and washed her, but when daylight came and he saw what he had caught, he brought her back to where he had found her and turned her loose.

Another interesting and educational outdoor activity is gathering mushrooms. We have a number that are excellent eating. The only drawback is that we have some poisonous ones also. They are to be known as the three minute, the five minute and the fifteen minute mushroom, that is how long the average person lasts after eating one of these poisonous mushrooms. These poisonous mushrooms don't kill everyone that eats them, some of the survivors say that the poisonous ones are delicious, although not many people live to report on their wonderful flavor.

With the tourist season fast approaching, most of the booster clubs will be setting on their hands, but not the James G. Blaine Society. They will be right in there pitching, spreading the word about all the good things Oregon has for the visiting Californians. They work day and night for the good of the state.

ty's caucus and confronts majority Democrats. But the rough and tumble side of life--combined with a calculating nature--have kept Gordon Macpherson in good stead with his Lincoln, Lane and Benton County constituents.

That he conducts his life by plan is hard to deny when you consider he married his high school sweetheart, Janette, only after both had education well in hand. He shunned a legal career in Portland a few short years later and selected coastal Lincoln County as the community in which he believed his abilities could best be used. And use them he did--on school board budget committees, in Lions Club and as attorney for cities, port and fire protection districts, in his Bar Association, Chamber of Commerce and a whole list of organizations ranging from labor unions and juvenile advisory committees to redevelopment groups and the League of Oregon Cities.

During the same time he labored for Republicans and was an early supporter of Governor Tom McCall--even when the former Portland newscaster ran for Secretary of State.

When State Sen. Stan Ouder-kirk vacated his seat in the House of Representatives to seek the Upper Chamber, Macpherson carefully evaluated his inventory of experience and service and decided his time had come. He overcame two primary opponents, won handily in the fall of 1968 and has been warmly endorsed by voters in his district ever since.

Far from a stranger to the legislative process when he arrived as a freshman lawmaker in Salem, Macpherson had progressed from undergraduate "tent peeping" to a post as management analyst for the Department of Finance and Administration during law school days. And prior to his first election, he served on a House-appointed committee which studied methods by which the legislative process could be improved.

With this background his committee appointments during subsequent sessions and interims were substantive and helped maintain the qualification he deems most important to his legislative career--the opportunity to serve.

Arriving in Salem this session wearing contact lenses and a mustache, Macpherson projects a slightly different image from that of sessions past. But modification of physical appearance is minor compared with the changes he brings to the office of Minority Leader. He frankly admits an innate inability to conform to the traditional role as leader of the loyal opposition. This has a tendency to confound newsmen and old-line party members alike. But Macpherson abhors the adversary stance for any reason short of advancing constructive legislative procedure.

He doesn't duck controversy--as witness his efforts in behalf of Oregon's '71 session Bottle Bill--and already has entered areas a traditional minority chief would avoid.

On top of everything else, he has an affinity both for youth and his Republican Party. In his new leadership capacity he is working diligently to improve compatibility between the two. The so-called Campus Caucus of university and college student leaders is availing itself of services and facilities Macpherson quickly offered. The coastal lawmaker is determined that young people discover there is a place for them in the party he hopes to restore to a position of legislative leadership.

His legal training and early experience have forged for Gordon Macpherson a desire to seek consensus and compromise--a common ground--from which the business at hand can proceed with the least antagonistic interference possible.

If this seems naive in the