

STATE OF OREGON

Executive Department

Salem

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the present four Congressional Districts are so disparate in population that, in a suit now pending, the Federal District Court will probably hold them to be unconstitutionally bounded and designed;

WHEREAS, the Fifty-third Legislative Assembly of Oregon failed in its regular session to redistrict the Congressional Districts of Oregon so as to render them constitutional;

WHEREAS, such proper and constitutional redistricting is a legislative responsibility and should not be left to the federal courts; and

WHEREAS, prompt completion of such redistricting is necessary to ensure full opportunity for incumbent congressmen and opposing candidates to campaign in properly determined districts, thereby making the popular election of such congressmen completely meaningful.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK O. HATFIELD, Governor of the State of Oregon, find that an extraordinary occasion exists, and by this proclamation, pursuant to Article V, Section 12 of the Oregon Constitution, I call and convene the Fifty-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon to convene in Special Session on Friday, May 21, 1965, at 12:00 o'clock noon.

Given over my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Oregon at the Capitol in Salem this 15th day of May, A.D. , 1965.


Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State