

BRIEFING SHEET FOR GOV. ATIYEH
ELECTION WRAPUP, in brief
Oregon Republican Women appearance
November 9, 1982

1. IN GENERAL: the results nationally seem to tell us "readjust the course---but don't make major shifts in it." Democrats did well in the U.S. House (picking up 26 seats held by Republican incumbents---only 3 Democrat incumbents were defeated). Republicans, meanwhile, maintained control of the U.S. Senate (4 particularly critical tight races went to Republicans: Chafee of Rhode Island, Durenberger of Minnesota, Danforth of Missouri, and Stafford of Vermont).

2. IN OREGON: it was a year for the Incumbent. Only 2 incumbent Oregon legislators were defeated: both of them Republicans in the liberal Eugene/Springfield area (Senator Wingard and Representative Vern Meyer).

Overall, Democrats in the Oregon legislature gained 3 House seats. Republicans have a net gain of one Senate seat. The House has its first black Representative in many years, and the Senate has literally quintupled the number of women elected to that body.

3. IN OREGON CONGRESSIONAL RACES: again, a Year for the Incumbent. All incumbents were re-elected, and Oregonians have now sent two Mr. Smiths to Washington. Both Bob & Denny will help bring real balance to our Congressional delegation.
4. IN WASHINGTON STATE: all incumbent Congressmen were re-elected, and Republican Rod Chandler was elected to the new 8th District seat (this parallels the results in Oregon, where all incumbents were re-elected and a Republican added in a new district).

Democrats gained narrow control of both houses of the Washington legislature.

5. WIDESPREAD BALLOT MEASURES

- A. Bottle Bills: were on the ballot in four states (Washington, California, Arizona, and Colorado). All went down to defeat after heavy industry campaigns.
- B. Nuclear Freeze: 8 states passed bilateral nuclear freeze resolutions.

6. WHAT THE COMMENTATORS SAY

David Broder: "The voters showed that they want an end to the recession and all the fear and uncertainty that it generates. And the voters showed that they don't want a dramatic or radical change, or even a Republican or Democrat change, but a more tempered shift in direction that will head the nation into a more certain course."