

Roger Martin interview on Atiyeh

An interview of Roger E. Martin (1935-2023) regarding Oregon's Governor Victor Atiyeh, recorded on Apr. 23, 2015. Martin served as a Republican in the Oregon House of Representatives from 1967 to 1978. He lost against Atiyeh and Tom McCall in the gubernatorial primary of 1978, working thereafter as a lobbyist. The interviewer, James Moore, was as professor of political science at Pacific University and was Atiyeh's biographer.

The interview includes discussion of: contrasts between the political careers of Governors Tom McCall and Vic Atiyeh, focusing on their rivalry and friendship; how the two met in the early 1960s during a debate on the inventory tax; how McCall and Atiyeh worked closely on legislative reforms, including the Bottle Bill and land use planning; Atiyeh's accessibility and pro-business stance; the challenges faced during economic recessions and the impact of union politics; Atiyeh's legacy as a bipartisan leader and his effective governance; anecdotes about his personal life and political strategies.

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[Recording begins mid-conversation.]

Roger Martin 00:00

...Tom McCall at one point, was brilliant -- not when he ran against us, but during the early years, I worked very closely. Vic and I worked closely together from the very beginning, and he was also the minority leader in the same time he was minority in the house. In 1978 we both got ambitious, and McCall decided to hop in. And we went through that. But I can tell you honestly, never during all that period, and especially afterwards, did we ever not keep our friendship up. Yeah, we were rivals for three, four months in the spring of 1978 after that, I was on his team all the way

James Moore 00:38

Wonderful. So when did you first meet him? Was it when you were elected? Or did you

Roger Martin 00:44

No, I met Vic in the early 1960s and I went to Salem to testify against what I thought was a horrible idea was called inventory tax long ago repeal, but they literally would come in here on December 31 and tax the entire inventory of that store, which led people to do everything in the world to avoid having big inventory. It was just ridiculous. And I came down to testify. And in the middle of that I met Vic I also met Tony Yturri, and especially remember, Democratic State Senator was chairman of the revenue committee at the time, they were trying to gin up a sales tax. Not Vic, never did care for sales tax, but Yturri and the other people there, I was too naive to understand what they were doing, so they listed me a little bit and said, Well, would you be in favor of a sales tax instead of an inventory tax? Well, you know, I wasn't ready to answer that, but I met Vic, and Keith said it to me afterwards: I'm sorry they put you through that. He didn't quite understand. That was my first introduction. Then, after I got elected, I ran in 1962 and in 64 losing, and had a brief association with him as candidates. I wasn't in the same area. He was Washington County. I was talking, yeah, but we'd go to schools for candidates and stuff. But I didn't really get to know him until I got elected in 1967 66 election in the 67 session, I was 32 years old.

I know it all who didn't know it all, needed a lot of schooling. But I was adopted by a clique of unbelievably talented lobbyists and legislators who did a lot of social activities together, and I was brought in as the, I guess, the rookie that year. Yeah, so I got to play pitch and drink and have dinner with these guys endless nights when I realized I was school. Yeah, it was going on, and there was nothing evil about it. It's pretty well died out because of all the ethics laws now, the entertainment and so forth, I would say that it was probably healthier than today, yeah, but that's never going to change. Yeah. There was a great camaraderie. It was bipartisan and Vic and I got going together, and then in 1969 when McCall gets elected, and he got elected in 66 Yeah, When? When? By 69 I'm in a position of some leadership Bob's. I

was the first guy to support Bob Smith for speaker. He gets elected, and he makes me the liaison with the governor's office, with the calls office. Vic was doing a similar thing from the house, from the Senate side. So we sat down and worked with the genius of all time at Westerdahl and very involved in the total change in executive branch of state government, which McCall never gets the credit for. I mean, it's ridiculous. It's the Bottle Bill and the Beach Bill and land use. So the only thing ever did, what he really did was, was get rid of the border control and totally change how the executive branch of state government ran, and Vic and I were involved in all of that. When Nixon gets elected, Nixon gets elected in 1968 is it 68 Yeah, he gets elected. And westward all comes up with the idea, let's go back to Washington, DC, the first week in January, just as soon as they're there, before the inauguration, the new people coming in. Or maybe it was terrible, but it was right at the beginning.

And let's go meet the key Secretary of Interior, Secretary of Transportation that Oregon has to deal with. Yeah, and we went in, we spent, we were the first people to ever go to Wally Hickel's office, the Secretary of Interior. Wow, what kind of a buffoon he really was. But we were there, we, I can remember, and Vic. It was Vic, and I rich Kennedy, and I can't remember. The other Democrat was somebody Senate Democrat, but because he wanted it bipartisan Western all Yeah, and Vic and I spent a lot of time together. I One Sunday, I'm Catholic, he's a high Episcopal so we went to the National Cathedral, which is Eva, and I'm sitting there answering all of the responses, because the Catholic Church and high Episcopal are almost identical, except they say that the Our Father differently, right? And Vic How do you know all this? I said an older boy. I grew up as a Catholic. I know all these right, okay, yeah, so we drank together. Never a big drinker, but the one time security, three or four times, trips back to Washington during that era, on behalf of the legislature and in conjunction with the governor's office. Did

James Moore 05:56

you see him at that point, really paying attention to how the governor's office was working and and buy into the reforms, or being a legislator,

Roger Martin 06:07

he was really into the issues. He's all he was always a serious kind of guy and serious about getting things done. We just happen to, I think, had very similar views. I was portrayed as some kind of a conservative. I was never that. Vic was always a little more conservative as an example, and I regret it now. I was big enthusiastic about Metro, creation of Metro, giving them land use planning, not to give it a Millennials planning, but some other things, Vic was always suspicious of Metro, which I now am, because of how impossible is to work with getting them done. Vic was considered to be really parochial when it came to Washington County. Always very protective of everything I do in Washington County. And I guess, like any logical legislator from the other two counties, you're always suspicious of what Multnomah County and especially what Portland's doing, and that's the era when Goldsmith first shows up on the scene as a city commissioner and influence almost everything that's happened in The last years

James Moore 07:18

you're elected, and then after the 1970 census, you go from kind of multiple level, county districts, right? Single Member? What was the difference that you saw between those? Well,

Roger Martin 07:32

it was tremendous for me because it limited. I suddenly became the state representative for Lake Oswego and Milwaukee. My district was across the River, Lake Oswego was by far the biggest, and at that time it had a republic big majority, so it was considered kind of a safe seat. All of those things have changed, and I don't know that Vic changed very much. I Clackamas County is very different than Washington County, oh, yeah, there's always been a split, I mean, for a long time, and we might as well been our own county in Lake Oswego area, because the rest of the county commission was all dominated by people across the river. Screw Lake Oswego, we had virtually no Sheriff attention in the surrounding outside the city areas, yeah, the only time you ever saw a sheriff over here was when we're serving some papers of some kind. Yeah, a little of that's changed. Well, go ahead. Well,

James Moore 08:33

though, one thing that Vic notes, I mean, he loved the old system. He thought the new system made it so that a he started getting meaner letters from people because they were his, you know, he was theirs. But also he, it, he, he, he lost the ability to represent the dairy farmers. You know, he was just representing his small suburban, that's right place.

Roger Martin 09:01

I was always able to keep in mind. I mean, I was when I ran, I was somewhat popular in I won a couple counties in Eastern Oregon because I had paid attention. Yeah, my my people, my mother grew up in the pine Oregon, and so I had a feel for Eastern Oregon I've always had.

James Moore 09:19

I'll be driving through there from tomorrow. We are okay,

Roger Martin 09:27

and the legislators from Eastern Oregon were always very popular with Vic and me, because they are not ultra conservative. Yeah, they're fiscally conservative. They're not religiously wacko like Krupp and some other people down the line of Valley, they're quite modern. For a long time, they were pro choice. Many of them were so you could work with them, and they are a higher cut of the. Individuals, because you don't get elected and panel in our burns without people knowing who the hell you are, right? You are known in that community over here, you can disguise yourself as something else. Yes, go ask anybody who their representatives.

James Moore 10:14

I grew up in Southern Oregon, and it's just okay. Was an amazing thing to come up here, and nobody knows who their county commissioner is. Nobody knows who their state legislator is.

Roger Martin 10:24

It's like, where did you grow me in Medford, okay, well, and I served with some of the great guy, Jim Redden, yes, very close friend. Yeah. Still is, although he's goofy now, Lynn Newberry was just a giant Hank. Hart was a very good friend of mine. They had a few fun Hank loses to a guy that didn't really know who he was, Democrat in that after it was the Nixons.

James Moore 10:57

So talk about the big early 1970s things, the Bottle Bill, the Beach Bill, land use was Vic in the middle of any of that. The impression I get is he was, I mean, he was thinking about things, but he wasn't in the center of the conversation.

Roger Martin 11:13

He wasn't in the center of it, because the bottle, I'll just use the bottle as an example. Bottle bill originates in the house, 1969 Paul Hanneman introduced and a lot of people claim they're responsible for introducing it. Paul has told me there's a cop down there, state cop who was doing the Fish and Wildlife stuff, and was sick and tired of all the trash along the trash with the Wilson and the Tillamook rivers. And kept saying, Why the hell don't we go back to the old ways when I was on a deposit and he induced the bill. We heard it in the house, and it was popular enough that it came out of the committee, and we were trying to write a bill that solves some of the problems, problems that still exist, the requirement that this place takes your garbage back and handles it for no property. And maybe if you're happen to be near the Columbia River, you have a store out on Chancellor beach. You take a whole bunch of bottles from Washington too that never had. So you lose money. We're trying to work those details out. It comes out of committee, goes to the floor of the house, there's a debate. And I made the motion to send it back to committee and kill them 69 and I made the promise at the time, we're going to give the quote industry the time to try to work out some solution to this problem, or we will bring it back. And I got very much involved. I went to the National Glass Institute or something like that. At the time, Pebble Beach at a convention, I'm the keynote speaker, and I took two tapes with me. I took a tape of me saying that on the floor solve the problem where you get the bill, and I took a tape of Tom McCall damning everybody for not passing, and said, You gotta believe it, if you don't have a solution that's coming back. And in 71 it did. It passed the House easily. There were six no votes, one of which was Bob Smith. The speaker which tribute to Bob Smith for allowing the process to work, even though he disagreed with it wouldn't happen today. Speaker killed. He let it go. Then it went over the Senate, where it really got all balled up, didn't supported it. The problem were some evil out of state lobbies came in. Guy from national can company had a roll of \$50 bills in his pocket with a rubber band around, and was trying to take them out and give them to people. And Betty Roberts got approached that way, and she exploded. And that's kind of what made got the bill of the floor, got it passed, because at that time, George Brown, who was the FL CIO lead lobbyist, had been hired by this out of state cam company or the union that worked for them to try to kill the bill? And

George was a hell of a good guy, but he made a mistake of taking the job and so forth, and she got furious. Was a big blow up in the past. Vic supported it, but wasn't right in the middle of it. Okay? Vic was always very suspicious of the land use, and I don't know even how he voted on Senate Bill 100 I think he voted for it. I voted for 100 and bitterly opposed the other bill, which gave Metro the Tri County area. That was a concoction of Neil Goldsmith, who said, we're all for land use planning, but we want Metro. Well, first of all, he wanted Portland to be excluded in Senate Bill 100 and the compromise was, we'll put Metro in charge of the Tri County. Yeah, and I remember saying on the floor of the House, the city that brought us beautiful 82nd Avenue is now going to do the planning for Hillsborough, Davidson and Lake Oswego. Well, that's

James Moore 14:57

actually why Vic was in favor of it is because. Because he they used to have a farm, which is now Fred Meyer, and then the boys moved up the hill into kind of Raleigh hills, and they watched this little two lane road turn into Canyon Road. It basically is a high four lane highway with strippings, right? And that's Vic said, we have to have land use planning. This is nuts.

Roger Martin 15:21

The the other bill you asked about was a Beach Bill. The Beach Bill, I don't think anybody can take credit, credit for what happened. We knew the bill was there. It was an inconsequential bill that Glenn Jackson, head of at that time the highway commission, I used to go swimming at his house. Oh, you did okay. He encouraged the bill. And the strangest people in the world that were supporting were said Basset from France, pass and Norm Howard. They were the chair and the vice chair of the House roads committee or transportation. Oh, screw it. Forget it, you guys. And then KGW arms, whoever the general manager was, Armstead or something like that, went on the air one Sunday night with a tirade that ended by saying, call your legislator and demand House Bill, 32, or 1560, whatever it was, no compromise. And our phones exploded, and we got calls and calls and calls. And Lee Johnson and I were out rooming together, former Attorney General, and Lee is called in by the speaker and said, Look, we got to do something about this, and I got to get it out of Sid Bassett and Norm Howard. They can't handle it legally. They don't know what they're doing. I'm going to form a special committee. It's going to be you and Jim Redden, and he put all the coastal legislators on it, and some others, and we're going to work this out. And one night, I never forget this, I'm sitting watching television in the apartment that we share, and the phone rings, and it's Lee, and he says, I got to get this committee the hell out of the Capitol. We can't get a fucking thing done. There's just people screaming and yelling and coming at us. We joined the committee, and he brought them all over to the apartment and sat him down, and I got the lesson of my life in negotiation with guys screaming and swearing, Hanneman and Bill Holmstrom and a very powerful legislator from the Southern Oregon coast all trying to oppose the bill because their constituents, and it's Redden and Lee Johnson working with the other people to get it. I can still remember rod McKenzie, who was some wonderful, brilliant Republican from Curry County who disguised himself as a dumb sheep herder. He owned. He was the biggest sheep owner in the state of Oregon, but I'm just a dumb sheep and I'd say, Fuck you, Mackenzie. You know you're lying to me on that. He finally said, okay, and the argument was six feet above mean tide, yeah, and, and Hanneman had a map blood thistle showed that six feet above mean tide would put it over Highway 101, in gear art, no area the northern coast.

James Moore 18:16

And they reported those as tsunami zones, yeah,

Roger Martin 18:19

and, yeah, we were trying to get what they eventually got to but they but it was the legal ability of Jim Redden and Lee Johnson to work out a sensible solution. And that's what passed the House. And John Burns will tell you that he was very, I can't deny this very much involved in getting it passed in the Senate. Had to redefine some of the stuff to get it done in the Senate. John's a very close friend of mine. So yeah, I wouldn't doubt that, which is, by the way, the example of how closely we used to work together across party lines, John Burns and Jim Redden and all those guys. I mean, none of those things would have passed on a partisan vote. Yeah, it was totally bipartisan. I mean, the beach, the Beach Bill first in 67 and then the Bottle Bill in 71 happened just that way. Yeah,

James Moore 19:15

yeah. I heard a story a couple of weeks ago about Lee Johnson and Jim Redden co writing their public statements for them. Oh, and then they go out and yell at each other and then come back, and they were trying, what can the solution

be?

Roger Martin 19:30

Not only that, they sat next to each other. I was right behind them in the house, and they would write out little attacks on each other and show it to them before they got up on the floor to change that put this in here. Amazing. And Jim and Lee and Joan Redden would leave Salem with in the car. They're going to debate on television on the sales tax. For instance, they would drive up to dunthor for Lee and Snowy Johnson would go. Have a dinner, and they'd all have a couple of drinks and dinner, and then they go downtown and yell at each other in front of the television screen, come back. And they'd all, we'd all meet at Chuck Steakhouse and sit down and laugh about what it was purely politics. They were personal friends and you know, and I love to tell Redden, of course, you know his favorite term when he was talking about is dastardly. What a dastardly thing to do. I can't believe what you're trying to do to the poor little people of Oregon. But sales tax, I said, 10 years later, guess who was supporting Democrats? Why didn't you guys ever get together decades apart, we might have had a sales tax. Yeah,

James Moore 20:42

yeah. Wally Carson talks about going up to Olympia when he was in the Senate at one point, and everything was completely reversed, and what the parties thought about sales tax and things I never knew the Columbia River was so powerful,

Roger Martin 20:54

that's exactly Wally and I have talked about that, because that's very true. Yeah, they were dead set trying to get an income tax, yeah, and get rid of it and do something with the sales tax, which, yeah, that could be.

James Moore 21:11

Did you know when Vic decided to run in 74 Pretty much, yeah, wait, he tells it is he, at some point, he looked at Tom McCall and said, You know, I can do that job.

Roger Martin 21:25

Well, Thomas, 74 it's 74 Yeah, yeah, I think, yeah. I can't remember. I was busy trying to regain the house for the House Republican. I was the nominal majority leader after Smith left, Hank hard. Smith left, Wally Carson left, and the majority leader, I was speaker of pro tem in the 71 session, but everybody else left, and I was just left for the job. And we had, we were headed into a difficult election because of Nixon, yeah, so I spent that whole campaign trying to win the house, yeah? And didn't pay attention to what Dick was doing. And two years later, we'd lost that I was immersed in trying to figure out how to win, win it back, yeah, which we succeeded in doing 20 years later in the early 90s. Yeah, exactly.

James Moore 22:17

So when do you decide that you're going to get in the 78 election.

Roger Martin 22:24

Probably it was a wonderful drunken dinner with all of my wonderful, very bright and very young staffers, including Walden. We're out at a rest Italian restaurant on the west side of Salem. And we keep talking about it coming, and I finally said, I think I'm going to run. And they were encouraging me. They all wanted to be involved. Mark Cushing, who is now an attorney, lobbyist, and no friend of mine anymore, but, uh, was my Chief of Staff at the time. We all went. We went through all of this. Dave Dietz was very much involved John McCulley, the Bob Moore's next brother down. We're all part of my staff, and all involved in so I decided probably it was probably June, and we started to put an organization together. And I went on a big, long road trip, borrowed motor home in August, all the way around the state. And that's kind of where I but, but Vic was already in, because he'd run before. Yeah, the question was whether McCall would get in or not. And he, wisely, from this standpoint, waited and waited and let us spend a lot of time going around. Then he jumps in November, or something like, yeah,

James Moore 23:41

changes all the dynamics. So when McCall got in, well before McCall got in, how did you how did you peg the race?

Roger Martin 23:51

I had a long shot. I was probably a better public speaker at the time than Vic was. Vic had better name failure because he run for it. He'd been around long, longer than I had. Yeah, I was one of the young, hot shots that thought I could really overcome all the difficulties. And even when McCall got in, we still thought we my committee had put together the best statewide organization. Yeah, that'll come up later, and when you're going to ask me about, did you have a meeting? The meeting? Yes, we had and, and I had a damn good organization put together. We had County Chairman in every county. We had really active. I mean, I carried two counties that, in no common sense, should I have carried, yeah, including Josephine County, simply because of the people on the ground who were really organized, yeah, that discards the metropolitan area where I was not as well organized, where all votes are right, kind of what happened when the basketball player ran and spent all last two weeks. I'm hoping

James Moore 24:56

I'll be able to talk to Chris, because I know that. Talk to him. I think Chris is kind of the last credible candidate. Rob Cornelis never gelled so but, but I think Chris is the last credible candidate. What on earth was he doing on a bus going across Central Oregon?

Roger Martin 25:12

Everybody says

James Moore 25:15

at the time they were asking me on television. It's like, I don't know. There are no votes there, and he has them already go, wow, that's the decision.

Roger Martin 25:24

Just to decide, a cute story that I love to tell about Vic is the last time we ever drank. Oh, yeah, two stories about this. Yeah, sometime in the mid, the early 70s, Vic and Delores took a wine class from that guy out in Northwest who used to have wine classes, and it was back when that was really a unique kind of thing to do, and Vic and Delores had gone to the wine class. So we're in Washington, DC. We're at a dinner hosted by some lobbyists, and among others, it's Bob Smith and me, without our wives and Vic and Delores and Westerdall and a couple other people. It's like eight people at him were right in the Shoreham hotel, right in the middle of a great big old fashioned hotel restaurant. And the wine connoisseur, whatever they call him, all dressed up, looking ridiculous, had the taste or hanging on his neck, he comes over and would the group like some wine? And Bob Smith has to say, well, we would, but this woman has just taken a class of wine, so let her pick the wines. And He hands the damn list of Delores. Yes, she'd taken a class and decided she liked white wine, but she didn't know anything about it. And she looks at her for a while, and then she's stumped, and she turns to Bob, and she says, What do you Well, for a red, I would suggest that bojalus, that's a good wine, and for the white. And he makes up another mispronounced Chablis. And so the guy comes back, and he's she said, we'll have a bottle of bojalus and one of Chablis. And a look on his face was priceless. Who were these rooms? I wish they had a camera. And I turned to Smith and said, You should be son of a bitch. And then he apologized. Delores, the other time, Pacific Power and Light used to take both parties on trips. Vic and I went on all three twice, we went to British Columbia, to a fishing lake up there that Jack Lansing had made contact with. And it was a harrowing experience, because Lansing had one plane, and this other pilot had another plane. These are two engine Cessnas, yeah, and they come in and they land on a gravel shore of a lake that's slightly it's not flat. It's slightly like this. And I'm looking out the window, these goddamn boulders are like that. They're laying on. And I'm thinking, if one of those flies up hits that Prop, yeah, we're done. We're done. And as a matter of fact, they almost dumped Lance and almost dumped at one time, and Smith intervened in some way. He forgot to pull the flap. Do something with the flaps. But on one of these trips, Vic and Vic, we get there about noon, immediately, put our gear away in the cabin we're seeing, and then we go down and put our fish gear on, go out fishing, and the fishing is fabulous. You're catching camelots travel this size and this size, almost on flies. It's a wonderful experience. Yeah. Well, what I didn't know is Vic and, and who's the state senator I mentioned when Newbury, Lynn Newberry, yeah, they're in one boat, and Vic has taken bottle bourbon with him to toast. Taste toast. The river gods. When they catch a fish, well, they catch a sad damn any fish, Said. Lynn told me later I wouldn't be able to run the boat if I kept doing even up with Vic. So he'd put his tongue in the mouth of the bottle, give it back to Vic. Vic drain almost an entire bottle of bourbon, and they don't come back for dinner. We all adjourned at mid afternoon, came back for dinner and then went back out because you could fish until 10 o'clock at night. Well, we're going down about six o'clock, and here they come up the lake. Of the boat is literally going like this, and Vic is standing

in front we go back there any fish left, and he's got a dish pan full of trout with the tails hanging over, showing us well he and he's laughing and giggling, and they hit the shore, and he gets out, and he's still going like this as he tries to walk up to the cabin, and immediately lies down. He doesn't eat dinner because he gets sick, throws everything up. He's thrown up, thrown up. And then I we start out. Dick Groner is there, and groaner says, Why don't you try this bromo seltzer. It gives him bromo Seltzer, and he takes that and throws it up. And I have to say to well, try some Alka Seltzer. And he takes that, he throws it up, and the next day he just doomed. That's the last time he ever drank. Yeah, and he said he had had that experience in. College with gin. For two of them, sat down drinking gin straight out of a body. Couldn't touch gin again. Yeah? And after that experience, he never drank anyway.

James Moore 30:07

Yeah? He describes the next day in he did a oral history with society, right? He describes the next day as being sick as a dog and being really ticked off that you guys were all fishing. That's right, he couldn't go out,

Roger Martin 30:23

by the way, you were able to pull his up. It wasn't ever published, was it, or was it the Historical Society? Yeah, I did mine verbally too, but it's somewhere on record back and mine. Mine's never been edited or anything else.

James Moore 30:38

Oh, yeah, no, this is it's raw, and we've got it. It's on our in our archive website, so you can go there and just look at the whole thing. I've got them all right here.

Roger Martin 30:49

Does mine show up? Well, I

James Moore 30:50

don't know. I haven't. I haven't looked for any because I've got to find normas, because she, like Jim Redden, is no longer able to really, right, right, do things. So I haven't explored those yet, and I don't know if they're digitized.

Roger Martin 31:04

I've been in charge, and Vic was very much a part of it until he died. Group called the old timers, and it's legislators, lobbyists and people employed as staff in the legislature in the 60s and 70s. Yeah. And we meet four times a year for lunch, and it's absolutely a ride. It's totally bipartisan. We laugh at each other, and last time we met, which was in February, Norma told a funny joke and did it well, good. Everybody laughing?

James Moore 31:36

Good. That's great. It's very good because

Roger Martin 31:39

she is like, can't find her way there. Yeah, somebody brings her, and her son brought her, yeah,

James Moore 31:44

yeah. I've talked to her daughter and her daughter in law, and the suggestion was that I read her oral stuff I come up with questions. So, yeah, so we'll see. We'll see. Um, so tell me about the meeting.

Roger Martin 32:02

Well, probably Jan, early January, at some time I can remember this conversation, Mark Cushing says, you know, a Tia's McCall's going to win this goddamn thing, unless you can take at the point. At that point, he was at 45% Vic was just under 20, and I was under 15. Of the pope with, obviously a whole bunch of undecideds, or it wasn't strong. I mean, if you vote today, and our pollster and I was the first, this was Tim hibbetts first statewide poll. He was my pollster at the time, and he was warning us, this is, you know, you got to do something. I want to get my story exactly straight. We also had pressure coming from a whole bunch of the Aois and the industrial kind business lobby who were standing on the sideline. They didn't want the call, but they couldn't figure out what the alternative was. So they were kind of withholding everything. One of them was Doug Heider Morton, General Electric, and he becomes a key. He was a friend of Vicks, better friend of Vicks of mine, but a good friend of mine, and he becomes key in this story. So finally,

the suggestion was made, let's talk to some of the bigwigs in the Republican Party, or the people of the county. One of them was Hal applause. They talked to and somehow, out of that involved, would you be interested in, kind of having a panel sit down and decide which of you ought to drop out? Well, we don't know about that. We'll talk about it. And the meeting is arranged. I can't remember exactly arrange it at a woman's house in Woodburn estates. And by the time we both agree we're going to go there and meet, it's going to be totally secret, and like we can keep a secret in politics, and she's going to put the coffee pot on, and we're going to meet there at one o'clock in the afternoon, and the door will be open. Just go in. So I get there first I go in, and sure enough, doors open and there's nice coffee. She's got some cookies set out. And about two minutes later, Vic came up, and we had a nice little chat. And then I said, you know, they want us to go sit down. It was going to be at the Ecuador building. None of us will include Jack Faust and John Mason. And I think happening was part, I can't remember, there were panel of three or five, and I can't remember. I could ask Faust, and he could, because he recollects all of this. And they start off by saying, Okay, now here's what we're gonna do. We're gonna interview. First of all, they all say, you don't want to do this, dude, we don't want to, we don't want to have to make a decision, right? So why didn't you decide? Now we won't decide we don't want to do it. And this went back and forth for a few minutes. And finally, okay, we're going to start. And Vic, you're going to be the first time. Yeah, and you sit here and Rogers to go, or maybe, no, I guess I went first the Dick went in the library and sat there and talked to somebody else. I think Bill love was sitting in there talking. And I went through my campaign and did a good job describing the campaign operation. We had the people in place and Klamath and Harding and everywhere else. And then I went to the library, and Vic went in for a half hour, and he did whatever he did, and then he came back. We both sat there as they discussed this for another 1520 minutes. They finally call us back and say that we don't want to do this, and we go through this whole routine again. Finally, no, no, come on, because Vic is absolutely convinced that they're going to say, Vic, you ought to be in Martin, you get out. They said the opposite. They said, Vic, I'm sorry to tell you this, but Rogers got a better campaign, we think. And he was flabbergasted. And you know, the rest is kind of he, yeah, he then denies there is such a meeting. It's on television that night, John Mason has gone home and his daughter. He and his daughter are watching television. Vic stands there and says, No, we didn't have a meeting. And she explodes. She never talked to Vicker tea again. So Vic stays in and the momentum, but then the only choice is somebody has to go after McCall, right. Well, Vic is a boy scout and never says bad things about anybody and not going to be him. So at the University of Oregon, where all three of us were graduates, Tom McCall is an attorney, brother, Bonnie, much older, we have this, and I prepared, because Vic's not going to do it. I'm prepared to attack McCall. And the opening the line, my opening line was, I just want to be governor. I don't want to be king of the state of Oregon, or Reddit, Harry title, or something like one of my opponents. And he explodes, just because we knew we'd do this. A kid controls he gets pissed as hell, makes some stupid comment. Everybody's aghast. I got booed for saying it. But you know, the seed was planted. And Tim Eva will tell you, the polls immediately show him starting down, and we're coming up right at that point. Doug hire hires who was the pollster 3040, years ago. Now, whoever the pollster was, who was doing polling for everybody in especially on the Republican side and the utilities, he's working for Portland General Electric, and he hires them to do a poll on the race, and it shows McCall has dropped to 3435 Vic has come to 24 I've come up to almost 20 and everybody plunged in on jumps, on VIX, he's the old and they went from there, yeah. And I can remember driving up the freeway from someplace, saying, well, and one of the guys saying, what do you do after this race? Is already a lobbyist, and they were already making their plans. We knew it was over, yeah, just a matter of the election? Yeah, I will give Mark credit. Mark Cushing credit for one thing that night, as soon as the polls started showing the trend, he said, Come on, let's get in your car. We're going up to Vic's headquarters. And when the television is become obvious, Vic is leading. He's going to win this. Just as they start, I walk in, and all the cameras get me. And I walked right over, grabbed his hand, put my arm around him, and said, Vic, I'm with you all the way. What can I do? Kind of flabbergasted. Vic, yeah, politically, the smartest thing I could have done. Oh, yeah. And Vic was so enthusiastic about it me, having said that he gets in his car go down see McCall and runs into a drunk, calls him all kinds of mean, nasty things and makes the utter fool out of himself. The McCall to do on occasion. Now, having said, Were you invited to the McCall occasion next week? Yes,

James Moore 38:50

I was. I'm going to be actually talking to Bob Smith next week. Oh, I haven't heard back from him. If you talk to him, put any bug in his ear, I will. I'm going to call him when I get home today.

Roger Martin 39:01

Understand, I think he is also suffering. Yeah,

James Moore 39:03

and that's, that's you want to get all the issue? Yeah, I'm gonna talk to Oh Roseburg guys. Norm Smith,

Roger Martin 39:13

right, enormous, the guy, listen, I can look on my calendar. Well, Sid lichen is dead, Lincoln,

James Moore 39:22

it's

Roger Martin 39:24

Bill Markham. Oh, Markham. Markham is 97 years old. Talk your leg off. Yeah. He's got all kinds of stories,

James Moore 39:33

and as far as I can tell, he may be one of the key people in the kicker so in just getting the idea going so that I'm interesting,

Roger Martin 39:42

because I was never part of that kicker thing. I was a no vote, yeah.

James Moore 39:48

Tony Van Vliet describes it as Oh no, that

Roger Martin 39:52

the 1979 79 Yeah, I was out by that. Yeah, that was Gary Williams. Is the one you want to talk to Gary as well. Yeah? Well, that was really Williams and Bo's idea, yeah,

James Moore 40:03

but there's a sense that martham and I can't take it down, but another like a just being county person, were the ones who brought it in, and then Bo especially becomes a crucial player in making that happen. So I hope to talk to Bob next week. But you know, that's the nature, that's the nature of these things. So when Vic becomes governor, you're a lobbyist now. So what do you see in his administration. That's different for continuity. For instance, when he left office, he was really angry at Goldsmith for basically firing people and throwing suggestions out the window. When he came into office, he kept a lot of straw people. He listened to Bob, who said, This is how things run, that kind of thing. So you wanna,

Roger Martin 41:04

if you wanna talk to somebody that's totally lucid, that remembers all of this, I'll think of it a second. I go fishing with the all the time. Just a second I gotta look, okay, he's, he lives in Salem, and he was, he was, he left legislative, administer, legislative, fiscal at that point and became what in the state government and several he ended up finished his career as director of the lottery. He, along with a bunch of other people, to tell you that Vic is the best Governor we ever had, because he was accessible and he was in Salem, he took the job seriously because he hires Thompson, he hired damn good people. First person he hired was Lee Johnson, which was kind of funny because he kept trying to hammer telling Lee, you're not governor I am, because Lee was just kind of run off the bit. Yeah, I'll think of this in a second. This is what happens when I just turned 80. Oh, yeah, no, although I have most of my marbles. The name thing Dan Simmons, Dan Simmons. Dan Simmons is a extremely knowledgeable guy, and Dan Simmons his phone. He'd be happy,

James Moore 42:32

oh, I have his address, but I don't have his phone, so phone would be his cell. Phone is 5694245,

Roger Martin 42:41

4245, and his home phone is 563, no, 36336320742074, that's home, that's home, and the other is the cell okay? And Dan, like a lot of people will just tell you, it was, it was so, so good to work for, because he listened. He'd have meetings in his office and really pay attention, ask questions. He got very involved. It's state government employees, uniformly, high degree. I respectfully, because he really did stay there. I mean, Coach Smith never stayed there. Yeah, none of the

others, I don't know about Barbara Roberts, who I think was a disaster we ever had, until Kitzhaber found a way to make a fool out of himself.

James Moore 43:34

Well, the last time I talked to Vick was last June, and he had just been quoted in the paper about the story where Kitzhaber was living in Portland and not down there, right? And Vic said, No, you have to live down there. And so I taught some maybe the next day or the day after, and he said I should have been harder on So, yeah, but the idea of being there was so important. Oh, yeah, absolutely, even though he feels he got screwed over and having to pay rent on a house that they raised the rent on, yeah,

Roger Martin 44:03

and he didn't have a real nice house compared to what the last three governors have had since Goldman. Yeah, Vic was just and he was totally accessible. I have a wonderful story that 1979 I'm now a lobbyist. I'm saying the Oregon transit so I became the Executive Director of the Oregon Transit Association public busses, and Vic was absolutely the best governor that public transit ever had. He's the one that came up with the payroll taxes being against public private entities. Yeah, he levied it against public entities. Lynn Newbery, as his fiscal put the first budget together, put transit in there because it was obvious to Vic that things had to change, and it was just at the birth of light rail, right? I mean, the other. Person you might want to talk to about this is Dick Feeney, who raves about how easy it was to work and how important he was to all that. Most people don't appreciate that about Vic. I mean, he understood the need to get something done, to make things work, and he'd work at it. Denny Miles was outstanding. I'm sure he talked to Danny Denny, you know that he had really a good staff, just as McCall and I mean, Vic was far better equipped to be governor than Tom McCall ever was, but both of them were excellent governors because of the staff people I had. Yeah, I mean, I kind of chuckle at Vic talked about what a experienced business owner. He was and so forth. You probably know, his brothers really ran the run business. He was a salesman. He was downtown store, yeah? Glad hander salesman, and he was very good at it, yeah, but he wouldn't run in things his twin brothers that were running the business. But, you know? Well, I gotta tell you, he's the most genuine person I probably have ever met in politics. He was always mild mannered, always friendly, always thoughtful, even if he disagreed with you and he didn't like the sales tax. And I got carried away 69 when we were trying to pass the sales tax special election, and we lost 88 to 11, or something like that, exactly by the time the vote came, everybody the world was against it. Yeah, there was one precinct that was one of mine, right over on the other side of the lake that voted in favor of it. Well, there you

James Moore 46:36

go, yeah, because he eventually signs on to it in 85 Yeah, as part of a huge tax reform. And, you know, as usual, just gets killed.

Roger Martin 46:46

People always find some it's so easy to be opposed to things, and you can always find some reason, even if it's totally out of context. Yeah, yeah.

James Moore 46:57

Did you pay attention? As the other start, yeah.

Roger Martin 47:02

Dick is on this is January or February of 1969 and he's on an airplane coming back from Washington. And on the plane a guy gets on at the last minute, kind of running through the airport like OJ Simpson. His coats flying behind him. He runs on and they shut the door, and he's out of breath, and he's got the seat next to Vic, and he comes in, and he sits down. He's breathing hard, and Vic said, you seem to be in a hurry to get someplace. What's going on? And that guy doesn't have any idea he's sitting next to him. He says, Well, I got a problem out in Oregon, and my company's got a horrible problem, and I got to get out there. Well, he says, Tell me about it. I'm the governor. Of course he does. You're the governor. And he explains that he works for whichever the big Kimberly Clark, I think it was who, at the time, were the largest manufacturer of disposable diapers, which were brand new. Yeah, and Mary burrows, State Representative from Eugene, had gotten out of her car at a parking lot of restaurant and stepped right on a goeey, dirty diaper that some foolish mom had just dumped out of the car. Yeah? And she was so infuriated, I'm gonna ban those things. So she puts a bill in to ban it. Well, you know, you and I, in the common sense. No, probably not going to pass fit of emotion and so

forth, but the bills in and this guy's taking the dead seriously. Yeah, so after he tells his story to Vic, Vic says, Well, I got a friend that's a lobbyist you might want to talk his name is Roger Martin. This is just after the election. Yeah, guys, well, thank you. I'll think about that. And he gets up to go get himself a drink in the back of the plane. Somehow he starts into the story again, and the guy standing there says, Well, I know a guy by the name of Roger Martin so lobbyist. And the guy says, I can't believe this same plane and two guys are mixing the name, calls me up and hires me. Yeah, and the bill is dead within 36 hours, because all you had to do was talk to the committee chair who happened to have small kids and say, We're not going to do that. And it was a Democrat from Ben who I didn't get along with on anything else. Don't worry. Roger, that bill is not going anywhere. Then the guy starts a whole series of well, what if it passes out of the committee? I said, then we'll kill her. How are we going to kill her on the floor? And what if it passes the floor of the House, it'll go to the Senate. Will kill he belts his bedrooms. Just goes on. I had a job the whole session, even though the bill is dead first two weeks. That's great. Thanks to Vic. Yeah, I'll stop talking about extraneous stories. No,

James Moore 49:35

those extreme stories are great. Vic talks about economic development as an idea that he had, because when he becomes governor, land use is in place, but counties have not finished their plan. Cities have not finished their plans. And so basically, the first Yeah, well, or they're inventing them in Damascus, i. Feet. So the first two years is holding people's feet to the fire get this stuff done. But he sees this as we've got to have this so that it's part of economic development, so there's certainty when businesses come in, right? You know, there's not going to be litigation, all that kind of stuff. And that's a continuum, even as the recession just slams everybody all the way through his international trips. It's what do we do to make it so that things are rational here we're open for business in an Oregon way. So when you're lobbying, what did you see of that? Or was it apparent? That's what he was doing. I

Roger Martin 50:37

think it was apparent. I never had anybody that was directly involved in that I represented the time, various businesses, United grocers who were already here and grocery stores didn't have difficulty with land use. Yeah. I guess I can't really speak to that, okay, it just wasn't something we knew. He was very pro business, yeah. And what really proved is everybody after that turned out to be a little less than that, some of them negative. Yeah, I don't have any real insight on that.

James Moore 51:11

Okay, what did you see with government when the recessions hit? The 79 session has been described as the apogee. Tax revenues are coming in, they come up with the kicker. They give hundreds of millions of dollars back to people. And then Paul Volcker, by the end of the year, says, you know, interest rates have got to go through the roof. And from then on, Vic is basically governing and chaos, chaos. And by 82 It's chaos, and the timber industry is collapsing, right? So what did you see of that?

Roger Martin 51:43

Because I was just one of those bemoaning it. I didn't, you know, I've always had the theory that the governor or nor the president caused or cure the business cycles. It's bigger than them, but

James Moore 51:59

which Kate Brown acknowledged in her

Roger Martin 52:01

Okay, brown may say that, but we sure like to blame Obama and so forth Joe Sauer, even though it started before he came in. Yeah, I don't think we're very realistic about it. Government has a much greater role today. I think a lot of us coming out had to do with the Fed and how they handle interest rates that had a great deal to do currently, we weren't that strong before, and it's always. Oregon always seems to be the first in and the last out of a recession, because it then was our lumber industry. And of course, we didn't realize how badly we were getting killed by all the environmental restrictions that were going on. I guess I don't have a clear answer for

James Moore 52:49

you. Yeah, that's fine. Anything else jump out of him being governor?

Roger Martin 52:56

I think he was universally well liked. Democrats will tell you that Democrats that served at the time. Joyce Cohen, for instance, makes the world of vickate. She was a partisan, my opinion, Democrat, but she was there all the time. He was in if you she'd be an interesting one for you to talk to. Joyce Cohen, yeah, I think I've got something on her, but she lives down in Northwest in a loft. Actually,

James Moore 53:21

I don't have any I just have her name. I don't have contact. This is Denny miles and Jerry Thompson, just giving me names and what they right.

Roger Martin 53:36

Well, Joyce is part of this old timers group, and she which I would love to invite you to, either this June or in September, to talk about the project. Yeah, they'd love to hear about it. Oh, yeah, by June, will you have?

James Moore 53:53

Oh, I've got plenty of stuff to talk about right now. Well,

Roger Martin 53:57

June 19, Friday, it's at Oswego Lake Country Club, and it is at 1130 and you get a kick out of it, because some of the real characters have died. Ed Whalen is about to die. Labor guy, former Democratic state representative, President AFL CIO and then the vice president PGE in charge of their labor negotiations and marvelous character, 90 years old and stopped eating about a week ago. So yeah,

James Moore 54:32

so 1130 Lake Oswego Country Club, right

Roger Martin 54:34

June 19, Friday, and I will tell my cohort who does the that we will feature you as given a little talk. But they loved it. They loved to hear history, especially of their era. Oh yeah. Now this has been members that were there in the 60s and 70s, and I came to the conclusion, if we kept that up, we wouldn't have anybody to go to meetings, so we'd all. Open it up to the early 80s. Oh, good, which is now 30 years ago. So yeah, and hardy Meyer is going to be a new member. Oh, good, Bob shipwreck, a couple of those I can't think of right now. Yeah. But it's, it's a total cross section, and it includes people that go back as far as Bob Smith, who has stopped coming as often because the trip up. But Bob Jones, who's a federal judge today and is 88 years old, yeah, he was elected with Nick in 1959 oh my gosh, you might want to talk about,

James Moore 55:37

I would love to talk yeah, because getting, getting that era is tough. He

Roger Martin 55:41

loves to talk about it too. Bob Jones would be just

James Moore 55:47

call this up here. Bob Jones, home

Roger Martin 55:49

phone, 63628106, you want to make an appointment? He he'd love to meet you in this chambers?

James Moore 56:01

Oh, great. Two, eight, is it? 2810

Roger Martin 56:04

Yes, that's his home phone. Yeah, his office phone is 32683408340, now he was elected with Dick from Washington County. Oh, fantastic. In that same 1959 class, yeah, and he is still active, and his mind still works, and he can talk more

than I can, so you be prepared for a long session, but he'll tell you all kinds of neat stories. Yeah? Because that

James Moore 56:32

early stuff, I'm not sure how important it's going to be, but it's a full what I'm planning on doing is it's a huge thing on a website, and 300 pages becomes a book. Okay, so, right, that that's, that's kind of how I envision this thing I got it.

Roger Martin 56:50

By the way, you're not, you're on sabbatical us. I am term this semester,

James Moore 56:55

although I spent 10 hours at the university yesterday for senior projects

Roger Martin 57:00

my app, my wife asked me. My wife has been urging me for years to go teach a class someplace I'm probably past the age where I could anymore, but she wanted me to ask you, is there any place where Roger Martin could come and tell you stories students, stories about what goes on in politics, or

James Moore 57:19

when I teach classes on elections and classes on community politics, there sure is

Roger Martin 57:24

okay. Well, if you'd like it, I'd love to do it sometime. Yeah, last time

James Moore 57:28

I did my community politics class, I had everybody from Barbara Roberts, Kate Brown came as a sitting person all the way down, you know, all sorts of Andy dyke came, Ben Unger came Okay, and then people running for city council. So, yeah, you betcha. Don't,

Roger Martin 57:46

don't bill me anywhere near Unger. I can't stand you know Unger's responsible for defeating a really quality legislator and State Center is a good beat. Oh,

James Moore 58:01

oh yeah. Hillsboro, I just based on his name, star, yeah. Star Bruce, yeah. I was talking to that's

Roger Martin 58:10

part of the story that hasn't totally come out from from Nigel. And then, while I'm away, there's a tie that he hasn't uncovered yet. In the summer of 19, 2012 or 13, uh huh, the kit saber and and Cheryl. Is that her name?

James Moore 58:33

I just admit whatever. Yeah, whatever name goes

Roger Martin 58:35

to, they go to Vashon Island or an island in Puget Sound. And the billionaire from California who put the million dollars, yeah, he's there, yeah. And they get, they become acquainted, and they personally go to him to solicit the money that went to the State Senate caucus, million dollars that defeated Bruce Starr and a woman from Albany, yeah, and that's the payoff that passed the low carbon fuels. Absolutely

James Moore 59:05

no doubt about it. We're now seeing if Michael bloombergs money can work on the gun. Yeah, yeah, yeah. I saw Bruce star. I was giving a talk to Ryan deckard's business group. Uh huh, right, and Bruce what they were going to honor Bruce at the end. And we were all behind schedule because they were talking about the Low Carbon thing behind closed doors. Usually they agree on stuff, but this was not why in the end, but, but whatever it was. And so Bruce was there, and he was not a happy camper. Not a happy camper at all.

Roger Martin 59:44

And he he is so good at politics, he knew what was happening to him, yeah, and he was desperately trying to raise money, but the machine that the unions have put together to turn out the vote is almost unbeatable. Yeah. You know. A former state senator from Yamhill County, Father, Son group, oh vote, the younger one, who's now cornering the entire hazelnut market state of Oregon. And he retired. He tested this two elections ago, he had his sister register as Democrat and not vote, and somebody came to their rural farm union hired guy twice to collect her ballot. Yeah. I mean, they zero in and they are effective at doing it, yeah, and we elect one of the dumbest state representative or state senators we got now down there. He's a reliable vote. He's a reliable vote, but he didn't even know why he's there. Yeah. I mean, he is such a the disparaging comments come from his fellow Democrats. That is a Republican

James Moore 1:00:54

Pacific's in the middle of his district having he's just a, just a hoot. But this actually brings up an interesting thing in the 82 election, when cooling gossip looks hot, and then cooling gossip gets creamed. When I talked to Ted, he said the best thing that's ever happened to him was Bill Sizemore, because Sizemore lost by a bigger right and sex trip politics in second place. No one cares. You're not the person who's lost by the biggest amount. I

Roger Martin 1:01:24

had the record for 20 years that the writer for the Salem statesman used to bring up every damn election, I spent more money for fewer votes than anybody ever running for statewide office. There you go. Somebody beat me, somebody in the last 10 years. Listen to that anymore,

James Moore 1:01:39

but talking to Ted the 82 election, the unions were just kind of beginning. They weren't public employee, yeah, and so he would what he encountered is kind of what happened to Straub in 78 they're competing for the same money. So in 78 for instance, the timber money seemed to hold out because they were going to give money to whoever, whoever's going to go against McCall, right? Then McCall gets beat, and it goes to Vic instead of just right? And the Timberland owner was ticked off about that in 82 Ted's the same thing. He's he's competing with Vic for the same money. Did you see that kind of I

Roger Martin 1:02:21

never saw that. I just thought they put a strategy, bit, put a strategy together to tie him to that union. You had to what? You couldn't close a plant. Yeah, the plant closure bill, the plant closure bill. I mean, they wrapped that around his neck. And it was just at the time a lot of plants are closing, right? And it became so preposterous, the idea that you'd actually go to somebody's, it's going bankrupt, and require them to pay somebody for some long period of time, yeah, it really didn't make any sense to evaluate some of the union people. Yeah.

James Moore 1:02:56

Vic, actually, we go around and pat his pocket. Oh, he played

Roger Martin 1:03:01

that brilliant. Brilliantly. And all of us knew, and I was the lobbyist at the time, given money. All of us knew by early September that kung gazu was cooked through gone, and the interest shifted to other races. Yeah, legislative. And so I can't remember who was running at the time, but I mean, he just was shot, yeah, plus it was I will. It was fixed nice personality that helped him in that time. He was not a firebrand, right? I were in that same position, they would have been ready to throw me out of office, yeah, and there would be no Democrat saying nice things about me. He was able to do that, and what's the name of the guy that ran lives? He was former Republican state chair. He's running for governor in the coming year, right here, Allen alley. Yeah, I would suggest you that Allen Alley is the vickate of 19 of 2016 he has got a plan. I've heard him to talk about this of quietly going about appealing to Democrats by being a nice guy with sensible, common sense, get everybody back to work ideas and not attacking anybody in particular. Yeah, and I'm not sure Kate Brown is going to come out of this looking like a strong leader. No, but we don't know.

James Moore 1:04:24

She drew a line in the sand on transportation, and so I think that's where she's going to live or die. We'll see

Roger Martin 1:04:29

right now, unless a Republican caves, she ain't going to get it done. Yeah, now, quietly, I happen to be entirely in favor of a gas tax to increase for trans and I don't have any I used to have. I don't have any transportation clients left, yeah, but I drive our roads and they're going to hell in a hand basket, and we desperately need an increase in the gas tax, weight, mile tax, vehicle costs, or we ought to be smart and shift totally to a mileage fee with trans. Responders crazy emails that are going around screaming about what a communist plot that is. Yep, yeah. But I've asked a couple of Republicans, can you really go home without doing some of that awful tough they quietly will admit it's tough. Got to ignore that and stand on that principle. Now, at the same time, there's all kinds of things going on about the carbon thing. You know, there's going to be a major referendum effort, and they're just, they're toying with two or three different versions. They're going to do some polling, right? Whatever they come back with is going to be well thought out. Yeah, I don't have anything to do with it, but I just know what's going on, yeah, and if it looks like a major effort, maybe they'll reconsider. I don't know, yeah,

James Moore 1:05:49

yeah. I just think the way Oregon voters as a state go that the carbon, repealing the carbon, is going to be a tough sell.

Roger Martin 1:05:57

Maybe it may well be, even though, if they ought to know it's gonna it's what it reminds me of. Do you remember the name Walt Brown, who's a state senator, nerd of all time from right here? I had to put up with him as legislator. He introduced a bill sometime in the 70s to put a limit on how many children you could have to help the world's population problem. Everybody said it's China. It's not Oregon. It's China. You can stop bursts in Oregon. You're not going to affect what's happening worldwide. Hearing, but it was, well, the idea that we're going to solve the carbon problems of the world by reducing our already relatively low carbon output in Oregon. It's just insane. But what it will do? Because we, the Oregon Environmental Council, is responsible, personally, I can prove this. They killed the last refinery ever considered in Oregon, 1971 port of Poland had a good working possibility of getting a refinery out of the mouth of Columbia, Columbia, yeah, and the Oregon Environmental Council went berserk and killed it. And that's, you know, and we are dependent totally on oil from California and Washington, yeah. And we always pay. We're always the first one to have a price increase and the last one ever price decrease Exactly. And Don't kid me that if they if we have to go to the California fuel standards, you know, refinement gas is going to cost a hell lot more than it does right now. Yeah,

James Moore 1:07:33

yeah, absolutely. So talk about Vic as an ex governor.

Roger Martin 1:07:38

Vic is an ex governor. Tremendously. Effective being for the Republicans, the hero. And the longer he lived, the bigger a hero he came. One of the things I will tell you that as governor, my wife was the president of Dorchester, the one year they moved it to bend and she got Vic Attia to put a costume on and be in the tent show, dressed like the devil, running down the aisle, and he tripped and fell over. And everybody loved. He was so embarrassed to even think of doing it. She talked him in it. He everybody loved. Thought, there's a human being. There's a guy willing to be funny, yeah, willing to fall down in front of people, and it just he realized later that was one of the smartest thing he ever did. Yeah, and he was the darling of Dorchester. He'd always come down. Everybody cheered out. But he truly was the last really accessible governor. I have been in the governor's office as a lobbyist full time once since Vic left and it was to be called in I have my ass chewed out by Goldschmidt for suggesting something now I was there several times in Kentucky's first term. Didn't get any further than Wyatt's office, right? So I'd love again, once in my lifetime, the Republican governor just going to move around. By that time, of course, they will close the capital for two years, for two sessions. Yeah, the 2017 and 19 sessions will be held in the old PUC building.

James Moore 1:09:11

Yeah, exactly. That's what they went through in Washington when they, well, had the earthquake that kind of made it so they couldn't go there. Yeah, great. So this is wonderful. Well, I,

Roger Martin 1:09:25

I can't tell you how uniformly, how well liked Vic has always been, and the longer now that he's dead, we utilize

eulogize him all the time. Yeah, because he was a fun guy to be around. Yeah, he had a wonderful sense of humor, and he would start telling joke and start laughing before he got the punch line. So he had never quite got the whole joke, because he was giggling to himself.

James Moore 1:09:46

Barbara Roberts tells about sitting at Frank's desk and always knowing where Vic was, because he never sat at his desk standing the back, but he'd just be standing back there giggling because he'd tell a joke and stumble over it and just laugh at that. And. Bottom

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of the ring. Have you talked to John Burns about him? By the way, I would suggest you want to. Burns is, in himself a marvelous storyteller, but he's got all kinds of stories that he can relate to his cell phone. I had my granddaughter put this together, and she did an ass backwards. His cell phone is 503-799-2526, and he usually answers it, okay. He spends most of his time running a gigantic, successful cattle ranch in Condon. Oh, great. He is. He secretly is one of the most successful guys ever out of the legislature because he was, he was the presiding of the head Managing Partner Miller Nash, for five or six years, when he retired, went over to his cattle ranch where he originally came from. He's originally from, oh yeah, Condon moved to Portland as a young man after graduating Notre Dame. He's in himself a genius politician, and he can tell you it would be interesting just to interview him about the takeover by his switch in 1971 that put him present the Senate instead of former Chief Justice the Supreme Court. Name right now, who is that's the one that lasted for like seven to 10 days the Senate tied up in a knot without it being able to settle anything. I happen to be standing in the back of the house, back of the Senate, because we were the houses organized, we couldn't do anything. Yeah, and I was standing there when they took the 16th or 17th or 70th vote or something, and John Byrne stood up and said, on the next ballot, I will be voting for myself. And the place dissolved, going in bunch of directions because it was a signal. Yeah, he'd cut a deal with the Republicans and with Deb spots and Harry boy, but together with the 13 Republicans, they were then elected. And I just stepped back into the phone book, put the phone up and call KXL, Kx, Jim Howe. And I said, you want a break that says, I can, you know, go live right here from the back of the Senate to what's going on. And he put live on the air. Yeah, it was the first station to come out with what was going on. He just died. Yeah,

James Moore 1:12:43

he just died. Okay, good. Thank you very much.

Roger Martin 1:12:49

I'll rope you in on my project.

[Recording ends.]