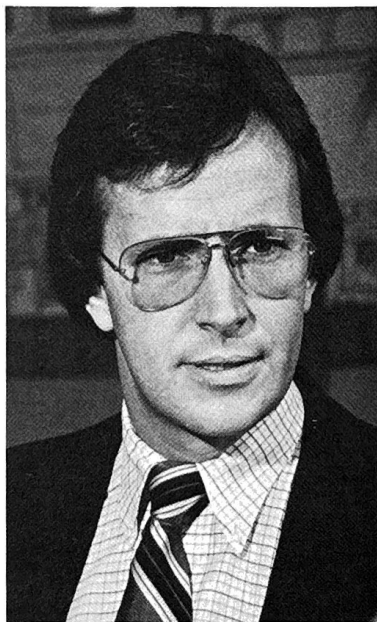
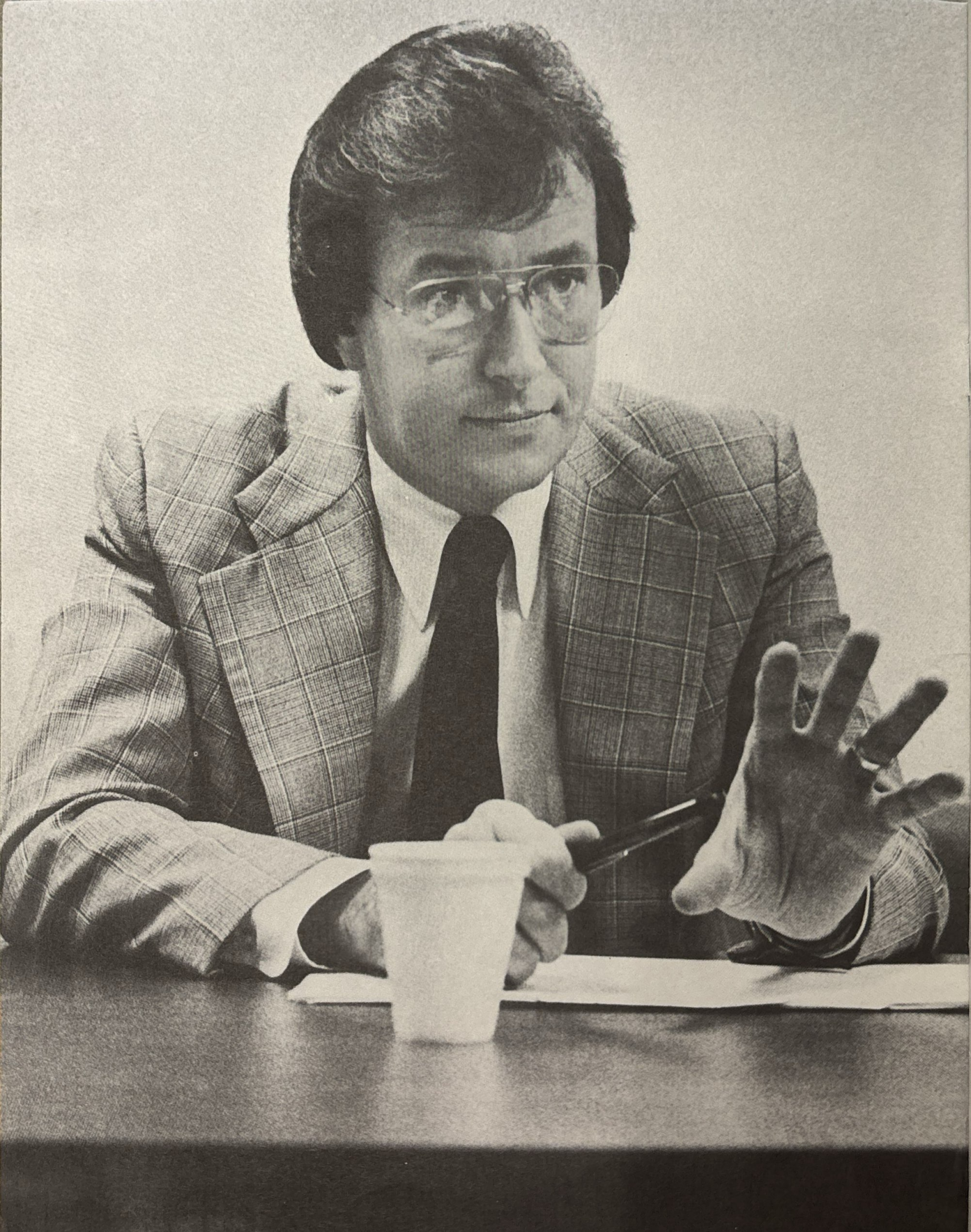


**He's there when
we need him.**





Why the Special Interests call Les AuCoin “tightfisted”



Les AuCoin came up the hard way.

That's one reason why he's so hard to convince to spend taxpayers dollars in Congress.

He voted No on the \$1.5 billion Chrysler bailout. No on this year's Congressional pay-raises that were sneaked through on a voice vote. And No to adding 10 cents a gallon tax on gasoline.

He voted Yes on a truly balanced budget. Yes on amendments to cut excess spending. And No on gold-plated Superweapons like the MX missile.

Don't get the idea Les AuCoin is tightfisted on everything.

He's *for* spending a lot more money on safe, alternative energy sources.

And for more federal funds to stimulate new housing.

Les also wants to beef up our conventional military forces. So in case of a threat, we don't have to choose between doing nothing and pushing the red button.

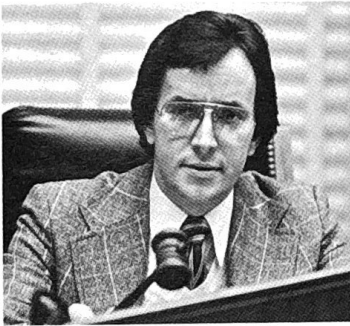
The free-spending Special Interests don't have much use for Les AuCoin.

Maybe that's why they fought so hard to keep him off the Congressional Budget Committee.

They may have kept him off that Budget Committee. But with your help, they can't keep him out of Congress.



There's a word for Les AuCoin's position on nuclear power: Guts.



Les AuCoin believes in taking a position and then sticking to it.

He's opposed to building more nuclear power plants. Here or anywhere else. "They're too expensive and too risky," he says.

Nuclear reactors cost billions of dollars, take decades to provide power, and leave deadly radioactive wastes for future generations to worry about.

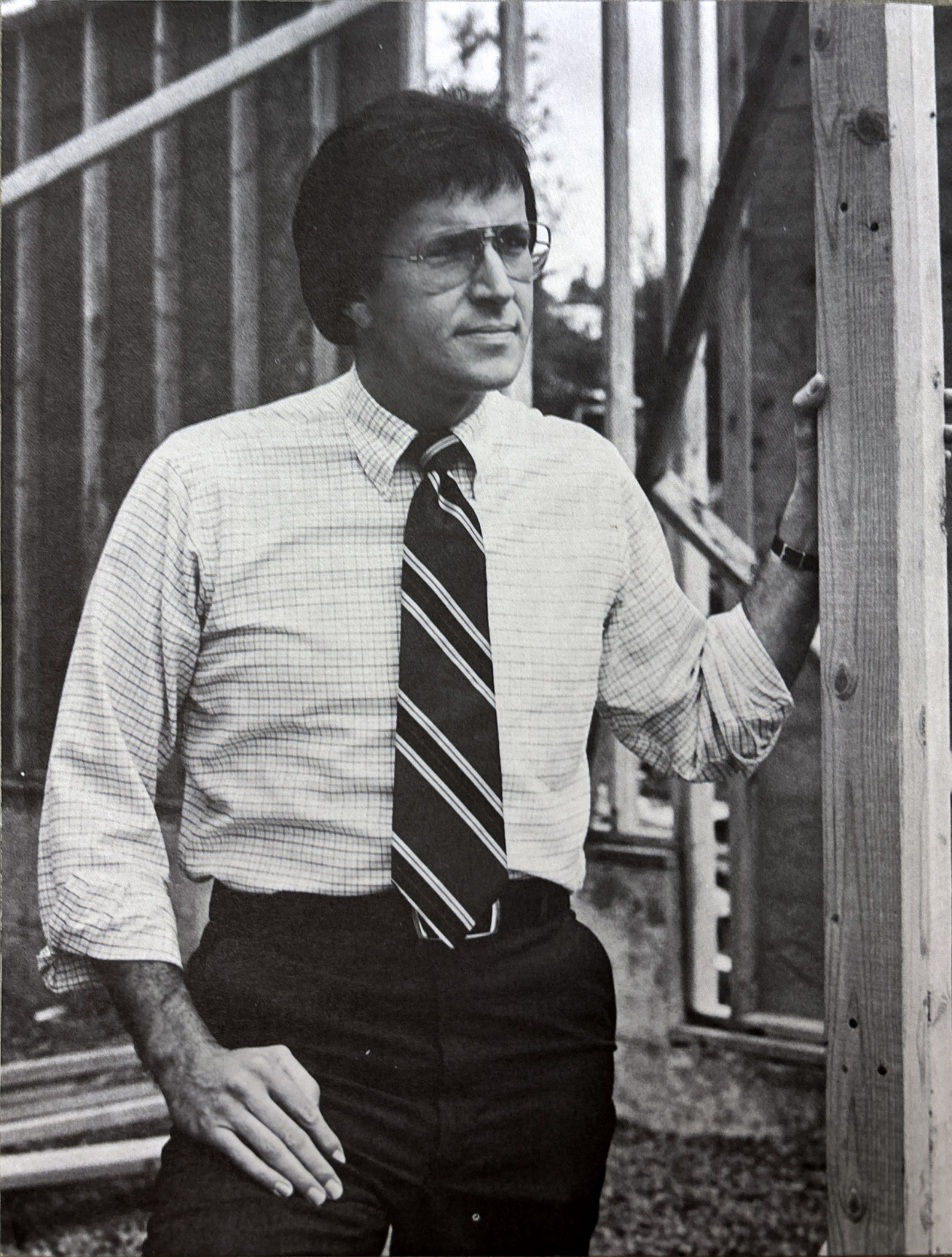
Les AuCoin is fighting in Congress to get the federal government to invest now in safe, efficient, renewable forms of energy.

Like solar energy. Les helped create the nation's first Solar Bank. Which finances alternative energy programs, large and small.

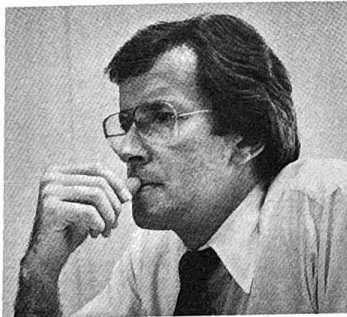
And he pushed through Congress legislation that rewards conservation-minded communities like Portland.

Les AuCoin's position on nuclear power doesn't please everyone. Especially the power companies and some of his fellow politicians.

"Our region needs more energy – for jobs, for business, for our way of life," Les said. "I'm determined to get more power without pouring billions into a system that endangers our lives and the lives of our children."



When the White House raised interest rates, Les AuCoin raised the roof.



Les AuCoin wasn't born with a silver spoon in his mouth. He understands what high interest rates do to people who aren't in high income brackets.

So, when the federal government raised interest rates, Les fought back.

He led the fight in the House Banking Committee to lift the ceiling on interest that small savers could earn on their passbook accounts.

And he kept up his fight to stop the federal government from taxing that interest. And because he's tired of Oregon's timber industry being the whipping boy for White House inflation cures, he continued battling for more federal housing dollars.

That battle, which Les has carried for six years on the Housing Committee, has produced an impressive number of new housing units to benefit Oregon's timber-based economy.

All told, Les AuCoin has helped create 500,000 units of new housing.



He helped make Oregon a little more beautiful.



Les AuCoin is a native Oregonian. And an avid outdoorsman.

He knows why people love our state. And how to keep it special.

When Les served in the Oregon state legislature, he was a leader in the fight for Oregon's – and the nation's – first bottle bill.

And he was Majority Leader for the 1973 session of the legislature that's still remembered as one of the most productive in the state's history.

He steered into law an impressive list of measures:

Ratification of the federal Equal Rights Amendment. Passage of one of the nation's first statewide land-use planning laws. Establishment of a new Transportation Commission. Property tax relief for homeowners and renters. The list goes on and on.

In Congress, Les has continued the fight to protect Oregon's special quality of life. He fought to save the Tillamook YMCA. Won federal housing funds for senior citizens living in one-room units at downtown Portland hotels. Kept the Pioneer railroad line rolling when Amtrak tried to shut it down. Opened up trade with the People's Republic of China for Oregon's ports.

"Public service is an opportunity to leave a mark on the quality of people's lives," Les AuCoin declared.

To see some of Les AuCoin's marks, all you have to do is look around.



After the volcano, Les did more than blow smoke.

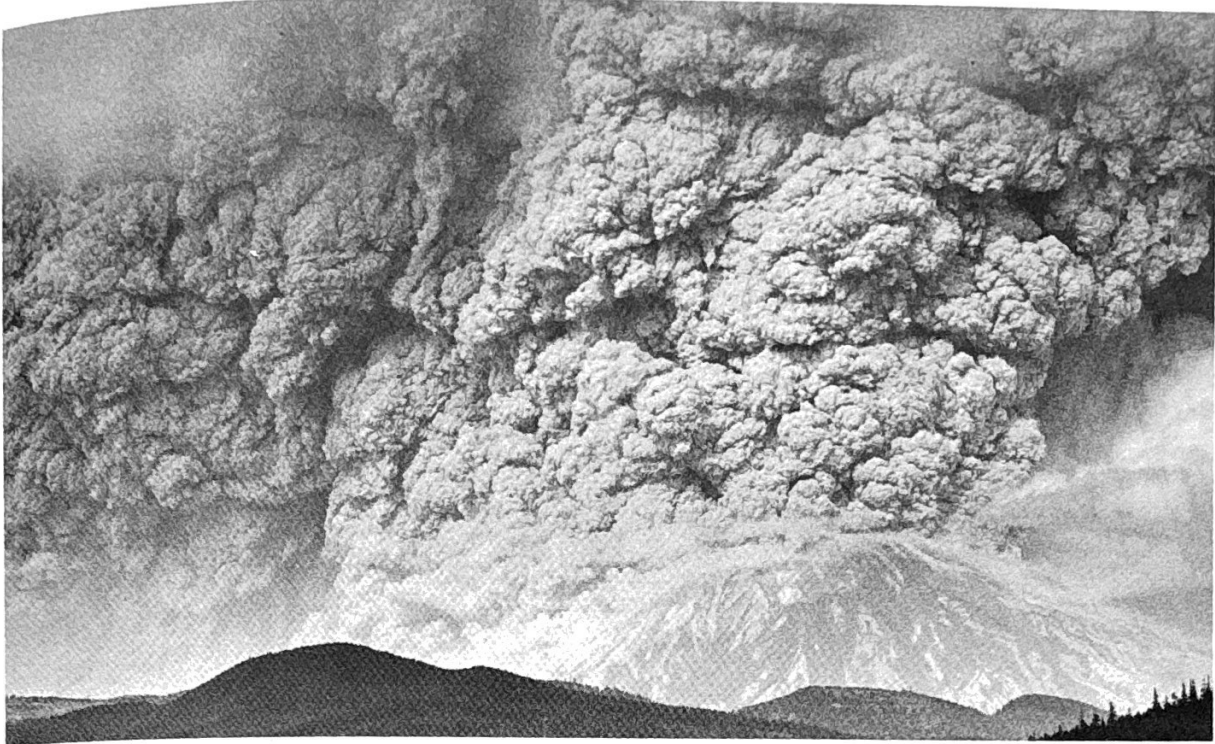


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When Mount St. Helens erupted on May 18, Les AuCoin swung into action.

While other politicians were still trying to figure out what had happened, Les was on the phone with the President's top domestic advisor. Briefing him on the full extent of the damage.

Less than 24 hours later, President Carter stepped off Air Force One in Portland with Les AuCoin at his side.

The two men boarded helicopters to survey the tragic aftermath.

But Les AuCoin didn't quit working when the TV cameras left.

He pressed the U.S. Small Business Administration to make low-interest disaster loans to Oregon farmers and businesses hit hardest by the fallout.

In late July, his hard work paid off: Nine northwest Oregon counties were declared eligible for SBA disaster-relief loans.

"Oregon farmers were hurt just as badly as Washington farmers," Les declared after visiting with them this summer.

Now, thanks to Les AuCoin, Oregon farmers will be getting the same relief.



Some things are more important to Les AuCoin than his job.



Les AuCoin's family is important to him.

Although Les is often 3,000 miles away in Washington, he stays close to his wife, Sue, and their two children, Stacy and Kelly.

"I grew up in a broken home as a youngster," Les revealed, "so Sue and the kids are very special to me."

The AuCoins play together, talk together, and enjoy each other's company. They are also individuals.

With strong, mutually supporting interests.

Sue is realizing a long-held dream: helping run the family restaurant – one of Oregon's finest. She still manages to find time to follow issues of importance to Oregon and to advise Les.

"Sue has always been an extra set of eyes and ears for me," Les says. "What she sees and hears helps me stay in touch. And her judgment is first rate."

Stacy, 14, thrives on horseback riding, drama, and competitive running. In fact, she and Les enjoy running together. Stacy is thinking about following her father's footsteps in another way – she's eyeing a career in politics.

Kelly, 13, shares his father's passion for basketball and for the Portland Trail Blazers. He likes performing on stage and is an avid reader.

Les is also a book lover. And a four-mile-a-day jogger. But he's most at home on water – canoeing down a brisk stream, shooting rapids in a raft, or sailing. Being part of a political family isn't easy. Because of the travel. The time away from home. The pressure.

It takes a special family to make it work. The AuCoins are a special family.



You can reach Les AuCoin easier than you can reach a plumber.



If you've got a problem with the federal government, call 800-452-1920.

If your Social Security check isn't right or missing, if you've got a problem with G.I. benefits, if you have a question about your taxes or public housing, call 800-452-1920.

That's Les AuCoin's number.

Someone from his Congressional office will answer your question and try to solve your problem. Just like they did more than 2,000 times last year.

A Hillsboro couple called. And a young Korean orphan named Jenny Mun was reunited with her sisters.

Residents of Aloha called. And the Post Office decided not to change their zip code a second time in the same year.

Leaders of the Siletz Indian tribe called. And Les helped re-create their reservation after settling their hunting and fishing rights for all time.

Thousands of other Oregonians attend Les' Town Meetings. To tell him what they think about the federal government.

Les AuCoin takes their thoughts to Washington with him, logging more than 100,000 miles a year between Capitol Hill and Oregon.

"There's only so much a member of Congress can learn in Washington," Les says. "To find out what Oregonians are thinking, there's no place like home."

Les AuCoin.

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