

Huffman says if elected he would vote to repeal 'Obamacare'

Republican senate candidate makes Heppner stop

By David Sykes

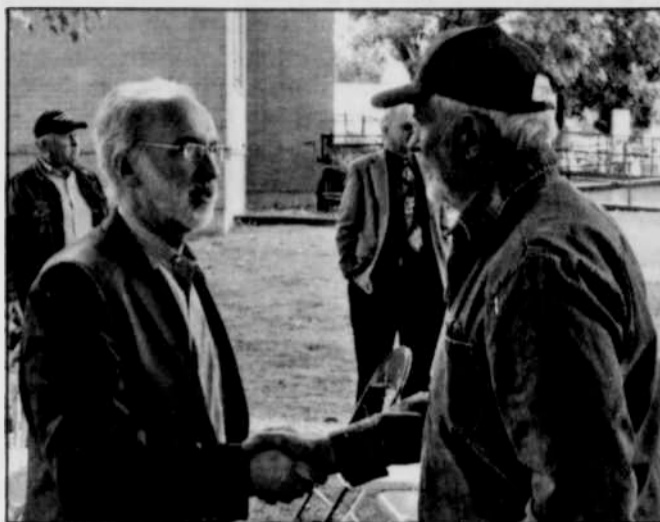
Republican US Senate candidate Jim Huffman says the health care law passed by Congress, commonly called 'Obamacare' is going to increase costs and is a big take-over by government that is bad for the country. He also said if he were elected he would vote to repeal it.

"We need more competition in health care," Huffman told a small crowd gathered at the Heppner City Park. He was in Heppner on a campaign stop last Friday.

"We need to drive prices down and quality up, and this bill, which Ron Wyden voted for, is not going to do this," Huffman said. "We need to move away from a third-party payer system and also introduce interstate competition in health insurance," he said. Huffman also said people need to be able to transport their insurance plan with them and we need tort reform to reduce the lawsuit damages against medical providers. "We need to cover people who are not covered, but we can do it at less cost than this thing (Obamacare)," Huffman said.

On other issues Huffman said it is a shame the way elected officials have locked up the natural resources of Oregon and hurt our small rural communities.

Huffman, who has been teaching law students about the constitution at Lewis and Clark College, said since the New Deal states rights have been eroded and the federal government has been taking more and more power. "A



Jim Huffman (left), candidate for US Senate, shakes hands with Joe Miller of Heppner. Huffman was on a campaign swing through Heppner last Friday. He is running against long-time Democrat incumbent Ron Wyden. -Photo by David Sykes

bigger and more powerful federal government has lead to less and less individual freedoms."

Huffman has been a teacher at Lewis & Clark Law School since 1973. He became acting Dean in 1993, and dean in 1994; a position he held until 2006.

"The system is upside down," says Huffman. He says the way it is now the federal government dictates to the states and the states to the local government. "Now the federal government is first and they always say they have the solutions to our problems. But they do not have the answers. "The federal government suing the state of Arizona (about illegal immigration) is ridiculous," he says.

Huffman also disagrees with Wyden on how to improve the economy and create jobs. "The Democrats say we need to spend vast amounts of money to create jobs. For some reason they think if we spend a dollar it will turn into

\$1.50 or \$2. Wouldn't that be great if it were true," he says. "Wyden has spent the last 30 years in Washington and it is time for a new approach to things."

Huffman says individuals and businesses need to know that if they invest time and effort they will get a return. Private enterprise creates jobs, not the government, he says.

To turn the economy around and help the private sectors create jobs, Huffman says he would extend the Bush tax cuts. "If taxes go up on January 1 then it is a tax increase. I say extend all tax rates. Taxing the rich is not effective. A tax increase would affect one half of all small businesses and the estate tax will go back to 55 percent." He says he would also put a moratorium on all new regulations.

On the recent bank regulation passed, which Wyden voted in favor of, Huffman said it did nothing to regulate Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. "They need regulation and they did not

get it," he says.

Huffman is in favor of a payroll tax holiday and says "don't spend anymore on TARP or on stimulus. Both didn't work except to give us a \$13.6 trillion debt," he points out.

On natural resources, Huffman says "53 percent of the land in the state is under the control of the federal government; most of it not available for economic use. Those people who have locked that land up should be ashamed of what they did," he says about the damage the federal government has done to Oregon's economy. "We need to get these resources back to work for Oregonians."

On green energy

Huffman says it is ok for government to assist new technology to get off the ground, but it should not subsidize these energy sources indefinitely. "You can put windmills, solar panels and wave generating buoys until they carpet everything, but that is still not going to put a dent into the carbon base." He did say he is not opposed to green energy or to subsidizing it in the short term.

On several other issues Huffman said:

-I will not vote for any bill that I have not read

-I will not vote for earmarks

-We need to elect people who will not vote for bills that have all sorts

of other things tacked on to them

-On the second amendment Huffman says the Obama administration would like to limit the right to bear arms. "We need to keep our guard up so these rights are protected."

-He believes we need regulation in business but it has gone overboard and we are to the point where it is driving up the cost to produce things in America

-He is in favor of a woman's right to choose, but believes abortion should not be paid for with tax money

-He says he is not opposed to term limits, but "remember we have the power to boot people out."

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

July 5: -MCSO issued a citation to Wayne Bradley Schwabrow, 35, for Driving While Suspended Violation.

-MCSO issued a citation to Jasey Shay Riddle, 18, for Violation of the Basic Rule by driving 82 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO issued a citation to Medardo Flores Molina, 62, for Violation of the Basic Rule by driving 82 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-BPD arrested David Villegas, 25, for DUII.

-BPD arrested Daniel Macias Lemus, 19, for Disorderly Conduct II.

-BPD received a report of a non-injury hit and run. The caller stated that someone left a note on his truck that said they witnessed someone hit his boat trailer.

July 6: -MCSO was notified that Scottie Elaine King, 32, was arrested by HPD on an outstanding HJC warrant for Disorderly Conduct.

-MCSO received a theft complaint. The caller stated that someone had stolen fruit that was ready to be harvested from his orchard.

-MCSO was notified that Kelly Rae Fox, 37, was arrested by Umatilla

County Jail on a Morrow County warrant for Failure to Pay Fine for the original charge of False Information to a Police Officer.

-MCSO received a criminal mischief complaint. The caller stated that someone came to her residence and shot her dog twice last night with a bb gun.

-MCSO received a criminal mischief complaint. The caller stated that a female threw a computer into a dumpster and ruined and ripped up pictures from the wall. The caller wanted to talk to a deputy about destruction of property.

-MCSO issued a citation to a female subject for Dog at Large.

-MCSO issued a citation to Chad Fleming Peele, 36, for Violation of the Basic Rule by driving 73 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-BPD arrested Dustin Dale Rodriguez, 20, for DUII, Resisting Arrest, and Possession of a Controlled Substance (Less than One Ounce of Marijuana) 1000 from School. MCSO assisted.

-BPD received a report of a domestic in progress. And officer responded and determined that the dispute was verbal only.

July 7: -MCSO arrested a male subject for Theft I and Criminal Mischief I.

-MCSO arrested a female subject for Theft by Receiving.

-MCSO was notified that Timothy Alan Jones, 33, was arrested by OSP on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine on the original charge of Possession of Less than an ounce of Marijuana.

-MCSO received an EMS call for a 75 year old female who could not move her lower back. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

-MCSO issued a citation to Merle S. Bashor, 84, for Violation of the Basic Rule by driving 83 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO was notified that Carl Richard Haney, 33, was arrested by Medford PD on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for DUII.

-BPD arrested Justino Bautista Villegas, 37, for Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument II and Failure to Carry and Present ID.

-Irrigon Ambulance received a report of a male subject having a stroke. The patient was transported. Boardman Ambulance assisted.

-Boardman Ambulance transported a female subject to Good Shepherd Hospital who had been drinking and passed out. BPD assisted.

Greg Walden

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The U.S. Navy and National Guard INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE in the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman EIS

The U.S. Navy, in cooperation with the National Guard Bureau and the Oregon National Guard (ORNG), is in the early stages of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed military training activities associated with Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility (NWSTF) Boardman. The EIS will analyze potential environmental effects from the proposed training of U.S. forces in military airspace above and land training areas within the boundaries of NWSTF Boardman. Public input is requested on the scope, content and issues to be addressed in the EIS.

The Navy and the National Guard request your input!

You can participate in a variety of ways:

- ...Visit the project website at www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com to learn more about the project and provide comments.
- ...From the project website, link to more information on Navy and ORNG training and testing activities.
- ...Mail written comments to the address below.
- ...Attend open house scoping meetings in Oregon.

Let the Navy know what factors you want considered in the preparation of the EIS.

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO:
Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Northwest
Attn: Mrs. Amy Burt - NWSTF Boardman EIS Project Manager
1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203
Silverdale, WA 98315-1101

Submit comments online at www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com. Comments must be postmarked or received by **November 15, 2010**.

PROPOSED ACTION:
The Navy and the National Guard propose to implement actions to maintain baseline training activities at current levels; increase certain training activities from current levels to support Navy and ORNG requirements; develop appropriate ranges and facilities to support training activities; accommodate mission requirements associated with force structure changes and the introduction of new weapons systems; and implement range enhancements.

The Navy and National Guard appreciate your input. If you are unable to attend a scoping meeting, there will be more opportunities to participate during the EIS development process. Visit www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com to learn more.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

Boardman:
October 27, 2010
5-8 p.m.
Port of Morrow Conference Center, Riverfront Room
2 Marine Drive
Boardman, OR 97818

Hermiston:
October 28, 2010
5-8 p.m.
Hermiston Conference Center
Rotary Room
415 S. Highway 395
Hermiston, OR 97838

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