



STATE OF OREGON

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Governor

FROM: Gerry Thompson

SUBJECT: Daily Report

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Attended the committee hearing Saturday. They voted to pre-session file the existing two court reform measures plus the one to allow for referendum to give Governor appointment of the Chief Justice. The Senate side will probably push the issue of allowing Senate confirmation of the Governor's appointment. Senators Powell, Kulongoski and Fadeley all expressed considerable concern over the additional cost to the general fund and are obviously preparing to make noise in that direction.

Shirley Woodrow, myself and Jane Huston met on the selection of the Insurance Commissioner selection panel. The following first choices were identified and Jane will be contacting Betty Niven representing consumers; Marcia Lowell, state librarian, representing administration; insurance companies represented by Lou Perry; Monte Montgomery; Sol Menashe; Evelyn Ferris from independent insurance agents; Bob Joseph representing attorneys and as recommended by Jack Faust and a representative to be named representing the underwriters. Jane will contact all potential panel members with a press release of announcement to follow this week.

Betty and I met with representatives of General Services regarding the remodeling project. I have several concerns and reservations. A report to you in writing will follow and then we need to discuss.

Fred Neal from AOC is pressing Governor's office for a decision as to whether or not Tony Meeker or Bob Smith would best represent the Governor's office on the Judicial Committee. Unless you feel differently, it is Bob Smith and my position the Governor's office express no preference as it could be interpreted as manipulation of the committee should we recommend a change.

L.B. Day will be meeting with Bob Oliver and *m* I on Friday at 2 p.m. to reaffirm the Governor's position on the court reform bills as pre-session filed. He just wants to update himself. He also questioned where we are with the LCDC matter.



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As you probably read in the paper, Portland Metro Health has been ordered to liquidate. The order came down Friday, October 16. This involves 900 state employees, but Don Eppley has assured that arrangements have been made with other state health carriers to absorb this membership. In some instances it will be a reduction in benefits. However, we have no choice but to work within the current plans available. See Bob Smith's report attached.

Jim Russell and I reviewed the Workers' Comp problems again. There are still two unanswered questions. One is a copy of the audit report. Another is the material obtained from the Ethics Commission. My advice to Jim was to obtain the audit report as quickly as possible and to not ask the Ethics Commission for their material, but check with the Attorney General's office to see if they have it. Once all material is in, Jim and I will review in its entirety to see if there is any action required from this office.

Kay Toran reported in staff that the black community is going to declare January 10-12 as Project Affirmation. The purpose is to reaffirm unity through the tough economic times and to assure the community that Oregon will go through the budget cutbacks with as few social problems as possible. At some point you will probably be asked to be involved and I have asked Kay to give a memo for your information.

We are taking a new position on Forum 50. There has been some expression that these meetings are "a waste of time" and that attendance is because most felt "it was duty calling." Therefore, let's just ask in cabinet meetings for department heads to express their feelings about Forum 50 and its potential benefit to Betty Maudlin at which time we will determine whether or not to reinstitute the program. We did exactly that at the staff meeting today and the only comments were (1) change the time of the meeting; (2) program material needs to be more beneficial; and (3) they were a waste of time. Let's get a general consensus and then reach a determination of whether to proceed or not.