



## STATE OF OREGON

## INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Governor

DATE: May 9, 1984

FROM: Gerry

SUBJECT: Cabinet 5/9/84

Heard - Business climate effort going very well. List of accomplishments will be sent to Governor.

Jane Edwards, at Governor's request, is working with constituency through several task forces. Good feedback from attorneys.

Issue with American Express (Jason Boe represents). AG's opinion has indicated no need for office in Oregon. Law speaks to "community interest" but letter opinion seems to disregard. Will be researching legislative intent. Very strong opinion from other attorneys indicate AG's advice not correct.

Munn - Monitored Wash/Ore border tax committee. Jim Scherzinger from legislative revenue explained law. Representative from Washington legislature explained their B & O tax and commuter tax. Next meeting 2 months away.

Thanked Rich for his staff's work on Lorimar Productions.

Sensing some real panic from local gov't about "son of 3" ballot measure. More panic than ever felt before. Too many independent analyses being done and fear is that panic will feed the negative side. Rich feels Governor may have to help in calming local gov'ts. Almost a "give-up" attitude is occurring -- "no use in fighting anymore -- a certainty will pass."

Austin - Last couple days in Washington DC fighting HR 4170 with Bill Rutherford. Packwood says battle not won yet. He can take care of Senate side, but will be up to 3 Oregon house democrats. Conference committee starts next Tuesday and will work for 2 weeks. A letter from Governor to Secretary Regan would be helpful. I asked Staryl to draft one for Governor's consideration.

McGoffin - no report

Hardy - Met Monday with Union Pacific re: tracks in Harney County. Sawmills had announced highest single one day production in history and project a 2% increase in production per week. Looks like a show to influence railroad repair. Repair at water level today would cost \$3 million and UP not willing to make investment. Three alternatives proposed by UP.

1. If continue to operate the involved 140 miles, large surcharge.
  2. someone else pay for repair
  3. sell railroad to someone else.
- UP is clearly preparing to abandon railroad.

Corps will be proposing a "general" feasibility study within "general routine" out of Walla Walla district which would take up to two years. Pat Amedeo will be meeting with them in the area Friday.

Smith - State of Washington will start monitoring liquor sales at specified locations in Oregon along the border.

Huston - Discussed several insurance claims settlements, including several for the wrestling team deaths and injuries. AG ruled that letters of dismissal for employes in Motor Pool had to be turned over. This means personnel files are public record, excluding medical history, etc. I asked Exec Dept to explore appropriate legislation for Governor's review.

Gary Hart's campaign has asked to schedule appearance on capitol grounds. Conflicts with band concert. Offered other times but is scheduled now for Court House.

Looks like flag pole at Governor's home will go up before end of week.

Williams - Josephine County Sheriff had to shoot and kill a man. Situation is becoming controversial.

Four less fatals than last year so far. Last year was a 20 year low.

Continuing to talk to people about disadvantages of forming an association.

Military - Miller in Mississippi -- then leaves Sunday for conference in El Paso.

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Smith - Meeting with Margaret Hallock re: comparable worth. Concerned about potential conflict between collective bargaining and comparable worth.

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