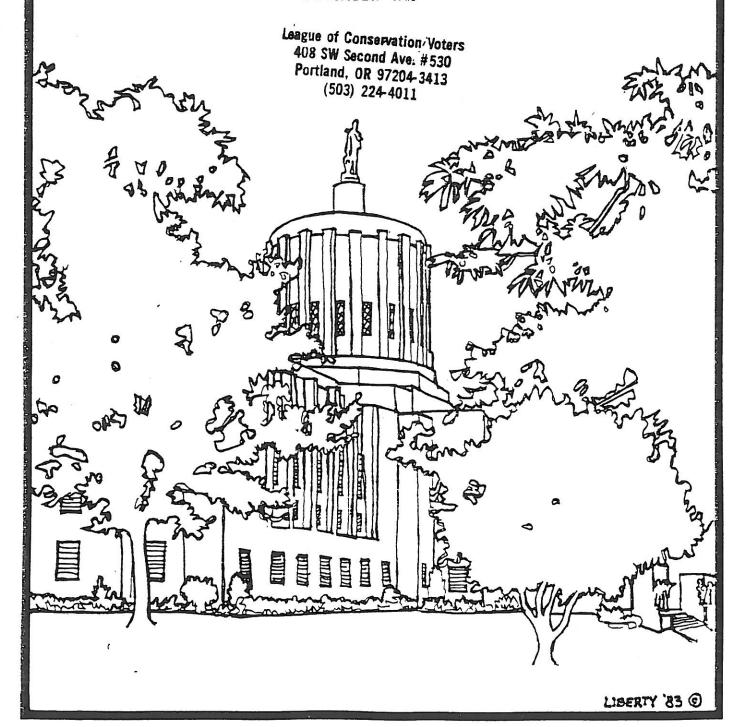
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OREGON LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

1983 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

NOVEMBER 1983





OREGON LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS P.O. BOX 8362 PORTLAND, OREGON 97207

November, 1983

Dear Oregon Conservationist,

The 1983 Legislative Session

The 1983 Oregon Legislature did not quite live up to the promise of the 1982 election. Last year 42 out of the total of 58 candidates for the Oregon House and Senate endorsed by the Oregon League of Conservation Voters were elected, yet conservation activists who worked as lobbyists during the 1983 session were often disappointed by the Legislature's timidity. Perhaps one reason was legislators' preoccupation with tax reform.

Nonetheless there were some notable accomplishments, including legislation providing for the establishment of minimum stream flows and regulating woodstoves, a growing source of air pollution. The North Santiam and Rogue Rivers were protected from additional dams, and the Senate sent a clear message to the Governor and Water Resources Department by refusing to confirm James Sexson as Director because of reports his Department failed to take action in response to studies showing serious depletion of ground water supplies.

The Legislature also enacted major reforms of Oregon's land use laws but these bills received wide support as compromise measures and cannot be regarded as a victory for conservationists.

Overall, conservationists made some important gains while maintaining past achievements.

The Ratings

The ratings of Oregon's legislators, which form the core of OLCV's Legislative Reports, are the result of hours of discussion between the conservation lobbyists active in the 1983 session. The 31 votes selected as the basis for the 1983 ratings were discussed and approved by OLCV's Board of Directors at its meeting on September 24.

Your Role

Conservationists' successes at the 1983 Legislature would have been impossible without the votes and leadership of the Representatives and Senators who share your concerns. They can't help us in 1985 if they aren't re-elected and their re-election depends on people like you and organizations like OLCV. Your 25, 50 or 100 dollar contribution to OLCV will be used to assist conservation candidates, either directly by a contribution to their campaign or indirectly by educational efforts, like this Report. Our overhead is very low (we had no staff, no telephone and no office during 1983) and now that we're making use of a computer our efficiency has increased.

Best of all, thanks to state and federal tax credits your contribution of up to \$100 can cost you nothing (see table below). Don't miss your opportunity to claim your political contribution tax credit for 1983. Fill out the form below and return it with your check in the envelope we've provided and help OLCV get off to a running start in 1984.

Thank you for your help.

Robert Liberty, Chair

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→ 1983 OREGON SENATE →

A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS USED IN RATING OREGON'S THIRTY STATE SENATORS.

1. Sexson Confirmation

July 5 - Passed 18-11. Correct vote Nay. Clyde A. Hamstreet was appointed to the Land Conservation and Development Commission. In the past he expressed opposition to land use planning on the state level.

2. Hamstreet Confirmation

July 5 - Failed 15-15. Correct vote Nay, James E. Sexson was the past director of the Water Policy Department proposed for reappointment by Governor Atiyen, Sexson's Department failed to take adequate actions to prevent depletion of certain ground water supplies.

3. Senate Bill 112

March 3O - (Motion to refer to revenue) - Passed 16-14. Correct vote Aye. Restricts eligibility for pollution control tax credit. Removed eligibility for certain solid waste burning facilities.

4. Senate Bill 223

June 23 - Passed 22-7. Correct vote Aye. Authorized water policy review board to establish minimum stream flows without new basin program. Prescribed method for determining priority date on minimum stream flows. Priority date eventually amended into SB 225.

5. Senate Bill 294

April 11 - (Motion to substitute the minority report for the committee report) - Failed 13-17. Correct vote Nay. Requires employers to notify employees of likely exposure to toxic substances.

6. Senate Bill 405

July 8 - Passed 21-6. (Motion to concur in House amendments) Correct vote Aye, Requires disposal sites to ensure the public the opportunity to recycle.

7. Senate Bill 418

April 5 - Passed 17-12. Correct vote Aye. Permits Jackson County to adopt an ordinance establishing mandatory emission inspection program for motor vehicles.

8. Senate Bill 419

May 17 - Passed 18-8. Correct vote Aye. Classifies uranium mill tailings or other mill waste as radioactive waste.

9. Senate Bill 562

July 8 - (Refused to concur in House amendments) - Passed 18-11. Correct vote Aye. Repeals provisions requiring division of state lands to conduct investigation of navigability of Oregon streams. The amendment would have required the state to file court action and pay costs if state was asserting ownership of lake or stream bed.

10. Senate Bill 720

June 16 - Passed 26-3. Correct vote Aye. Establishes a committee to study plutonium production at Hanford, Washington.

11. HMJ 2

March 28 - Passed 2O-8. Correct vote Aye. Memorializes Congress and Secretary of Interior to include certain segments of the Owyhee and Illinois Rivers in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

12. House Bill 2099

July 2 - Passed 20-9. Correct vote Aye, increases the ceiling on the amount of bond or security deposit required from applicants for surface mining permits and increases the amount the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries may spend on reclamation not properly completed.

13. House Bill 2235

June 17 - Passed 19-10. Correct vote Aye. Prohibits the sale of new woodstoves after July 1, 1986 unless the stove has been tested for emission performance and heating efficiency and has been certified by the Department of Environmental Quality.

14. House Bill 2556

July 8 - (Motion to substitute the minority report for committee report) - Passed 17-13. Correct vote Nay. Would have required State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules on public and private hatchery practices that might have impact on the salmon resource. The minority report eliminated this provision.

15. House Bill 2913

July 2 - Passed 28-O. Correct vote Aye. Prohibits the construction or maintenance of any hydroelectric facility or structure on certain segment of North Santiam River.

LEADERSHIP

In the Senate, Chairperson John Kitznaber (D-Roseburg) of the Environment and Energy Committee played important roles in the passage of many environmental bills, especially in the areas of hydro development, water policy and land-use. Other helpful senators were LB. Day (R-Salem) on water policy and recycling issues, and Steve Starkovich (D-Canby) on toxic chemicals in the workplace. Starkovich was generally regarded as the outstanding freshman Senator on natural resource issues. Chairperson Ruth McFarland (D-Boring), while saddled with a hostile Economic Activities Committee (Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries), was a staunch defender of fisheries and coastal concerns. Charles Hanlon's bill to reform the membership of the State Board of Forestry, although only a qualified gain for conservationists, nonetheless reflects a sustained effort by him.

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★ 1983 OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ★

A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS USED IN RATING OREGON'S SIXTY STATE REPRESENTATIVES.

1. Senate Bill 118

July 7 - (Final vote) - Failed 28-27 (31 votes required for passage). Correct vote Aye. Would have provided for public participation in certain hearings before the Water Policy Review Board and allowed the board to consider that testimony in making its decisions.

2. Senate Bill 195

July 14 - Passed 45-8. Correct vote Aye. Rewrites and updates the code on the Natural Heritage Law and allows council to terminate areas previously designated. Exempts Natural Heritage areas from ad valorem tax.

3. Senate Bill 225

July 15 - (Motion to adopt conference committee report) -Passed 43-17. Correct vote Aye. Requires the Departments of Environmental Quality and Fish and Wildlife to designate up to 75 points on streams for establishment of minimum stream flows. Requires the Water Policy Review Board to act on these points by January 1, 1986. Also allows the priority dates for minimum stream flows is the date of application.

4. Senate Bill 405

July 6 - Passed 45-5. Correct vote Aye. Requires disposal sites to ensure the public the opportunity to recycle.

5. Senate Bill 418

June 3 - (Motion to substitute the minority report for the committee report) - Failed 24-30. Correct vote Nay. Permits Jackson County to adopt an ordinance establishing mandatory emission inspection program for motor vehicles.

6. Senate Bill 419

July 15 - Passed 34-26. Correct vote Aye. Classifies uranium mill tallings or other mill waste as radioactive waste.

7. Senate Bill 523

July 15 - Passed 53-6. Correct vote Aye. Establishes a strategic water planning group to develop a multiagency water management plan for river basin management, coordinating surface and ground water planning and integrating water quality and water quantity planning.

8. Senate Bill 720

July 13 - (Vote reconsideration) - Failed 29-29 (31 votes required for passage). Correct vote Aye. Would have established a committee to study plutonium production at Hanford, Washington.

9. HJM 2

May 16 - (Repassed) - Passed 40-20. Correct vote Ave. Memorializes congress and Secretary of Interior to include certain segments of the Owyhee and Illinois Rivers in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

10. House Bill 2007

May 18 - Passed 41-17. Correct vote Nay. Terminates Division of State Lands navigability study. Prohibits Division from asserting ownership of lake beds or stream beds on grounds that commercial tourism constitutes navigability.

11. House Bill 2099

July 6 - (Repassed) Passed 45-12. Correct vote Aye. Increases the ceiling on the amount of bond or security deposit required from applicants for surface mining permits and increases the amount the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries may spend on reclamation not properly completed.

12. House Bill 2235

June 21 - (Repassed) Passed 38-21. Correct vote Aye. Prohibits the sale of new woodstoves after July 1, 1986 unless the stove has been tested for emission performance and heating efficiency and has been certified by the Department of Environmental Quality.

13. House Bill 2414

June 22 - Failed 23-37. Correct vote Aye. Requires employers to notify employees of right to information about toxic substances in work place. Permits the Directors of Workers' Compensation to enter and investigate a place of employment if there is reason to believe employees were exposed to toxic substances.

14. House Bill 2556

July 9 - (Refusal to concur in Senate amendments) Passed 35-24. Correct vote Aye. The Senate majority report would have required Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules on public and private hatchery practices that might affect the salmon resource. The Senate amendments would have nullifled this provision.

15. House Bill 2714.

June 21 - Failed 25-34. Correct vote Nay. Would have removed the moratorium for construction of hydroelectric generating facility on Rogue River and allowed appropriation of water for that use.

16. House Bill 2913

May 19 - Passed, 49-3, Correct vote Aye. Prohibits the construction or maintenance of any hydroelectric facility or structure on certain segment of North Santiam River.

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In the House, Representative Bill Bradbury (D-Langlois), chairing the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and serving on the Environment and Energy Committee, provided leadership on water, fisheries and natural resource issues. Tom Throop (D-Bend), was especially valuable on land-use issues and the uranium mill tailings bill. Darlene Hooley (D-West Linn), chairperson of the Environment and Energy Committee for the first time, played a key role in cassing the precedent setting woodstove legislation as well as in guiding the compromise legislation on land use through the Committee. Larry Hill (D-Springfield), who also worked on the woodstove bill, emerged as the best freshman representative on natural resource issues.

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