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Republican Senators Seek to Refer New Bargaining Bill

Three Republican Senators who opposed the collective bargaining bill for Oregon's public employees passed by the 1973 legislature are seeking to refer the measure to a vote of the people.

Sen. Anthony Meeker (R-Amity) has filed a preliminary petition with the secretary of state's office to refer HB 2263 to the November, 1974 general election ballot.

Co-sponsors with Meeker are Sens. Victor Atiyeh (R-Portland), GOP leader in the Senate, and Robert F. Smith (R-Burns).

They will need to collect the signatures of 26,656 registered voters by October 5 in order to refer the bill to a vote.

The measure greatly strengthens and improves the state's public employee collective bargaining law. Among other things, the bill would:

- Bring all public employees under the same law, including those employed by state agencies, higher education, cities, counties and school districts.
- Remove the prohibition against strikes by public

employees, except for policemen, firemen and guards at state prisons and mental hospitals, or in instances where the "public health, safety or welfare" is involved. Binding arbitration is required in those instances where strikes are prohibited.

- Permits negotiation of "fair-share agreements" in which non-members of certified representative organizations would be required to pay a service fee.

- Specifies unfair labor practices and gives the Public Employee Relations Board authority to enter orders and secure court enforcement of its orders.

Oregon presently has no statewide bargaining law for public employees. Local governments have widely varying rules and procedures for collective bargaining or none at all. Strikes by public employees are prohibited.

Numerous attempts were made to kill or weaken the bill before it struggled through the legislature just days before final adjournment.

Sen George Wingard (R-Eugene) was the only Republican to vote for the bill in the Senate. All other

Republican Senators voted against the bill. They were joined by three conservative Democrats: Sens. John Burns (D-Portland), E.D. Potts (D-Grants Pass) and Michael Thorne (D-Pendleton).

Meeker said the people should "have the right to vote on such a major shift in public policy."

He objected to the binding arbitration feature of the bill, saying it "turns control over allocation of property taxes to outside arbitrators not responsive or responsible to voters of the community."

Bringing teachers under the law could put control of education "in the hands of the teachers rather than the public," Meeker declared. It also could lead to having educational issues "bargained off against economic issues," he said.

After the attorney general's office prepares a ballot title for the referral measure, there is a 20 day waiting period during which challenges to the ballot title may be filed. After that is settled, petitions may be circulated by the sponsors.

Two Incumbents Defeated in OSEA's District Elections

Results of OSEA's nine district elections show two incumbents—one director and one assistant director—were defeated in their bid for re-election.

One upset occurred in District Four where Paul Conner, a member of OTI Chapter 36 in Klamath Falls, defeated incumbent director Harry Marshall, Klamath Falls Chapter 12.

The other upset occurred in District Five. Glen Shelton, a member of Roundup Chapter 24 in Pendleton, defeated Joseph Roche, Pendleton Chapter 52, for the post of assistant director.

Only two new directors besides Conner were elected. In District Two, Scott Davis, Oregon Chapter 22 in Salem, defeated Eugene Watson, a member of Chemeketa Chapter 64. In District Eight, Leroy Swartout, Astoria Chapter 8 edged Robert Franklin, also a member of Chapter 8, by a single vote.

Four of the six incumbent directors who were re-elected ran unopposed. They are Donald Martin, Portland, District One; Russell Blair, Ashland, District Three; Delbert Chaney, Pendleton, District Five; and Walter Schmidt, Salem, District Nine.

The two incumbent directors who beat opponents for another term of office are Wilhelmina Bevers, Eugene, District Six; and Lee Roy Ryan, The Dalles, District Seven. Ms. Bevers defeated Marvin Poissot, a member of Eulane Chapter 40, and Ryan edged Betty Wolff, Oregon Trail Chapter 35.

Five new assistant directors besides Shelton were elected. Two ran unopposed. They are Ronald Kleinschmidt, Roseburg, District Three, and James Oxford, Astoria, District Eight.

The three new assistant directors who defeated

opponents for one-year terms are Mary Dorman, Salem, District Two; Charles Bohannon, The Dalles, District Seven; and Robert Tanner, Salem, District Nine. Ms. Dorman defeated Joan Pratt, OCE Chapter 43; Bohannon edged Edna Tanner, Oregon Trail Chapter 35; and Tanner defeated two opponents: Walter Eatherly, Premier Chapter 87, and Ray Marvin, Fairview Chapter 57.

Incumbent assistant directors who were re-elected are David Saunders, Portland, District One; Charles Bryant, Klamath Falls, District Four; and N.W. Pratt, Monmouth, District Six. Bryant defeated Bob Aldrich, Klamath Falls Chapter 12, and Pratt won over two opponents: John Michaud, Webfoot Chapter 49, and Harry Strouse, Eugene Chapter 6. Saunders ran unopposed.

Here are the official results by district:

District One: Donald A. Martin, Success Chapter 30, Employment Division, Portland, director. David D. Saunders, Beaver Chapter 31, Children's Services Division, Portland, assistant director.

District Two: Scott H. Davis, Oregon Chapter 22, Employment Division, Salem, director. Mary E. Dorman, Compensation Chapter 20, State Accident Insurance Fund, Salem, assistant director.

District Three: Russell E. Blair, Siskiyou Chapter 84, Southern Oregon College, Ashland, director. Ronald J. Kleinschmidt, Roseburg Chapter 2, Highway Division, Roseburg, assistant director.

District Four: Paul N. Conner, OTI Chapter 36, Oregon Technical Institute, Klamath Falls, director. Charles E. Bryant, OTI Chapter 36, Oregon Technical Institute, Klamath Falls, assistant director.

District Five: Delbert C. Chaney, Pendleton Chapter 52, Eastern Oregon Hospital and Training Center, Pendleton, director. Glen Shelton, Roundup Chapter 24, Highway Division, Pendleton, assistant director.

District Six: Wilhelmina E. Bevers, Emerald Chapter 88, University of Oregon, director. N.W. Pratt, Corvallis Chapter 29, Oregon State University, Monmouth, assistant director.

District Seven: Lee Roy Ryan, The Dalles Chapter 9, Highway Division, The Dalles, director. Charles A. Bohannon, River Bend Chapter 14, Employment Division, The Dalles, assistant director.

District Eight: Leroy L. Swartout, Astoria Chapter 8, Highway Division, Astoria, director. James J. Oxford, Tongue Point Chapter 96, Tongue Point Job Corps Center, Astoria, assistant director.

District Nine: Walter S. Schmidt, Fairview Chapter 57, Fairview Hospital and Training Center, Salem, director. Robert A. Tanner, Evergreen Chapter 28, Oregon State Hospital, Salem, assistant director.

Stiles is Elected WAGE President

OSEA Assistant Executive Secretary Everett B. Stiles was elected president of the Western Region of the Assembly of Governmental Employees (WAGE) at

the group's annual convention in Seattle recently. Other officers elected during the three-day meeting include Carl F. Heppler, executive director of the Arizona Public Employees Association, vice-president; Douglas F. Day, president of the Utah Public Employees Association, secretary; and Ernest Lahn,



executive secretary of the Washington State Employees Association, treasurer. Richard B. Kinnersley, executive director of the Utah Public Employees Association, is immediate past-president of the group.

Workshops and panel discussions on membership, salary survey methods, tax liabilities and the AGE mutual fund were held during the convention.

Speakers included James Marshall, president of the Assembly of Governmental Employees (AGE), and Lon Burdge, vice-president of the Nationwide Insurance Company's western region.

WAGE is made up of independent public employee organizations in 12 western states with a membership of 200,000. Other member states besides Oregon are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.



A large spring chinook salmon tries without success to leap the barrier dam across the Rogue River near the Game Commission's newest fish hatchery named after the late Cole M. Rivers. After it tires, the fish will join others of its kind and negotiate the fish ladder into the hatchery where Game Commission employees will strip it of its roe. For a story and pictures of the new facility, please turn to pages 6 and 7.