

Bill Bellamy:
'Letter to
Constituency'

By Bill Bellamy

As the deadline for filing legislation approaches in the Oregon House and Senate, some of the bills that legislators seem to deal with each session have been introduced once again.

The major bills which come to mind are the gay right's bill, lowering the drinking age to 18, the abolishment of the recently reinstated death penalty, and the banning of the use of pesticides and chemicals.

In voting upon these particular bills, I definitely rely on my basic background and the interest, wishes, and concerns of my constituency in Dist. 55. I feel that my own personal views should effect legislation only if they reflect the will of the majority of people in Dist. 55.

When addressing the issue of the death penalty, I will support the vote of the majority of the people of Dist. 55 in the last general election. I believe that almost all areas of the district overwhelmingly supported the reinstatement of the death penalty.

Most of you by examining my background or just by knowing me realize my positions on these issues. However, if any of you are concerned about my particular beliefs on certain bills please feel free to contact me either by calling or writing my office.

Much discussion is arising over a U.S. Constitutional amendment that has been introduced in the Oregon Legislature. The amendment would grant the city of Washington D.C. the right to elect one representative to the U.S. House and two U.S. Senators to serve in the U.S. Senate. Presently, I oppose the Washington D.C. amendment. I feel that it is not in the best interest of Oregonians and the people of Dist. 55 to allow the addition of two more Senators. These two Senators will not represent a land mass nor will they represent any business or industry other than government.

Ullman on reforestation

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"I am pleased to see that Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon has joined this fight. The reforestation issue can use all the support it can get.

"While there is some merit in a portion of Senator Packwood's proposal, the trust fund concept is one of those politically popular gimmicks that will have little actual long-range impact on the level of spending for reforestation.

"The problem with this approach is that the psychology of the Appropriations Committees is to look at the total level of funding, rather than the source of funds.

"I think the people in the lumber business, as well as other interested in the conservation of our forest resources, understand the problem too well to buy this kind of easy answer to a tough on-going problem."

Legislator seek input from District 55 residents

Since there are only 100 Senators serving in the U.S. Senate, I question the idea of adding two more for only a city. I become very concerned about the amount of power influence these particular people could gain.

I would appreciate comments from the people of the

district concerning this proposed amendment. I expect it to surface for a vote on the floor in perhaps the next three weeks.

It has already passed the Oregon Senate by a vote of 20 to 9. However, if it is going to be ratified by the State of Oregon, it will require a

majority vote from the Oregon House. I look for a very heated debate over this issue and I hope for Oregon's sake that the amendment will not receive the required majority to pass.

There are various, perhaps unknown methods to contact the Legislature to obtain

hearing information. Many of you are interested in providing testimony or at least attending hearings on particular bills. I strongly encourage you to call the toll free information number to insure that you have the correct bill number, the correct hearing time and date, and the room

number. It is unfortunate when people travel a great distance to discover their hearing was scheduled on another date. The toll free number is 1-800-452-0290. I encourage the public to take advantage of this service.

I also encourage any interested citizen to please contact

me at my office and we can verify hearing information and will be glad to make any arrangements necessary to enable you to testify.

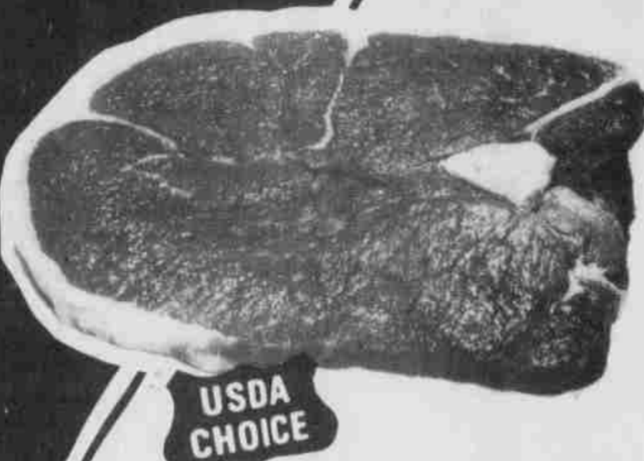
I would also like to include a toll free number which people use to contact my office. It is 1-800-452-7813. My secretary will take your name

and I will return the call on the outgoing WATS line as soon as I return.

My address at my Salem office is: Billy C. Bellamy; House of Representatives-H371; Salem, Oregon 97310. I encourage any information, input or advise from the people of Dist. 55. Thank You.

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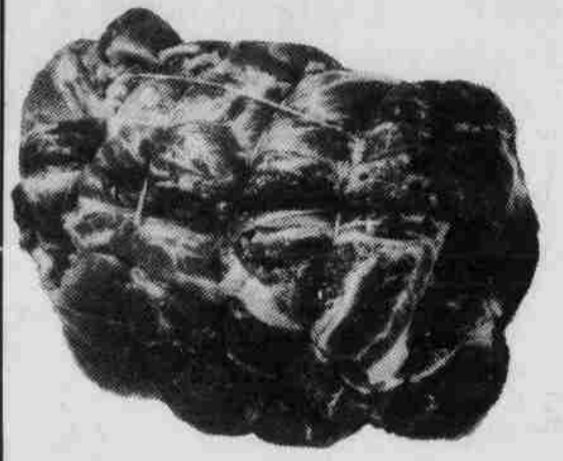
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