

HOUSE SPEAKER INTRODUCES FARM LABOR BILL IN 1973

Oregon House Speaker Bob Smith of Burns said Wednesday he will introduce a farm labor bill in the 1973 Legislature.

Smith, who made the statement while campaigning in Malheur County, said he will introduce the same bill which passed the House during the special session, but which died in the Senate upon adjournment.

Smith noted that SB 677, the original farm labor bill, was passed by the 1971 Legislature with the bi-partisan support of 59 of the 90 members.

He predicted the new legislation will be passed in 1973, signed by the Governor, and upheld by the courts.

"Since the Governor's veto, some of the best legal minds in the State have worked many hours to produce a model farm labor relations act which is fair to both farmers and farm workers," Smith said.

"The objective," Smith said, "is to place on the books an orderly and workable method for the organization of farm workers. This legislation will be designed to permit—rather than prohibit—farm worker organization and collective bargaining procedures."

While the right of the worker to organize must be established, Smith said, any farm labor law must also protect agriculture from the threat of a crippling strike or walk-out during harvest seasons.

"Everyone must realize that a strike during a harvest season can wipe-out a man's lifetime effort. And the bankruptcy of a farmer also results in a loss of work for the farm worker," Smith said.

"The best interests of both farmers and farm workers dictate that the harvest of crops must not be halted or interrupted," Smith said.

Smith said that failure of the 1973 Legislature to act on the farm labor bill "could leave Oregon and its citizens without legal remedy to combat farm labor racketeering."

Organizing activities in California have included harassment and intimidation of both farmers and farm workers, arson, destruction of farm machinery and equipment, the rotting of crops in the fields, the bankrupting of farmers, and the use of secondary boycotts which cause severe economic distress to businesses and citizens not involved in the primary dispute.

Smith said that those who stridently opposed passage of a farm labor bill in 1971 now recognize the need for farm labor legislation.

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KINGMAN KOLONI — Mrs. Bill Toomb, Mrs. Myron Osborn, Mrs. Mary Hatt, Mrs. K. I. Peterson and Mrs. Marie Moore went to the Christian Women's Association luncheon at the La Paloma in Ontario Wednesday.

Mrs. Bill Toomb visited Mrs. Art Cartwright in Nyssa, Tuesday. Saturday, she visited Mrs. Dale Ashcraft, also in Nyssa.

Sunday, Mrs. Anna Long, Mrs. Sue Ashcraft and Mrs. Bill Toomb were dinner guests of Mrs. Mable Piercy.

Mike, Given and Julie Robb of Portland returned home Wednesday evening to attend the funeral services of Lee Davis, which was held Thursday at Caldwell, at 2 p.m. at the Flahiff Funeral Chapel. Interment was at Riverside in Emmett. Mr. Davis was 97 years old and his death was caused from a fall he sustained when a ladder broke, when he was shingling a building a week earlier. Mike, Given and Julie Robb returned to Portland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kearley of Emmett were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Osborn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pittz and family of Nyssa and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gehrke were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes and family.

Saturday visitors at the Willis Conant home were Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Anderson and boys of Vale and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conant and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conant and Janet were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Conant. Mrs. Ginger Stacy and girls of Apple Valley were Sunday afternoon visitors.

AKH Home Extension unit will meet this Thursday with Mrs. Audrey Franklin in Adrian. The lesson will be on "Table Cookery."

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Freitag in Nyssa Sunday afternoon.

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Cattle Thefts Major Oregon Problem

"Cattle thefts, vandalism and hunter carelessness will cost Oregon cattlemen \$400,000 in cattle losses this year," according to Donald Ostensoe, Executive Vice President of the State Cattlemen's Association. He was addressing eastern Oregon business leaders and cattle producers at the annual Harney County Livestock Association luncheon held in Burns, Saturday, October 21.

Ostensoe said that the 3000 member Oregon Cattlemen's Association will support state legislation next January for additional state police game officers, who will double in their duties in cattle theft prevention and investigation. The cattlemen's executive officer also stated that "our industry will also ask the legislature for tougher branding laws as a means of reducing the very serious cattle theft problem in Oregon." Ostensoe informed his audience that the beef cattle industry in Oregon and

throughout the nation were quite concerned about the increased beef imports coming into this country. He said that in 1972 alone, more than 1 billion pounds of beef will be shipped into the U. S. A. What the industry is most concerned about is the fact that all domestic beef produced in this country is 100% inspected for the protection of the consumer, and the foreign beef coming into this country receives less than 2% Federal meat inspection. Ostensoe said that this type of activity was not fair to the consumer or to this country's cattle industry. He said currently the industry is trying to determine ways and means to have

foreign beef receive the same necessary inspection as domestic beef, or if this can't be accomplished, perhaps, all foreign beef should at least have a label as to country of origin, so the consumer will at least have choice.



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