



Chairman's Message

Fellow Republicans:

Both the 4th of July and Deschutes County Fair booths were a great success. I would like to thank everyone involved for contributing your time to these events. Lots of great people registered to vote and signed the petition to repeal the Democrats' Oregon State Tax Increase.

Many people are asking what we can do to stop the stampede of the Democrats as they tax us to death while increasing spending on programs that will tie an anchor around the neck of future generations. I believe the answer is threefold with its foundation right here in Deschutes County.

The first and most immediate priority is to get the two tax initiatives (HB 3405 and HB 2469) on the ballot. This entails collecting signatures and educating voters on conservative tenets. This is a great time, before the 2010 election cycle, to send a message to the Democrats that they are taking this country down the wrong path.

Second, we must fill all of our PCP (Precinct Committee Person) spaces across Deschutes County. Each one of you can help by approaching a friend in an effort to get them involved. PCP's are the backbone of the DCRP and are integral to electing conservative leadership. We have more PCP positions filled than in any other Oregon county, but I know we can do better. All of us must work together to achieve this goal.

Finally, we must continue to register voters. The last election cycle saw a decline in registered Republicans compared to Democrats. This trend must end. It is our responsibility to make sure people are registered to vote and educated on the issues. This will help us elect good Republicans to represent us.

All politics is local. We are fortunate to call Deschutes County home and we must double our efforts in order to make it the strongest Republican county in the State. If we are successful, we will inspire others. While we cannot do the work for other counties, we can lead by example.

A great example was the Rally to Action Roundup held August 29th up at Eagle Crest Resort. Many thanks to **Carol Peters** and her committee for all of their hard work. Bob Tiernan, Greg Walden and Allen Alley all gave inspirational speeches reminding each of us what we must do to promote conservative candidates and causes.

I continue to be encouraged with regard to Republican prospects for 2010. I think we have a bright sunny day before us.

- Troy

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Tuesday, September 15

DCRP Executive Board Meeting – 5:30 pm
DRCP Full Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm
Central Oregon Association Of Realtors
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Bend, Oregon 97701



Veterans Views

A Mother's Perspective

By Dina Barker

I am a proud Army Mom. Both of my sons, Zach and Taylor, serve in the Army. Zach decided to enlist before he graduated high school in 2001. I think it was his way of getting out to see the world knowing that college would be paid for and the Army would help him learn new job skills. No more working in the family hardware store and no one yelling at him to clean his room. He always wanted to be in law enforcement and this would give him some great experience to bring to a career down the road. The military has given him a chance to see the world including a year's deployment to South Korea, in a remote part of the country along the DMZ with the north. Currently Zach is stationed at Fort Gordon in Georgia where he is a Sergeant working for the NSA. He met his wife Kris at Fort Gordon. Kris recently returned from a 6 month deployment in Ethiopia. She will be leaving in January for a 12 month deployment to Afghanistan. Zach plans to take his honorable discharge from the Army in April 2010 to pursue the law enforcement career.

My younger son Taylor followed his brother's footsteps and joined the Army in 2004, well after the start of the Iraq war. As an E4 Fuel Specialist, Taylor is scheduled to deploy for his third tour of Iraq in September. The first time he was gone for 9 months, the second deployment 15 months, and this time he will be gone for another 12 months. There is an overwhelming sense of fear having a child (young man) head off to a war zone 10,000 miles away. Knowing that you are helpless to do anything for them except pray and keep a positive attitude. I didn't hear from Taylor very often on his first tour, but those times when he did call were extremely joyful. Of course, I didn't get the full story of what he was doing and it's a good thing. Sometimes being in the dark really is a blessing. During this tour he will be traveling around the country tearing down U.S. bases and getting ready for our withdrawal from Iraq. However, with the changes that this administration has put into place, it will bring him and the entire company into constant contact with the locals and extremists making this latest mission the most dangerous of all. Again, you pray for strength and hope for everyone's safe return.

I knew long ago that each of us must find our own way in this world. We can teach, guide, and advise our children on what to do but in the end it is truly their decision where they go in life and how they get there. Being an Army Mom has been a privilege and an honor for me. I am so deeply proud of both my sons for the path they have chosen. The experiences, strength, knowledge and confidence that each has gained is invaluable. The military, like other careers, has much to offer our young adults in this country. I would offer to any parent that has a child thinking of a military career to be open minded and know that what they will gain far outweighs the risk of being part of our armed services personnel.

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Business Corner

Brent Newman, President, Design Lighting

Hi, I'm Brent Newman of Design Lighting in Bend. Being a business owner and father of six, I find myself barely capable of performing even the simplest of my domestic terrorist duties. But like so many conservatives, I was finally forced out of my "political closet" as I actually fear the decimation of these United States as we've known it.

The architects of the Constitution put together a simply beautiful document. I read it often, and I am truly amazed at the wisdom and foresight that these men had. So how have we arrived at this point? The Constitution seems to hold such a low value right now—almost as if it's an historic relic instead of our most important founding document. You need no more proof of this than observing the government's role in the banking and auto industries.

What impact does big government have on the lighting industry? One example would be the 2012 incandescent light bulb ban passed by Congress and unfortunately signed by President Bush to essentially force Americans to use compact fluorescents. Why haven't compact fluorescents already replaced incandescents on their own? Well let's see....they're often ugly, expensive, mostly non-dimmable, almost impossible to recycle, and a form of hazardous waste. Sounds like a dream come true, doesn't it?

Here's a friendly reminder to our federal government: WE DON'T NEED YOU! A truly free market takes care of itself. If companies are allowed to innovate and profit in a low-tax environment, we will eventually have attractive, affordable, dimmable, environmentally friendly alternatives, be they fluorescent, LED, or other technology. Then you don't have to force them on consumers, they will buy them on their own because they make sense. Oh, and those innovative companies will hire lots of workers who will spend money and pay taxes. If you keep our taxes low enough, these companies might even manufacture them in these United States and export them to other countries. Capitalism works; so keep your hands off us, get out of the way, and watch what a free America can do.

I will close with one of my favorite short stories (author unknown) that seems so applicable today:

I recently asked my friend's little girl what she wanted to be when she grows up. She said she wanted to be President some day. Both of her parents, liberal Democrats, were standing there, so I asked her, "*If you were President what would be the first thing you would do?*"

She replied, "*I'd give food and houses to all the homeless people.*" Her parents beamed.

"*Wow...what a worthy goal.*" I told her, "*But you don't have to wait until you're President to do that. You can come over to my house and mow the lawn, pull weeds, and sweep my yard, and I'll pay you \$50. Then I'll take you over to the grocery store where the homeless guy hangs out, and you can give him the \$50 to use toward food and a new house.*"

She thought that over for a few seconds, then she looked me straight in the eye and asked, "Why doesn't the homeless guy come over and do the work, and you can just pay him the \$50?"

I said, "*Welcome to the Republican Party.*" Her parents still aren't speaking to me...

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Guest Commentary

Lars Larson

If \$10,000 a student per year isn't enough...How much is?

Oregon taxpayers fund kindergarten through 12th grade education to the tune of \$10,000 per student per year. That's what we spend on public education in **government schools** (let's not call them public...nearly every school is open to the public. Only government schools are run by the government).

People challenge me nearly every day on that particular issue. Most of them have a reason for not liking that number. Most of them have not been told the truth about the cost of public education in Oregon. Most of them buy the line that's fed to them on a regular basis by TV, newspapers and (yes, gasp!) some radio stations (but not Newsradio 750 KXL).

I'm going to make the case for the truth of the \$10k number right here and I invite you to share it with your liberal and unbelieving friends. Let's start with a little budget honesty. The government schools run two sets of books. There are good reasons for doing this from an accounting standpoint. But it's often used to deceive the public.

The school budget most people hear about is called the "general fund." The general fund is the money local governments have some choice in spending. A school board can spend general fund money on salaries, health care, books, and computers or just about anything they want. The budget that I consider the **real** budget is known in government circles as the "all funds" budget. It includes all of the "general fund" money plus other money that's dedicated to specific uses.

Here's where the dishonesty comes in. The "all funds" budget is always much bigger than the general fund. For example, the Portland public schools have a general fund of about 330 million dollars. But the all funds budget is 560 million dollars give or take. If you ask how much money it costs to educate a child in a government school, Portland public schools will give you a number that's somewhere in the range of \$5,000 to \$7000 dollars or so. It's simply not true. Divide the "all funds" budget by the student population of the Portland schools, for example, you come up with an average (and frankly stunning) figure of \$11,558 per student per year. Now, that's Portland...but what about the rest of the state? It involves a little mathematical magic that they never taught you in school. School administrators don't like to talk about the number of students who actually sit in classrooms on a daily basis. They like to "weight" the numbers.

If you thought that the ENRON scandal involved some funky math, consider these numbers. Every child in kindergarten is counted as a child and a half (source OSBA). Every child who is defined as "living in poverty" is counted as one and a quarter students. Every child who has been placed on an IEP (individualized educational program) is counted as two students. If you could do a quick walk through of Oregon's nearly two hundred school districts and you counted up the number of warm bodies you saw on an average day, the number would come out at about 480,000 on an average day (source OSBA). But if you look at the ADMW (average daily measurement, weighted) that the schools like to use at budget time, you would count 650,000 students.

If you divide the "general fund" budgets of Oregon schools by the ADMW you can create an "average" cost per student as low as \$5,000 dollars. That's the number you tell the taxpayers. But it's not honest. The honest number (source OSBA) is \$10,000 per student per year.

Now, let's talk about where that money goes, what it buys and why the number is so high. The first objection you'll hear from people is that "public schools have to educate all the children, and some of them have special needs." That's true. But you'd be surprised to find how relatively little of that \$11,558 (or \$10,000 statewide) goes to "special needs." Blaming the kids who are mentally retarded or developmentally disabled...or those who don't speak English well is simply a cheap way for Oregon's education establishment to blame bad management on society's most vulnerable.

For now, let's set aside the question of whether special education should be increasing at nearly five times the rate of regular classroom spending. Instead, let's compare the cost of education in a government school to the cost of education in a private school. Take the original statewide average of \$10k per student per year. Subtract the 1300 dollars that's spent on "special education." You're left with an average of \$8700 per student per year.

A common misperception is that private education is expensive. That can be true. Top notch private schools in the Portland area can charge tuition north of 13,000 dollars. But most of them don't. The cost per student at many fine private schools averages \$3,000-4,000 for elementary grades, \$4,000-5,000 for middle school and \$5,000-7,000 for high school. If you take the actual number of students in Oregon schools and assume (for the sake of argument) that about half of them are in grades k-6, 25 percent in middle or junior high school grades, and 25 percent in high school, what would be the cost of educating them in private schools? The 240,000 in k-6 would cost 960 million dollars per year (using the higher figure of \$4,000), the 120,000 in middle school would cost 600 million, and the high school students would cost 840 million dollars per year. The average cost per student per year? \$5,000.

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*The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings.
The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.*
– Winston Churchill

Consider this illustration. We're told over and over in Oregon that schools are bulging with 25 to 30 students per classroom. That means the average classroom has at least \$250,000 dollars worth of education resources available (25 students times \$10,000 per student). The average classroom teacher makes just under \$50,000 dollars per year. Benefits add another 38 percent (source OSBA). That means a maximum of 69,000 dollars is being spent on the person who does the teaching. Special education costs would take another 32,500 dollars per classroom. It should be hard for taxpayers to swallow the assertion that it takes around \$150,000 dollars in support services to put a teacher in front of a classroom of students. Remember, unlike most private schools...nearly every school building in Oregon is completely paid for...and such buildings aren't subject to property taxes.

English as a second language is another funding problem for Oregon. For every child who speaks Vietnamese, Spanish or Russian, the state allocates 50% more money in the state funding formula (roughly 7500 dollars from the state treasury instead of the 5,000 it provides for mainstream children).

It's not necessary.

A dozen years ago, California voters...fed up with their politicians' lack of action on the problem, voted to demand that children be placed in full immersion English classes for the one year it takes most of them to transition from a foreign language to English. It worked. The kids learned the language (they're better at it than adults...and ask yourself...if you took a foreign language full time, do you think you would be pretty good at it by the end of a year?), their test scores went up in every subject matter, and the cost of education went down.

Who lost in that equation? The teacher's unions, who would lose jobs teaching kids in two languages for the five to seven years it takes Oregon to transition a student from one language to another.

Ten percent of Oregon's school kids are in ESL classes. That means almost 50,000 students who cost 50% more than necessary for years. It's an extra burden of 125 million dollars a year that we could be freed from in just one year if we followed California's lead. Think of all the books, computers and teachers that money could buy.

We will continue to be told the lie that Oregon doesn't fund its schools well. Consider these facts. America spends the greatest amount of money per student per year on education of any country on planet earth. Oregon spends more than the national average. We fund our schools well. The money is not necessarily managed well. There are easy steps we could take beginning tomorrow to fix Oregon's education problems...but throwing more money at them is not the answer.

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Hat Tip to...

Name: Rich Morehead

Spouse: Marylyn

Children: Christie – 52, Bruce – 49. Bruce and his wife Tracy have our two grandchildren, Sam and Melanie. They are both enrolled at the University of Arizona. Christie is married to Alan, has her PhD in Psychology, teaches, and has a private practice.

Favorite Politicians: Greg Walden, Newt Gingrich

Favorite Quote or Saying: "The glass is half full."

Why You're a Republican: I believe in limited government and the spirit of the individual.

When You Became a Republican: In 1960 when I first became interested in politics. Everyone in my family voted Democrat and thought FDR was the greatest. I began to figure out the Democrats were way too liberal for the good of the country.

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We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.

– Thomas Jefferson

Meet DCRP Vice Chair Tim Knopp

In 1984 I had the opportunity to vote in my first general election, having the privilege of voting for Reagan-Bush and a straight Republican ticket. However, that wasn't my introduction to political campaigns and the Republican Party. My Grandfather, Eddie Knopp, had run for Mayor of Pendleton and served over 10 years as Mayor, making Pendleton a better place because of his service. He took me to a council meeting and taught me what it was like to be a local public servant. He also served in the Umatilla County Republican Party and taught me by his example how retail politics worked. He was an example for me of integrity in public and community service.

My political involvement in Oregon started over two decades ago as a precinct committee person for the Deschutes County Republican Party. I served as the Chairman and Vice Chairman in the mid 1990s and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1996.

I was a small business owner for nearly twenty years and that experience allowed me to meet a payroll and develop as a fiscal conservative. Thanks to many of you I was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives for three terms from 1999-2005 where I served as Oregon House Majority Leader in 2003. I was also named National Republican Legislators Association Leader of the Year in 2003. During my service in the Oregon House I led the effort to reform the Public Employee Retirement System and was the Chief sponsor of protecting Oregon's Kicker Law in the Constitution. These two legislative successes have saved Oregon taxpayers billions of dollars in the last five years. In 2004 I received a federal appointment by then U.S. Department of Labor Secretary, Elaine Chao, to serve a term on the ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act) Advisory Council.

I am currently the Executive Vice President of the Central Oregon Builders Association, have been married to Melissa for 23 years and have four children; Reagan 14, Emilie 12, Daniel 10 and Grace 1. Our family came to Oregon on the Oregon Trail in 1845 so we have a history as old as Oregon and I have been a resident of Deschutes County for over 32 years.

I look forward to serving with you again as your Vice Chair to defeat the Democrats' job killing tax increases and electing Republicans at all levels in the coming elections. In order to accomplish this we will need to have the strongest grassroots effort we have had in a generation. We must fill every precinct with someone willing to make calls, go door-to-door to meet their neighbors, register voters and secure lawn sign locations. We must put aside anything that hinders our effort for the cause of protecting our Constitutional freedom. And we will take our country back from those that are shackling us in the chains of massive debt and the soft tyranny of socialism. Please contact me at 389-7008 if you have any questions or want to become more involved in the GOP.

In your service and for the Cause of Freedom,

– Tim

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America's senior citizens deserve access to quality health care and coverage that will not bankrupt them. Republicans believe that reforms to America's healthcare system are necessary, but that reform should first do no harm, especially to our seniors.

That's why Republicans are calling for a Seniors' Health Care Bill Of Rights that will:

- **PROTECT MEDICARE AND NOT CUT IT IN THE NAME OF HEALTH CARE REFORM:** President Obama and Congressional Democrats are promoting a government-run healthcare experiment that will cut over \$500 billion from Medicare to be used to pay for their plan. Medicare should not be raided to pay for another entitlement.
- **PROHIBIT GOVERNMENT FROM GETTING BETWEEN SENIORS AND THEIR DOCTORS:** The Democrats' government-run healthcare experiment will give patients less power to control their own medical decisions, and create government boards that would decide what treatments would or wouldn't be funded. Republicans believe in patient-centered reforms that put the priorities of seniors before government.
- **PROHIBIT EFFORTS TO RATION HEALTH CARE BASED ON AGE:** The Democrats' government-run health care experiment would set up a "comparative effectiveness research commission" where healthcare treatment decisions could be limited based on a patient's age. Republicans believe that health care decisions are best left up to seniors and their doctors.
- **PREVENT GOVERNMENT FROM INTERFERING WITH END-OF-LIFE CARE DISCUSSIONS:** The Democrats' government-run healthcare experiment would have seniors meet with a doctor to discuss end-of-life care that could mean limiting treatment. Republicans believe that government should not interfere with end-of-life care discussions between a patient and a doctor.
- **ENSURE SENIORS CAN KEEP THEIR CURRENT COVERAGE:** As Democrats continue to propose steep cuts to Medicare in order to pay for their government-run healthcare experiment, these cuts threaten millions of seniors with being forced from their current Medicare Advantage plans. Republicans believe that seniors should not be targeted by a government-run healthcare bill and forced out of their current Medicare coverage.
- **PROTECT VETERANS BY PRESERVING TRICARE AND OTHER BENEFIT PROGRAMS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES:** Democrats recently proposed raising veterans' costs for the Tricare For Life program that many veterans rely on for treatment. Republicans oppose increasing the burden on our veterans and believe America should honor our promises to them.

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ELEPHANTS GATHER AT EAGLE CREST

RESORT

Carol Peters



The ninth annual DCRP Rally to Action Roundup was held August 29th at the beautifully decorated Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond. Troy Reinhart welcomed energized elephants and recognized Lita and Ray Kilpatrick for hosting the first round-up in 2001. The Redmond High School ROTC presented the colors and our military (Veterans and currently serving) were thanked, as we Pledged Allegiance to the flag. Verle Mitchell offered a beautiful invocation and Congressman Greg Walden updated us on Congressional action with enthusiasm and props! He encouraged us to make our voices heard through town hall meetings, calling and writing our elected officials and to work hard to get more Republicans elected at the local, state, and national levels.

Allen Alley took leave from his walking tour to give us some ideas on getting Oregon back on track and living within its means. Our keynote speaker, State GOP Chairman Bob Tiernan, has made monumental changes in office management and financial health. He challenged us to get involved by gathering signatures for the petitions to get the tax initiatives on the ballot. He also advised us not to give up but stay on offense. Former State Senator, Bev Clarno conducted the live auction and then honored our unsung hero, Mr. Bob Eberhard, who has given his time, talent, and treasure to his nation, our community and the DCRP. Bob Perry gave a spirited reading of *Old Glory* and led us in singing *God Bless America* to close the event.

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DCRP Fair Booth

Robert Perry



A big "THANKS" to the twenty-six volunteers giving their time to staff the Deschutes County Fair Booth. It was a tremendous success.

Almost one thousand visitors signed both of the petitions designed to fight the ill-conceived increases in Personal Income and Business Income on the January 2010 ballot. Oregonians visiting the booth were fed up with legislators choosing "tax and spend" policies instead of the "belt-tightening" practices residents have chosen to implement. In addition to the impressive "petition" drive, volunteers signed up forty new voter registrations.

Our cheerful, friendly volunteers were in distinct contrast to sad-looking representatives at the Deschutes Democrat booth. Whereas GOP volunteers manned the booth until closing (10-11 pm) the Democrat representatives were nowhere to be seen after 8 pm. Perhaps they were tired of hearing how people really felt about the state and national Democrat policies that are negatively impacting their lives.

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DCRP 4th of July Booth

Rich and Marylyn Morehead

Drake Park was packed with people celebrating Independence Day this 4th of July. It was the perfect, bright and warm day that everyone had waited for after a long winter. Just as fun celebrations should be, there was plenty of food, live music, games, and vendors providing something for everyone to enjoy.

In keeping with the spirit of the day, DCRP sponsored a booth. We set up at 7:30 am and had the best decorated booth in the park. Our primary goal was to register voters. In addition we wanted to spread the word about what the DCRP is doing to support our candidates and talk about issues that people were interested in. We had copies of current political topics to hand out and information sheets on how to contact our state and national legislators. We also had bumper stickers and t-shirts available as well as goodies for the kids.

Of the people who stopped by the booth, fifteen signed a volunteer sheet in order to become more involved. A great number of people stopped to tell us of their concerns about the dangerous direction in which the current administration in Washington is taking our country. The most frequent opinion expressed that day was the administration's disregard for our Constitution and what it stands for.

Tom Green and Jeff Eager, newly elected Bend City Councilmen were at the booth to talk with people. Chris Telfer, our newly elected State Senator also spent time greeting people and talking about the 2009 session in Salem.

The success of the booth on the 4th of July would not have been possible without the DCRP volunteers who stepped forward to help. We continue to need MORE VOLUNTEERS for future events. *Isn't freedom worth a little of our time and talent?* Please check the DCRP website – www.deschutesrepublicans.org to find out how you can help.

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A Good Read

Catastrophe – Dick Morris

Censorship: The Threat to Silence Talk Radio – Brian Jennings

Culture of Corruption: Obama and His Team of Tax Cheats, Crooks, and Cronies – Michelle Malkin

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District 53 Representative
Gene Whisnant

Dear Deschutes County Republican Friends,

First, thank you again for the honor of representing you in Salem during this historical 2009 75th Legislative Session. It was a challenging session but I was able to create and pass some very good legislation. Although the legislative leadership seldom asked us to participate in the drafting of important legislation, I was an architect and co-chief sponsor of the most important piece of legislation we passed. HB 2500 requires the state to have a state webpage on line by January 1, 2010 to allow citizens to see where taxes go within the bureaucracy and how the bureaucracy spends your tax dollars.

After "sine die," I attended two very important and informative conferences in July. First, I attended the "Education Commission of the States" (ECS) education forum in Nashville TN as an Oregon Commissioner and attended the "American Legislative Exchange Council" annual meeting in Atlanta GA as the Oregon Public Chair. The ECS forum focus was "shifting education and the economy into high gear." Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty served as the Chair and was joined by Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen, former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, and former Colorado Governor Roy Romer in addressing education challenges. In Atlanta, we had great seminars and speakers, highlighted by Newt Gingrich.

Soon, I will have a report available on the "2009 Session" for your review. Also, we will continue to report to you on our work during the interim on your behalf in my Legislative Updates. These will be available on our official web page at www.leg.state.or.us/whisnant/news or you may contact our office at rep.genewhisnant@state.or.us and request to be added to our email list for the updates.

I returned to Central Oregon in time to attend the Deschutes County Fair on July 31st and August 1st. I had the opportunity to work with the volunteers at the County Republican Party booth and meet many good people who wanted to express their concerns and disappointments in the policies of the President and the Oregon Governor. It is apparent to me that the American public is concerned about the leadership in Oregon and Washington and the "change" being proposed. The fair booth volunteers were collecting signatures to refer **HB 3405 and HB 2469**, the new tax bills, to the Oregon voters and also registering new voters. Thanks to all who worked at the booth. Registering voters is an important mission of the local parties. We must get the registration numbers closer in District 54 to recapture that seat.

In order to change the political environment in Oregon and Washington; we all must make the commitment to elect Republican Candidates from the local to the federal level.

God bless you and America.

– Gene Whisnant

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July 17, 2009

SPEAKER PELOSI AGAIN SHUTS DOWN WALDEN, PENCE ATTEMPT TO ENSURE BROADCASTER FREEDOM ON AIRWAVES

WASHINGTON, DC - House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco) this morning blocked a move by Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.) to give the Broadcaster Freedom Amendment an up-or-down vote under special House rules.

It's the second time this week that Speaker Pelosi blocked the Broadcaster Freedom Amendment, offered by Walden and Rep. Mike Pence (R-Ind.), which would bar funding for the so-called Fairness Doctrine and proposed FCC rules that subject political and faith-based radio and TV stations to strict government oversight.

Two years ago, 309 members—including 113 Democrats—voted to pass a similar amendment, which has since expired. Speaker Pelosi is one of many Democratic leaders in Congress who has expressed support for a return of government censorship of the airwaves.

"We have the votes to pass this amendment on the floor, yet Speaker Pelosi shuts us down at every turn," said Walden, who operated small market radio stations with his wife for over 21 years. "All we want is the opportunity to give broadcaster freedom a vote on the House floor. Make no mistake, there are leaders in Congress who have made it clear they support government censorship. I take them at their word, and won't let up this fight until we get it in writing that the government won't launch a takeover of the airwaves."

Representative Greg Walden represents Oregon's Second Congressional District, which is comprised of 20 counties in Eastern, Southern, and Central Oregon. He is a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

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The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money.
– Alexis de Tocqueville



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