

Kyle Cites 4-Year Record

Congratulating the voters of Washington County for not sending him to the Oregon Legislature in 1964, E. G. (Bud) Kyle, candidate for the Republican nomination to the State Senate, told the Washington County Public Affairs Forum this week he since then has "served a useful 4-year apprenticeship and now I feel I can contribute."

Kyle, mayor of Tigard and chairman last year of Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG), is challenging the incumbent Washington County state senator, Republican Victor Atiyeh, for his party's nomination.

KYLE SAID he was "appalled" as he observed the Oregon Senate in its 1965 and 1967 sessions "sit on every piece of progressive legislation sent to the upper chamber from the House."

He said he could not "in good conscience challenge any of the three Washington County members of the House of Representatives," commending them as "concerned and effective legislators."

But he said he would like to "put some enthusiasm in the Oregon Senate" by advocating legislation "geared to the problems of urbanization."

A proponent of local government as the best means of reflecting the wishes of the people, Kyle said there are three attitudes apparent in consideration of relationships between small units of government and the central city.

"**NEITHER** isolationism — 'head in the sand' — nor a super city — 'head in the sky' — is the answer," Kyle said.

He pointed to the proliferation of small units of government such as special service districts as "inefficient and expensive." But he said the notion of "giving up on local government and creating a super government" is unrealistic.

"The small jurisdictions won't go for it," he said.

The answer, Kyle maintained, is intergovernmental cooperation — "at least as a start." He said he is proud of CRAG "because for the first time small town mayors and councilmen are talking with county commissioners and large city officials about the problems that affect them all."

KYLE SAID he would favor some metropolitan wide service districts in order to achieve comprehensive planning objectives. He cited sewer and water service as two areas in which such planning is needed.

But he said consideration of legislation needed to accomplish these objectives should be left with the Metropolitan Study Commission and not handed to CRAG.

"I don't want to see CRAG evolve into a metro government," Kyle said. "It would destroy the spirit of cooperation which is its greatest strength."

KYLE advocates a sales tax "tied to direct aid to education" coupled with industrial expansion and promotion of tourism as an answer to the current antiproperty tax feeling in Oregon. He said the tax issue finally should be settled by proposing alternatives to a referendum of the people.

He said some mergers of governmental units would produce savings in money and efficiency; "But there are political problems which may be insurmountable."

Kyle Hits Tax Plan By Rival

Republican candidate for the state senate from Washington County, E.G. Bud Kyle has blasted tax proposals by his opponent, incumbent Sen. Victor Atiyeh, as "too little and too late."

Kyle, mayor of Tigard, told a meeting of Washington County Young Republicans in Beaverton Thursday that "the state senate has a mandate from the people to solve Oregon's tax dilemma."

"But, instead, they sat on their hands and did nothing. Now the problem has turned into a crisis."

Kyle said his opponent's "recent proposal to freeze property taxes for people of fixed incomes may be very desirable — but all it really does is compound the problem of reducing the burden on these people and placing it on the rest of the property owners."

"Too many exemptions have already been granted and that, in itself, has helped create high property taxes," Kyle added.

"We need to look at the entire tax structure of Oregon and revamp it now before we force school districts and local governments out of business," he said.

Atiyeh Leads Contest In Washington County

HILLSBORO (Special)

Incumbent Victor Atiyeh, of Broadmoor, took a lead of more than two to one over Tigard Mayor E.G. (Bud) Kyle as returns mounted in Washington County's Republican primary election for a state Senate seat Tuesday night.

Atiyeh held a wide margin after returns from precincts were reported at the county's computer center in Beaverton.

Incumbents held commanding leads in the other two legislative races, both on the Republican ticket. Representative Hugh McGilvra, of Forest Grove, led Joe St. Martin of Beaverton two to one for the first position House seat, and Representative Tom Hartung of Beaverton was ahead of Mrs. Mary Kangas of Scappoose for the second position seat six to one.



VICTOR ATIYEH

Representative David Frost, of Hillsboro, was unopposed for position three.

No Democrats filed for the three House seats, and Gloria Lee of Beaverton was unopposed for the Senate nomination.