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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

your congressional delegation and tell them to stop the logging of old-growth forests. Your children and grandchildren will thank you for it.

*Anthony Cantarine  
Eugene*

### TIME TO GET SERIOUS

I appreciate *EW*'s 3/24 report, and Erin Cianchette's 3/31 letter, on the "Oregon Fair Energy Bills," HB 3135 and SB 527, which I introduced with Sen. Bill Morrisette and other colleagues. We are striving to pass these bills because we believe that the public needs more input into the process of siting energy facilities, and because now is the time to get serious about supporting renewable energy.

Currently, the state's Energy Facility Siting Council has the complete authority to overrule local land use laws when siting power plants. The Oregon Fair Energy Act will provide more opportunity for area residents to complain about the placement of polluting facilities. It will give local government a place at the table and the ability to stand up to powerful special interests when potential new facilities would violate their land use laws.

We must ensure an adequate and sustainable supply of energy, as well as a thriving environment, to future generations; but we currently have much more electrical capacity in the permitting process than we will need in the foreseeable future. These bills are a first critical step towards responsible energy planning in Oregon.

*Rep. Phil Barnhart  
Central Lane and Linn Counties*

### CHEMICAL REACTION

I have been shopping at Eugene Hardware for 30 years. I just stay away from the garden chemical section.

Last week I went in for a garden tool and found that upon exiting 5 to 7 minutes later, my clothes reeked of the chemical smell and I started reacting right away: red face, itchy eyes. I had noticed a pickup-size load of Roundup stockpiled right behind the check-out counter. The next day I had a very cordial meeting with the manager in his parking lot. He offered to have my purchases brought out to me in the parking lot if I called ahead.

I recommend this idea to everyone concerned about the presence of chemicals at the places they like to shop. Of course, sticking to all-organic venues is a very good idea, too.

*Jynn Bowers  
Eugene*

### NATIONAL DEBT

Hey kids, I would say thanks for the loan, but my generation has no real plan to rectify this stupendous national debt that grows to keep our hyper-consumptive dream afloat. We've spent all of our money. Now we're spending yours. A leader with imperialistic visions of historic glory will do that to an economy. You will realize this as you inherit the consequences of our spending spree. Of course we are doing all of this for you. So hang in there.

*Chris N. Hallett  
Eugene*

### TALKIN' REVOLUTION

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