

## *Pro-worker legislation passed by the Senate and killed in the House*

**SB 1040:** Affordable hospital care. Forced hospitals to disclose their pricing structure.

**SB 329:** Affordable prescription drugs. Expanded State prescription drug purchasing pool.

**SB 321:** Made worker safety and staffing levels mandatory subjects of bargaining.

**SB 426:** Expands rights of public employees to form a union. Card check allows workers to join a union free of interference from employers.

**SB 429:** Pool health care purchasing for school districts, making health care more affordable for school employees.

## *Anti-worker legislation passed by the House and killed in the Senate*

**HB 2332:** Requires those who go to work every day to pay taxes at a higher rate than those who play the stock market. Some legislators voted for over \$300 million in new tax loopholes for special interests. (See *what they gave away on pages 6 – 8.*)

**SB 480:** Weakened a Senate Bill to prevent tax fraud by removing provisions cracking down on abusive tax shelters used mostly by wealthy, out-of-state investors.

**HB 2542:** Codified in Oregon law the federal corporate tax loopholes recently enacted by Congress and President Bush.

**HB 3481:** Extension of the tax loophole for corporate polluters who change practices to obey law.

**HB 3258:** Legislation sponsored by agri-business that would have allowed farm workers to form only the weakest type of unions, hampering their right to bargain collectively.

## *What Passed Both Chambers*

**HB 3262:** Allows state workers with a six month break in service to retain their status in the PERS system.

**SB 1:** Mental health parity.

**SB 501:** Requires the health care industry to disclose how much they spend on advertising and bureaucracy.

**SB 5584:** For the first time all eligible students will receive the Oregon Opportunity Grant to attend college in Oregon.