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TO: Governor Atiyeh  
FROM: Gerry  
SUBJECT: HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 382, UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Recently I met with Mark Aide of Les AuCoin's office. On October 6, Congressman AuCoin introduced the above which is a resolution recommending a committee similar to that formed for the study of the Social Security problem, to review and recommend ways to reduce the budget deficit. Currently signed on the resolution from Oregon are Congressmen Weaver and AuCoin. I am told there are 12 Republicans signed on, none of whom are from Oregon. Aide informs me that there will be other Oregon congressmen and senators signing on but there has been no evidence yet.

Aide also informed me that Sec. Block, Sec. Pearce, and Sec. Donovan all have given concurrence to the resolution. Vice President Bush, although he supposedly supports the resolution, will remain neutral as to support or non-support. Senator Chiles, on the Senate side, will be handling the resolution.

Purpose of Aide's visit was to gain a supportive statement from you as Governor of Oregon.

Upon their departure from the office, I called Kip Holley in the Intergovernmental Affairs office at the White House. He was surprised to hear of the names within their administration who are supposedly supporting the resolution. Also they were unaware of the resolution and promised they would check further for me. When asked for their advice on how they would like you to position yourself, they were reluctant to make any recommendation since their knowledge of the resolution was slim to say the best.

It would be my suggestion I advise AuCoin's office that the matter is under consideration to in effect stall a decision. However, at this point, my recommendation would be no official statement from you. I would be fearful of this becoming a political tool and furthermore, any resolutions that you sign on should probably either come from Republican Governors or National Governors' Association. It has been nearly two weeks since the request was made and it does not appear that this resolution has gained any momentum. And as you know, Congress has adjourned as of this week.