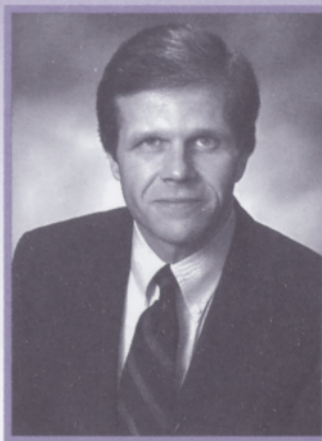


Now consider Senator Mark Hass (D - Beaverton)

Most times, Hass stands up for workers and for services. When he was in the House, he provided strong leadership against some very unfair tax proposals. **But this session, Senator Hass voted no before he voted yes on two occasions.**

Hass withdrew support for legislation to protect workers from mandatory meetings with the boss during union organizing campaigns. After weeks of negotiation, he later voted yes. And in the defining moment of the session, Senator Hass voted against increasing taxes on profitable corporations to adequately fund services. The measure lost by one vote. His stand threatened to force through a watered down version of the bill that would let profitable businesses off the hook and miss the opportunity of a generation to insert more fairness into Oregon's tax structure.

After intense lobbying by SEIU members in his district, school advocates, and his own colleagues, Hass reversed himself the following day. His nominal reason for changing his mind was to allocate part of the tax increase to the rainy day fund, a nuance that most observers deemed a face-saving excuse. Was he really fighting for better public policy or had Hass "carried the water" for greedy corporations seeking to escape an increase in their taxes and keep the corporate minimum at \$10? Should members hold his original no vote against him or overlook it because he ultimately came around? **Do we withdraw our support or endorse him with reservation because we might need his help in the future?**



What would you decide?