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: ON GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET

.EM, DECEMBER 1, 1988

IN CASE ANYONE'S LIPREADING ABILITY HAS GOTTEN RUSTY SINCE

THE ELECTION -- I WANT TO SAY THIS LOUD AND CLEAR:

READ MY BUDGET -- NO NEW TAXES!

THIS BUDGET KEEPS FAITH WITH THE OREGON TAXPAYER -- PAST  
AND PRESENT.

PERSONAL INCOME TAX RATES HAVE DROPPED SINCE 1987 -- AND  
THEY ARE NOT GOING BACK UP.

IN FACT, WE RETURNED OVER A HALF BILLION DOLLARS IN TAX  
SAVINGS TO OREGON TAXPAYERS.

AND NOW, HELP WANTED SIGNS ARE BACK -- OVER 80,000 NEW  
JOBS HAVE BEEN CREATED IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

THAT MEANS THE DOLLARS IN THIS BUDGET ARE GENERATED BY AN  
ECONOMY THAT IS UP AND RUNNING, AND NOT BY HIGHER TAXES.

TO FUND CERTAIN, SPECIFIC INITIATIVES THAT I BELIEVE ARE  
VITAL TO KEEPING THE COMEBACK ON TRACK, I WILL ASK THE  
LEGISLATURE TO USE REVENUE RECEIVED ABOVE THE APPROPRIATION  
GROWTH LIMIT.

I WANT TO TALK FOR A MOMENT ABOUT WHAT HAS COME TO BE  
CALLED THE SPENDING LID...

IN 1979, DURING OUR LAST PERIOD OF ECONOMIC EXPANSION, THE  
OREGON LEGISLATURE ADOPTED A PACKAGE OF LIMITATIONS ON  
GOVERNMENT.

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SOME OF THE IDEAS WERE VERY SOUND. OTHERS HAVE NOT WORKED  
AS THEIR AUTHORS INTENDED.

HERE IS HOW THE SPENDING LID WORKS AGAINST OUR BEST  
INTERESTS:

EVERY FAMILY THAT HAS BEEN THROUGH HARD TIMES UNDERSTANDS  
THAT WANTS, AND OFTEN NEEDS AS WELL, ARE POSTPONED UNTIL TIMES  
GET BETTER. YOU PUT A BUCKET UNDER THAT LEAKY ROOF AND HOPE  
FOR THE BEST.

OREGON WENT THROUGH SUCH A PERIOD IN THIS DECADE.

REVENUES DRIED UP.

NOW, OREGON IS NOT LIKE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE CAN'T  
WRITE HOT CHECKS. WE HAVE TO BALANCE OUR BUDGETS.

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SO WE PUT OFF VITAL NEEDS. WE ALLOWED STATE SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOLS TO DROP. WE ALLOWED OUR UNIVERSITIES TO GO WITHOUT NEW LIBRARIES AND LABORATORIES. WE RELEASED CRIMINALS BECAUSE THERE WAS NO SPACE TO HOLD THEM. OUR INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL AND MENTALLY RETARDED WENT DOWNHILL.

WE PUT A BUCKET UNDER OUR LEAKY ROOF. AND NOW THE ROOF IS ABOUT TO CAVE IN.

BUT WHAT IF SOMEONE TOLD YOU THAT EVEN IF YOU EARN MORE WHEN TIMES ARE GOOD -- YOU CAN'T SPEND IT. YOU CAN'T FIX THAT ROOF OR MAKE UP ANY GROUND YOU LOST WHEN TIMES WERE BAD.

THAT'S HOW THE SPENDING LID HANDCUFFS STATE GOVERNMENT. IT PENALIZES THE STATE WHEN THE ECONOMY IS WORKING AND WHEN WE COULD PAY SOME OVERDUE BILLS.

IT'S TIME TO FIX THE ROOF WHILE THE SUN IS SHINING ON OUR  
ECONOMY.

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT COMPARED THIS SOCIETY OF OURS TO A  
TREE. THE TREE GROWS AND BECOMES LARGE AND AFTER MANY YEARS,  
DEAD BRANCHES APPEAR AND THE TREE LOOKS UNHEALTHY. THE RADICAL  
SAYS, "CUT THE TREE DOWN, IT'S NO GOOD."

THE REACTIONARY SAYS, "DON'T TOUCH IT." BUT THE PRUDENT  
CONSERVATIVE AND THE PRUDENT PROGRESSIVE SAY, "JUST A MINUTE.  
THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD IN THAT OLD TREE. LET'S GET IN AND  
PRUNE THOSE DEAD BRANCHES SO SOME NEW SHOOTS WILL COME OUT, AND  
SPREAD SOME FERTILIZER AROUND THE ROOTS. THIS OLD TREE WILL  
HELP US FOR MANY YEARS TO COME."

THE QUESTION WE MUST ASK OURSELVES IS WHY SHOULD WE CARE  
ABOUT THE SPENDING LID?

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WHY SHOULD WE CARE THAT YEARS OF MAINTENANCE DEFERRED AND  
INVESTMENT DELAYED HAVE TAKEN THEIR TOLL ON OUR BASIC  
INSTITUTIONS?

I MENTIONED EARLIER THAT THIS BUDGET KEEPS FAITH WITH  
TAXPAYERS OF THE PRESENT AND THE PAST.

THEY DIDN'T PAY THEIR HARD-EARNED DOLLARS JUST SO WE COULD  
SIT BACK ON OUR HANDS AND LET THEIR INVESTMENTS ROT.

LET'S LOOK AT A FEW OF THOSE INVESTMENTS:

DAMMASCH STATE HOSPITAL ACCEPTED ITS FIRST PATIENTS IN  
1961 -- IT HAS SINCE BEEN DECERTIFIED FOR MEDICAID FUNDS.

THE OREGON STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION WAS UP AND  
RUNNING IN 1959 -- IT WAS BUILT TO HOLD 476 PRISONERS; IT NOW  
HOLDS OVER 1,000.

STATE-FUNDED BASIC SCHOOL SUPPORT HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE 1946 -- 50% SUPPORT WAS ANTICIPATED; WE NOW PROVIDE AS LITTLE AS 28.5%.

THE LAST NEW PARK IN OREGON WAS BUILT IN 1971; WE HAVEN'T PURCHASED LAND ON THE COAST FOR A NEW PARK IN 10 YEARS.

THE LAST VISITOR CENTER, AT CHAMPOEG, WAS BUILT IN THE MID-70S, AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO RENOVATIONS AT ANY OF THE SIX CENTERS SINCE THEN.

THEY WERE BUILT AND PAID FOR BY OREGON TAXPAYERS -- OUR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS.

THEY WERE NOT AFRAID TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE -- IN OUR FUTURE -- AND WE ARE REAPING THE BENEFITS.

THEY DID THEIR JOB.

THEY KEPT THE FAITH.

AND NOW IT IS OUR TURN.

IT IS TIME TO START GIVING TO FUTURE GENERATIONS -- TO OUR  
CHILDREN.

THOSE WHO THINK THE SPENDING LID IS SACRED OR EVEN VERY  
SMART OUGHT TO TRY DRIVING THEIR CAR WITH A FLAT TIRE.

IT WILL KEEP THEM FROM SPEEDING --

BUT IT WILL ALSO KEEP THEM FROM GETTING WHERE THEY WANT TO  
GO.

WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE THE KIND OF OREGON WE  
WANT.



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WE CAN CHOOSE TO IGNORE CHILD ABUSE AND DRUG ADDICTION.

WE CAN CHOOSE TO IGNORE THE INEQUITY OF OUR SCHOOL FUNDING  
SYSTEM.

WE CAN CHOOSE TO IGNORE THE NEXT GENERATION.

BUT IF WE CHOOSE THESE THINGS, THIS WILL BE OUR LEGACY: A  
WORKFORCE THAT CANNOT COMPETE, AN ENVIRONMENT THAT CANNOT  
SUSTAIN US -- AN OREGON THAT WE WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE.

THIS IS THE TIME FOR ACTION TO PROTECT OUR FUTURE.

THIS IS THE TIME TO MOVE LONG-TERM PROBLEMS OFF OUR AGENDA  
ONCE AND FOR ALL, AND GET ON WITH THE CHALLENGES OF A NEW  
CENTURY.

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AND DURING THAT PACIFIC CENTURY, OUR CHILDREN ARE GOING TO  
LOOK BACK ON THE '80S. AND THEY WILL EITHER SAY THAT WE FAILED  
-- THAT WE NEGLECTED OUR OBLIGATIONS, THAT WE REFUSED TO PAY  
THE PRICE FOR GREATNESS.

OR THEY WILL SAY THAT OREGON WENT THROUGH SOME TOUGH  
ECONOMIC TIMES -- BUT WHEN WE WERE BACK ON OUR FEET, WE CAME  
THROUGH FOR THEM -- WE WERE NOT AFRAID TO INVEST IN THE  
FUTURE.

IN THE WORDS OF THE TALMUD:

AS MY FATHERS PLANTED FOR ME,

SO DO I PLANT FOR THOSE WHO COME AFTER ME.

TALKING POINTS  
RADIOACTIVE WASTE TRANSPORT  
WESTERN GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION  
GOV. NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT

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1. CLEANUP AT U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NUCLEAR WEAPONS

PRODUCTION SITES MEANS THAT NUCLEAR WASTE TRANSPORT ON THE  
NATION'S HIGHWAYS LIKELY WILL BE COMMONPLACE IN THIS DECADE.

TRANSURANIC WASTE, MAINLY FROM WEAPONS FACILITIES IN IDAHO AND  
WYOMING, WILL COMPRISE THE FIRST SHIPMENTS TO NEW MEXICO AT THE  
OUTSET OF A FIVE-YEAR TEST RUN AT THE NEW WASTE ISOLATION  
FACILITY. THOSE SHIPMENTS COULD BEGIN AS EARLY AS NEXT YEAR.

IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST ALONE, CLEANUP OF THE HANFORD NUCLEAR  
RESERVATION WILL INVOLVE A 25-YEAR TRANSPORT CAMPAIGN AND  
THOUSANDS OF TRUCKLOADS OF TRANSURANIC WASTE BOUND FOR NEW  
MEXICO. SOME YEARS LATER, HIGH LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE FROM  
HANFORD AND OTHER USDOE WEAPONS FACILITIES AND SPENT NUCLEAR  
FUEL FROM THE NATION'S COMMERCIAL REACTORS WILL BE HAULED TO A  
PERMANENT REPOSITORY, PRESUMABLY IN NEVADA.

THIS TIMEFRAME SUGGESTS THAT STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS,  
WORKING WITH USDOE AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
HAVE AMPLE TIME TO DESIGN, INSTALL, AND TEST PROGRAMS TO INSURE  
TRANSPORT SAFETY.

2. NUCLEAR WEAPONS WASTE CLEANUP IS IMPERATIVE. CLEANUP  
CANNOT BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT TRANSPORT. CONGRESS WILL BE  
RELUCTANT TO APPROVE ASTRONOMICAL CLEANUP BUDGETS UNLESS  
CITIZENS DEMAND IT. AND CITIZENS WILL NOT SUPPORT NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS WASTE TRANSPORT THROUGH THEIR COMMUNITIES UNLESS THEY  
ARE SURE THAT RISKS ARE AS LOW AS CAN BE ACHIEVED. FINALLY,  
CITIZENS WILL NOT FEEL SECURE IF THEIR LOCAL EMERGENCY  
RESPONDERS -- POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AMBULANCE CREWS, AND  
HOSPITAL PERSONNEL -- DO NOT HAVE THE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT TO  
DEAL WITH A TRANSPORT ACCIDENT.

3. LAST YEAR, WGA SUBMITTED A REPORT TO CONGRESS WHICH INCLUDED OUR SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRANSPORT OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES. YOU'LL RECALL THAT SECRETARY WATKINS, VISITING WITH US IN LONG BEACH, ACKNOWLEDGED THE MERIT IN OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. THE SECRETARY PLEDGED THAT HIS STAFF WOULD WORK WITH US TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE IDEAS IN USDOE'S WASTE TRANSPORT PROGRAM DESIGN.

4. I'M PLEASED TO SAY THAT USDOE AND OUR TASK FORCE ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS ON THAT FRONT. AND, I BELIEVE THE PRINCIPAL REASON WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS IS THAT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS MAKE SENSE.

OUR TRANSPORT SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS CAME FROM PEOPLE -- CITIZENS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS, LOG TRUCK DRIVERS, RANCHERS, AND ELECTED OFFICIALS -- WHO LIVE ALONG A 230-MILE NUCLEAR WASTE TRANSPORT ROUTE IN OREGON.

THESE FOLKS KNOW TRUCKS. AND THEY GAVE US STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT

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SAFE TRANSPORT. I CAN QUOTE ONE VETERAN LOG TRUCK DRIVER IN ONTARIO, NEAR OUR IDAHO BORDER, WHO TOLD US HOW BEST TO SAFELY MOVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WASTE ON I-84: "DON'T DO ANYTHING DUMB," HE SAID. THEN, HE AND OTHERS HELPED US DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT TRANSPORT DURING TREACHEROUS WEATHER, ABOUT QUALIFICATIONS FOR DRIVERS AND EQUIPMENT SAFETY, ABOUT ADVANCE NOTICE AND INSPECTIONS AND SAFE HAVEN TURNOUTS AND PARKING.

THE LOGIC AND THE REASONABLENESS AND THE ACHIEVABILITY OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS APPARENTLY HAVE STRUCK A CHORD AT USDOE. I'M CONFIDENT OREGON AND THE SIX OTHER HANFORD-TO-NEW MEXICO ROUTE STATES WILL HAVE AN ACCEPTABLE PROGRAM IN PLACE WHEN OUTBOUND HANFORD SHIPMENTS BEGIN.

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