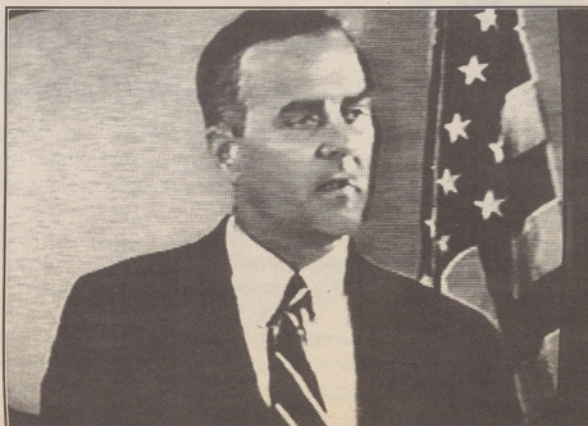


"Tiernan Tirades": The more said, the more extreme

■ Freshman state Representative Bob Tiernan, R-Lake Oswego, is becoming more and more out of control with every utterance. The words are the same — he has a passionate dislike of public employee unions and a disregard, born out of ignorance, for the work we do — but his message is becoming ever more outrageous.

"They (public employee unions) have a stranglehold on so many legislators with their campaign contributions, it is ridiculous. And, they coerce them to not go in with pay freezes. To not take wage rollbacks. Forcing legislators to legislate, through campaign contributions, more and better benefits."

KATU (Portland),
Town Hall, March 28, 1993



Tiernan at September 13 news conference.

"State workers have a very cushy situation. I'd almost call them spoiled children. It's like your kid wanting five more cookies at 9 o'clock at night."

The Oregonian, August 24, 1993

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to put this thing (public employee benefits) under a microscope. This thing is big, and it's all over. But we need some political willpower to put this back in check. There isn't the political willpower, unfortunately, in the Oregon Legislature. This is something that is going to have to be addressed by the initiative petition process."

News conference kicking off
petition drive, September 13, 1993

"The public employee unions. The amount of power and clout they have in this state. They are in fact the tail, in my opinion, wagging the

dog. They have more legislators going in any one direction they want to point to at any one time than it is possible to imagine."

News conference kicking off
petition drive, September 13, 1993

"The Public Employees Retirement System vacuums up more dollars than probably any other single program. The biggest savings we can make is to look at the Public Employees Retirement System."

News conference kicking off
petition drive, September 13,
1993

"A lot of people who are supporting us want anonymity. This is not a popular thing to do. And, I don't really mean to understate that. This is going to be a very confronta-

tional campaign. This is going to be something people are going to get very personal about. There are an awful lot of people who are going to be affected by this. And, a lot of us live next to them. And, a lot of us are married. And, there's not a lot of people who want their name used. Period. They just don't."

News conference kicking off
petition drive, September 13, 1993

"The public employees in the State of Oregon have cut themselves a huge hog."

Northwest Reports, February 8, 1994

"The Legislature gave it (the PERS pickup) and the people can take it away. . . . If they play this game with the people's will, then we'll take away the collective bargaining bill. That would be extreme, but it could all go away."

"Bargaining Notes," a newsletter
published by a public employer
bargaining consultant, February 1994

"It's outrageous. They're cutting such a fat hog. . . . It galls the crap out of me."

The Oregonian, February 17, 1994



Tiernan on Portland television KATU's Town Hall program, March 28.