

Inquiring Photographer

What's Your Opinion of the Governor's Order To Conserve Electricity in State Buildings?

(Asked at various state buildings on the Capitol Mall)

AUDREY LOWEN

Clerk-Typist
Motor Vehicle Accident Fund
Labor and Industries Building
I think it's wise. Apparently we are facing an energy shortage and we must do something before it's too late and we have blackouts. I think state government is a good place to start because we can set an example for others. I know I am much more aware of leaving lights on at home when not in use. I think a lot of people are being more careful about wasting electricity.



BECKY PURVINE

Receptionist
Governor's Office
Capitol
I think it's good. Electricity is vital to our lives and we should conserve it because we are faced with a serious shortage. We should be able to live with some inconveniences like no air conditioning and fewer lights. Everyone should conserve energy, not just state government. The governor's office is pretty dark. Only the essential lights are on. Our air conditioner is off, too.

JANE GROSSMAN

Secretary
Highway Division
Highway Building
I think it's a good idea to turn off lights in state buildings in the evenings, and turning off some hallway lights will also help. But I don't think it's such a good idea to turn off lights in work areas or turn off the hot water. That doesn't make much sense to me. I think the governor's order to conserve energy in the state buildings will help make people aware that a shortage exists.



CLEONE BURK

Administrative Assistant
Public Utility Commission
Public Service Building
I'm sure it was necessary or the governor wouldn't have issued it, but I'm not so sure I like it. About half of our lights and our portable air conditioner have been turned off. As you can tell it's warm and quite stuffy in the room. We're located in the middle of the building about a mile from the nearest window. But it really hasn't hurt any of us. We'll all survive.

ADELE LAMBERT

Clerk-Typist
State Library
Library Building
I think it's a good idea because the state is wasteful. For example, there are many lights left on unnecessarily. I've heard janitors complain that they have to go around turning off electric typewriters at night. Groundsmen at the mall water sidewalks as well as lawns, but they still haven't turned green. I think the governor's order will help reduce such wasteful practices.



FRANCES KNAPP

Capitol Mall Properties Manager
Department of General Services
General Services Building
I think it's a great idea. I would like to see other governmental jurisdictions and individuals follow the lead set by state government and practice the same energy conservation in offices and homes throughout Oregon. Business also could help a great deal. I think we're all a little spoiled by depending so much on modern conveniences. We might even be better off with fewer of them.

From The Mailbox



Nearly Up and At 'Em

Editor's Note: Executive Secretary Thomas C. Enright received the following letter shortly after publication of the July issue of The OSEA News. The cartoon mentioned in the letter appears below.

Dear Tom:

Your editorial, "Best Wishes, Tom McCall," is of very special value to me, and I want to thank you particularly for your reference to my "support of the employees" who make state government work.

If that statement came from me, I might even doubt it myself -- as self-serving. But with the opening you've given me, I'm probably allowed to say that support of state employees -- energetic support -- is a rule of life for me. Without their personal dedication to excellence we wouldn't have much of a state government.

You mentioned in your remarks the passage of the collective bargaining law, HB 2263. An announcement has been made that this will be the subject of a referendum. I regret that, but if the referendum is successful and the voters disapprove the bill, I intend to ask the legislature to adopt again the provisions with respect to state employees. I think the issues that will be made in the referendum campaign are unrelated to bargaining at the state level, so if we are sent back to the drawing boards we won't have to undercut our model law insofar as it affects state employees.

Backing up to where I started, your kindness is much appreciated. I've only got one complaint: the medical chart in the Hugh Hayes cartoon shows me on the

downside. Wrong, Hugh. I am up and nearly at 'em. But it was a grand cartoon, and you depicted me in a happy frame of mind. Right, Hugh. I am.

Tom McCall
Governor



A Tip of the Hat

To the Editor:

Having just read the July issue of The OSEA News, I feel compelled to write regarding the Association's accomplishments during Oregon's recently concluded legislative session.

The Oregon State Employees Association does not have to take a back seat to any labor organization in the entire country. Its accomplishments far outshine any gained by other states in the nation when taken as a package, particularly when considered with gains made by OSEA over the past few years.

The Association's utilization of collective bargaining at the uppermost administrative and legislative levels should dispel the myth held by some that collective

bargaining is useless in the legislative process of government. I can think of no other labor organization which has used collective bargaining more fully for the benefit of its membership. There is no excuse for anything less than 100 per cent membership in OSEA.

I am sure that much of the OSEA success is due to the forceful expertise of Tom Enright and Ev Stiles. I thought we had a very successful legislative year in Nevada, but we must tip our hats to OSEA.

Robert J. Gagnier
Executive Director
State of Nevada Employees Association

Excellent Writeup

To the Editor:

Just a note to extend my personal thanks to the OSEA Retirement Committee and Jerry Liebertz for the excellent write-up in the July issue of The OSEA News comparing the Oregon and Washington retirement systems.

Oregon's Retirement Board continues to work diligently to improve the Public Employees' Retirement System -- both in benefits and in service to the membership. We would be most pleased to receive any thoughts or ideas the members of OSEA may have about our retirement system which will strengthen it and assist in making it one of the very best in the country.

J. J. Adams
Chairman
Public Employees' Retirement System
Portland

Your Comments Are Invited

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