



STATE OF OREGON

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Governor

DATE: October 20, 1981

FROM: Gerry Thompson

SUBJECT: Daily Report

Received call from Norm Smith. He is aware of pressure to obtain support to override the veto on HB 3260 (State Fire Commission). We will visit about that tomorrow morning at 8.

Nancy Reinan and Duane Anders completed their survey of Glenna's position. I will receive a written report from them later this week. They are in agreement that the position should be reclassified, but we are not in the process of developing the overall staff picture rather than just one position picture. When completed, we will discuss.

Sue Hill, Statesman-Journal reporter, made inquiry to Dave Fiscum regarding advisability of hiring speechwriter for the Governor's office during these "economic times." No inquiry has been made to Tim Marsh as yet. Tim and I discussed fully the reasons for the position and the vacant positions in return for the speechwriter. Should be no problem once it has been justified to Sue Hill.

Betty Reynolds from Ethics Commission visited with me expressing concerns, one of which was the Governor's attitude towards the Ethics Commission. I gave her assurance the Governor has no specific negative attitude. Answered her allegations that the Governor, she suspects, is neutral, holding back funding and even political support. She even questioned Emergency Board refusal to reclassify her position and wondered if this was at the Governor's request. I assured her that the Governor had no involvement and asked her to look at the broader picture that all agencies are suffering from the same economic conditions she is. Pointed out the Governor's office has problems with budget cuts and reclassification of positions. She is concerned about the Integrity Assurance Board. Feels it is encouraging public employees to circumvent the Ethics Commission. She questions the unanimity offered to people appearing before the Board. Has even questioned the Attorney General's office as to why the Ethics Commission doesn't have the same available to them. She will be bringing the whole matter of the Integrity Assurance Board to the full commission on Thursday on the basis of unanimity question as well as the possibility that the Integrity Assurance Board is in a position where they could interpret the Ethics Commission law different from the Ethics Commission.



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