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Congress.**

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In the  
struggle to  
improve the  
economy

**he's on  
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# He's on our side in Washington.

Eliminating the federal deficit, controlling spending, cutting waste and red tape.

These are Les AuCoin's goals in Congress. "I believe government must be disciplined and tight fisted, but fair, to lead us back to a stable economy," he said. On budget matters, Les has consistently voted to cut the budgets of Presidents — \$5.5 billion deeper last year than asked.

So Les supports many of President Reagan's goals. But he doesn't support the way the Administrations's actions are hurting Oregonians.

People like millworkers, carpenters, and homebuilders. Senior citizens and students. Small business owners and middle class families.

Les AuCoin is using his new position on the House Appropriations Committee to fight back, for our side.

## Fighting high interest rates.

Les travels 100,000 miles a year to come home—to listen. He visits every county, every city, and he knows what high interests rates are doing to small businesses in Oregon. He knows first hand from small businessmen, who testified at six Congressional hearings in Oregon earlier this year. And from his wife, who owns a small family restaurant.

He also knows the surest way to bring down interest rates is to slash the Administration's whopping \$157 billion deficit.

"That means getting Uncle Sam out of the habit of looking after big oil and the tobacco industry and into the habit of looking after smaller businesses, like housing, timber, retail and high technology businesses," Les said.

## Pressing for peace.

The Administration is launching a \$1.5 trillion build-up of arms. If the Pentagon has its way, it will spend billions on nuclear weapons, whether or not we will be more secure.



Les doesn't see it that way. "I refuse to vote for any weapon that doesn't improve our nation's security or that weakens our personal economic security."

He favors improving our conventional forces, building effective weapons — like the Stealth bomber — and getting back to the bargaining table to halt the arms race. And he agrees with the military experts who say the MX missile and B-1 bomber are wasteful and don't add to our defense.

## Pulling the plug on Watt.

Les led the fight in Congress that stopped Interior Secretary James Watt's plan to sell oil and gas leases in the earthquake-prone waters near the southern Oregon coast.

"Our fishing and tourist industries and our coastline are too valuable to be jeopardized in the name of the Fast Buck," Les said.

## Keeping Social Security secure.

Les AuCoin is committed to keeping the federal government's promise to senior citizens and those about to retire.

He won't go along with any plan to cut Social Security benefits. Including the minimum benefit.

The best way to stop the system from going bankrupt, Les believes, is to stop using it to pay for non-retirement benefits.

# He's on our side in Oregon.

On his trips home, Les holds townhall meetings and open office hours. He maintains a toll-free number (1-800-452-1920) so anyone anywhere can reach him with a problem. He helps thousands of Oregonians annually untangle red tape.

Les is a Democrat. He believes it's his job to find new ways to put Oregon's 155,000 unemployed workers back to work now, without waiting for the economy to get better under Reaganomics.

He's using his influence in Congress to help stimulate growth and create jobs.

## Creating housing jobs.

The Administration's budget chief, David Stockman, calls housing programs "a drain on the economy." Stockman wants to eliminate or slash funds for federal agencies that promote home buying.

Les AuCoin, who stimulated the creation of more than 500,000 new housing units, is fighting back. He's organizing an Emergency House-Senate Housing Caucus — to block Stockman's cutbacks and to bring new jobs to the housing industry.

"Young families simply can't afford to buy homes today, not at these interest rates," Les said. "Our program doesn't offer a handout, it offers a helping hand."

## Saving our smaller mills.

With Oregon's wood products industry in the deepest recession since the 1930s, Les AuCoin is fighting for emergency legislation to save our smaller mills.

His bill gives the mills "breathing room" until the housing market recovers. Les also fought — and won — a major battle to protect the national timber sales level. And he steered through Congress a plan to salvage timber on Mount St. Helens.

## Preparing our ports for coal.

Coal exporting, and trade with China, are going to be big business in the 1980s. Les AuCoin is making sure Oregon's ports capture their fair share of this business.

Already, he's helping the ports of Portland and Astoria by securing funds that can lead to a deepening of the mouth of the Columbia. So the ports will be able to handle deep-water supertankers.

## Protecting our fishermen.

Les is already known as a leading spokesman in Congress for commercial and recreational fishing in Oregon.

Besides stopping offshore oil drilling, he's gained valuable funds to enhance salmon and steelhead runs in the Columbia.

He's also taken the fishermen's side on Coast Guard user fees. "I'm not going to let the Administration impose a tax that makes a fisherman pay \$1,300 just to put his boat in the water."

## Delivering roadbuilding jobs.

When it comes to federal aid for roads and railways, Oregon is fortunate. Les AuCoin teamed up with allies in the Senate on a \$60 million highway and rail bill that will create 3-4,000 construction jobs in Oregon — at a time when the national transportation budget was being cut by 20 percent.

These scarce funds Les helped deliver will improve roads and the business climate in Washington County, and will keep the Banfield Light Rail system on track.

