

DENNY

BRIEFING SHEET FOR GOVERNOR
ASSOCIATION OF OREGON COUNTIES
Luncheon Speech, Friday Noon
November 19, 1982

1. Pat & David O. went to opening session on Wednesday, where we heard luncheon address given by Russell Sadler.

Russell delivered a long harangue on a number of topics--- but you should know that he was particularly hard on your proposed introduction of your 79 tax plan. He said, (approximately) that 'it will never pass, never even get out of committee for the same reason it didn't pass in 1979, that is: it contains no alternative revenue mechanism over which local government can have some control... cities and counties will never allow a cap on taxes and a lid on assessments without some alternative...."

2. Other remarks by Sadler included the following(summarized):

...counties may cease to exist as functional units in ten years or so because there are no ways to resolve pressing regional problems, like garbage.... Multnomah and Clackamas are fighting... Linn and Benton are starting to fight... Marion and Polk have been fighting over some regional issues for years...

...counties in Oregon seem to work best East of the mountains... Eastern Oregon is the last place in Oregon where the government and social structure really seem to mesh...

...maybe we should go back to the days when Oregon was founded, and there were only 4 counties...

...TAX REFORM: OEA will be drafting a tax plan, the Governor will be drafting a tax plan, everyone will be drafting a tax plan.... traditional 'doctrinaire liberal Democrat' dogma says that you reform property taxes through raising income and corporate taxes....but it isn't going to happen...

...LAND USE: "the message is clear, from the Governor on down (here, Russell wagged his finger sternly at the County officials): you have got to go out and finish those plans!"

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Governor: this is all For Your Information---we just thought you'd want to know...!