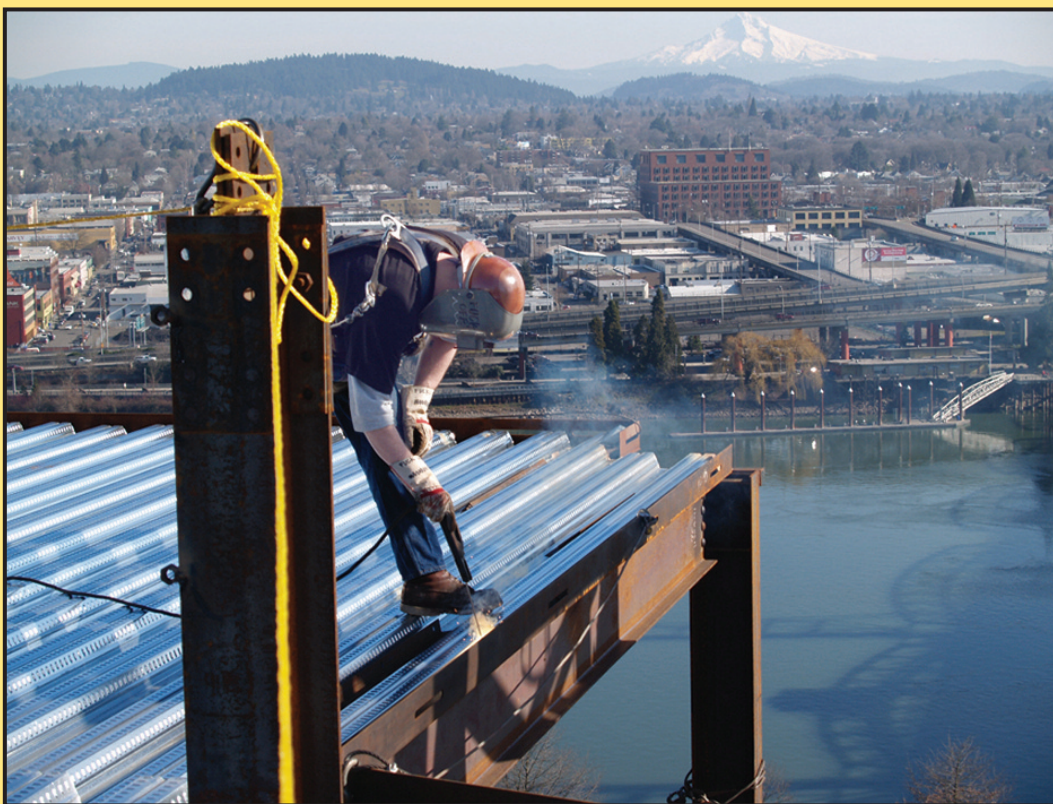


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Portland, Oregon*Another day at the office*

Mike McCoy of Iron Workers Local 29 welds on the 16th floor of the First and Main Building under construction in downtown Portland. The union “raising gang” topped out the environmentally friendly, 346,500 square-foot office building on Feb. 16. General contractor Hoffman Construction threw a recognition party for the entire crew Feb. 4. Weather has played a factor on the project as snow storms in late December and high winds in January forced workers off the job for more than a month and a half. The developer is San Francisco-based Shorenstein Properties.

Congress passes  
stimulus packageBy DON McINTOSH  
Associate Editor

To respond to the biggest economic crisis in at least a generation, Congress in mid-February passed its biggest stimulus package ever, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The act’s \$787 billion in new federal spending and tax cuts will cushion the plight of the jobless and put some people back to work.

Will it bring about recovery? Time will tell. The package may end up creating as many as 700,000 jobs in construction, for example, but there are already 1.7 million unemployed construction workers, and Americans lost 598,000 jobs overall last month alone.

The Obama Administration says 3.5 million jobs will be created or saved over the next two years (estimating 44,000 jobs in Oregon and 75,000 jobs in Washington), with over 90 percent in the private sector.

The final bill signed by President Barack Obama on Feb. 17 was very different from the version the U.S. House passed two weeks earlier — tax cuts were increased, infrastructure spending was decreased, and state governments got a lot less aid. The U.S. Senate made change after change to accommodate its Republican minority, which then voted against it anyway. Leaders of both chambers then met to work out differences in their versions, and presented a final bill for approval in the House and Senate.

“I feel like we had a bipartisan package,” said U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) at a Feb. 16 Portland press conference explaining the bill. “We did not have a bipartisan vote.”

In the Senate, the final version passed 60 to 38, with Republicans providing all the “no” votes and just three of the “yes” votes. In the House, where it passed 246 to 183, not a single Republican voted for it, while all but seven Democrats voted for it.

“You’ll have to ask those across the aisle why they chose to go a different direction,” Merkley said. “I think they’ve stated fairly clearly what they’re doing. They hope to take the mess they’ve created over the last eight years and turn it into President Obama’s mess.”

Since late last year, unions have

fought hard in Washington, D.C., for a federal economic rescue bill that would emphasize spending on infrastructure — so-called “shovel ready” projects that could immediately employ workers. But infrastructure investments ended up being less than 10 percent of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, while tax cuts were four times that amount. The package is projected to cost \$787 billion; \$461 billion of that is new spending, and \$326 billion (41 percent) is tax cuts.

Tax cuts are a diluted way to stimulate an economy compared with direct spending, critics like U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.) argued. DeFazio was one of the seven Democrats to vote against the stimulus bill, after infrastructure spending was greatly reduced.

The biggest of the tax cuts — the Making Work Pay tax credit — amounts to just under \$8 a week for an individual.

Unlike the multiple rounds of tax cuts approved during the Bush Administration, this set of cuts does not give the biggest benefit to the richest payers. The Making Work Pay tax credit was proposed by President Obama in order to fulfill a campaign promise that 95 percent of American workers would see lower taxes. The credit will be \$400 for individuals and \$800 for couples and it will appear immediately on paychecks, thanks to a change in the withholding formula. It applies to wage earners making up to \$75,000 (\$150,000 for a couple), and fades out gradually above that amount. It will cost the U.S. Treasury \$20 billion this year, \$66 billion next year, and \$30 billion the year after. Then business tax cuts in the bill amount to \$76 billion over the next two years. And another \$70 billion is the cost of a one-year “patch” to limit the Alternative Minimum Tax. It’s hard to see how that could be considered a stimulus: Congress has passed a similar measure every year since 2001.

For the most part, the tax cuts will generate relatively little economic activity. But the spending parts of the stimulus package will put money in the hands of unemployed and low-income workers, and put some back to work. The summary of the stimulus package’s

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## Elections Division looking at Sizemore

It appears Oregon’s newly-installed Secretary of State Kate Brown will use the power of her office to make sure election laws are complied with — even by longtime scofflaw and union foe Bill Sizemore.

On Feb. 12, the Oregon Elections Division, which Brown oversees, opened an investigation to determine whether Sizemore violated campaign finance laws last year in waging several ballot initiative campaigns. Sizemore fielded four ballot measures in November that were opposed by unions and rejected by voters. Oregon law requires political campaigns to disclose who their funders are. But a Dec. 1 judge’s ruling in a long-running teachers union lawsuit against Sizemore highlighted

evidence that he moved money around in ways that may have violated the law.

Five organizations set up or controlled by Sizemore — CBS Consulting, Initiative Resource Management, American Tax Research Foundation (ATRF), the Initiative Preservation Institute, and Democracy Direct — received or spent money from Sizemore’s millionaire financial backers, Loren Parks and Richard Wendt, or from groups they control.

The investigation will seek to find out whether those five groups should have registered as political action committees and whether the official ballot measure committees run by Sizemore failed to report in-kind contributions from the groups.

ATRF, for example, received \$913,000 from Loren Parks, his company, and his charitable foundation over a two-year period, much of which was paid directly or indirectly to Sizemore, who was working to get measures on the ballot.

Sizemore has been given a deadline of March 16 to provide details about the purposes and activities of the groups, and to make all financial records for the groups available to an Elections Division compliance specialist.

If Sizemore is shown to have failed to report political campaign contributions, he could face civil penalties of up to \$10,000 for every transaction he failed to report.

## UNITE leaders try to dissolve hotel/restaurant union merger

WASHINGTON, D.C. (PAI) — By a 39-23 vote, UNITE HERE's Executive Board on Feb. 9 defeated a motion to dissolve the merger between the old Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees (UNITE) and the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees (HERE).

The unions merged in July 2004, bringing together 450,000 members.

Reports differ on the reason for the attempted breakup. Edgar Romney, UNITE HERE's executive vice president who led the dissolution, cited a number of factors. But a staffer on the prevailing side told PAI the motive was a plan by General President Bruce Raynor (the former president of UNITE) to withdraw his union and merge it with the Service Employees.

Romney, who also is secretary-treasurer of the Change to Win labor federation, said in a statement after the vote that he "worked hard to hold this union together, in the 'One Union Committee,' and in daily work. But our union is broken and our merger has failed in its mission to organize large numbers of workers to build power for working people. Today, I listened as

vice presidents passionately explained what the deep divisions within the union are doing to our ability to represent members and meet the challenges we face."

Romney also criticized the majority for not discussing the issue openly. He called that another sign of intransigence and said "reconciliation is not possible" in UNITE HERE.

At the time of the merger, HERE had more members than UNITE, and it has since undertaken successful organizing drives in the Las Vegas-based gaming industry. But at the same time, HERE President John Wilhelm became president of the Hospitality Industries sector of the merged union, taking a back seat to Raynor.

Though Romney said all the votes against dissolution came from HERE members, the staffer who spoke to PAI, Tom Snyder, said the vote was not a straight split. He noted one of largest union's joint boards — the 10,000-member New England Board — opposed the dissolution.

Fifteen vice presidents have now joined together in a lawsuit to dissolve the merger.



**ILWU rally at Rite Aid**

Union members rallied outside Rite Aid stores in four states Feb. 13 to draw attention to the company's anti-union conduct. Some 700 workers at Rite Aid's distribution center in Lancaster, Calif., have been trying to join the International Longshore and Warehouse Union since 2006. In 2007, the federal government was prepared to charge the company with 49 labor law violations for threatening and firing employees, but weak labor laws allowed Rite Aid to evade the violations with only a slap on the wrist and promises to behave in the future. And that hasn't happened. "These abuses are a textbook example of why Congress should pass the Employee Free Choice Act," said George O'Neil (above center) during a noontime rally at a Rite Aid store in Beaverton, Oregon. O'Neil is an international Executive Board member out of Portland's ILWU Local 40. The Employee Free Choice Act is a proposed law that would protect employees and their right to join a union. More than 50 people attended the rally.

## SEIU offers wage freeze to ease state budget crisis

SALEM — Reacting to the State of Oregon's budget crisis, the largest union of state employees went public Feb. 12 with a proposal for a two-year freeze of pay steps and eight unpaid furlough days.

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 503 made the offer at a Feb. 10 contract bargaining session. The union is negotiating a new two-year agreement to replace the one that expires June 30. Local 503 represents more 22,000 workers at 20-plus state agencies and seven universities.

Under SEIU's proposal, there would be no cost-of-living increases, but everything else would stay the same in the new contract — including step increases that reward longevity. The furloughs were suggested by Gov. Ted Kulongoski in his December budget proposal. If all state workers were furloughed, the state could save an estimated \$4 million a day.

Local 503 spokesperson Kathie Best said the union would encourage members to use the furlough days to volunteer in schools, homeless shelters and other community institutions.

As of press time, negotiators for the state had not yet responded to the union's proposal.

Another 7,000 state workers — including workers at state hospitals and prisons — are represented by American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Oregon Council 75. Council 75 Executive Director Ken Allen said his union has been weighing similar proposals. AFSCME was ready to sign off on something of an austerity contract, Allen said — with no cost-of-living raises, and furloughs for some workers — but the governor's office seemed to get cold feet about the deal, not sure if worsening budget situation would make even that unaffordable.

AFSCME's next bargaining session is set for Feb. 23. That's the same day a revised revenue forecast is due; if tax revenues continue to fall, that could lead state administrators to seek wage cuts or layoffs of state employees.



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# God may or may not take sides in labor disputes — but 'Father Bob' does

By **DON McINTOSH**  
Associate Editor

Does God take sides in labor disputes? That's a question over which believers might disagree. But when workers stand up for their rights, Robert Krueger knows which side he's on.

"Father Bob," as he's known, says mass three times a week at St. Francis Catholic Church in Southeast Portland. At age 80, he's semi-retired as a diocesan priest. Yet he remains one of the most active local religious leaders in speaking up for economic morality.

Krueger is a member of the steering committee of the union-backed solidarity group Portland Jobs With Justice. Dressed in clerical garb, he's a regular presence at marches and rallies for workers' rights.

There's nothing heretical about that. Krueger's positions are grounded in the church social teachings he learned in the 1940s as a student at Portland's Central Catholic High School. There and at Mt. Angel Seminary, Krueger studied "Rerum Novarum," an open letter to Catholic bishops written by Pope Leo XIII in 1891.

"The [letter] says because of our dignity as human beings, made in the image of God, workers have rights to be able to fulfill their destiny, to receive sufficient compensation, to be treated well, that they have the right to organize and bargain collectively and strike if necessary," Krueger said. "We learned that as kids, and I never forgot."

After joining the priesthood, Krueger worked as teacher and administrator at St. Mary's Home for Boys and then at Central Catholic. Later, he was a parish priest at St. Charles Borromeo in Portland, Sacred Heart in Medford, and finally St. Andrew in Portland. Five years ago he retired.

While at St. Andrew, Krueger was recruited to the labor cause by a

parishioner, Jean Eilers. Eilers, herself a former nun, was then state director for the national AFL-CIO. In 1997, she asked Krueger to stand up for Steelworkers in Pueblo, Colorado, who were on strike against unfair labor practices by their employer, Oregon Steel Mills.

Krueger agreed, and was one of about 20 who committed civil disobedience in the downtown Portland lobby of Wells Fargo bank, which was the company's chief lender. The protesters refused to leave, and were arrested for trespass. All were acquitted. But the protest was a turning point for Krueger.

"I stayed with it, because I deeply believe in it," Krueger said.

In Krueger's view, his religion's founder — Jesus of Nazareth — was an anti-establishment utopian who fraternized with the poorest of society, not with civil or religious leaders.

"I'm convinced that Jesus was trying to restore a just community as you'd find in the scriptures of the Old Testament, beginning with Moses."

Krueger said a theme of justice runs throughout the old and new testaments, such as the book of Deuteronomy, which spells out the duty of paying a just wage, not only to fellow Hebrews, but to foreigners they employ.

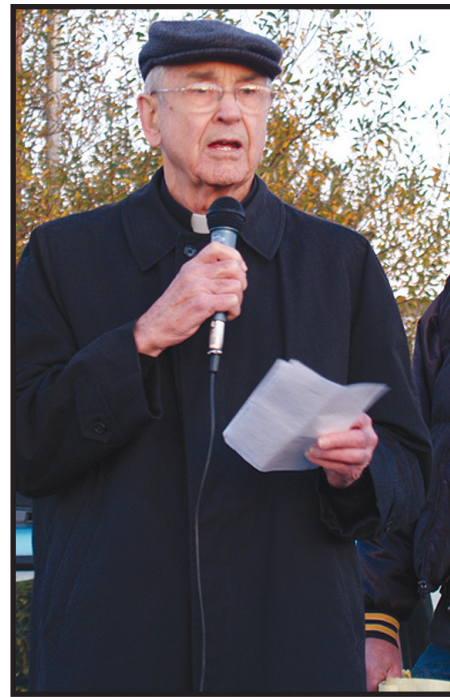
Krueger's sympathy with the poorest workers often translates into support for the rights of immigrant workers. Krueger is there when the new day labor center needs someone to give a blessing, or when janitors are rallying for the right to unionize.

And Portland's Archbishop John Vlazny has been supportive of his activism, Krueger said, even when it places him at odds with managers at Catholic-owned Providence Health System — which has opposed a long-running unionization campaign by support workers.

As a member of Jobs With Justice' Faith-Labor Committee, Krueger is a bridge between organized religion and organized labor. But he also has words of criticism for both. People of faith need to step up more and get involved in issues of justice. And labor leaders need to ground their campaigns on moral issues like dignity and fairness, not just material concerns like wages and benefits.

"I think we have an interesting problem in the United States," Krueger said. "We have a standard of living that can not be maintained worldwide. And workers at the high end of the financial spectrum are consuming at a higher rate than we have a right to. And so the question becomes, 'How much money should they make?' But then at the same time, corporations are making huge amounts of money, and should not the workers participate in that? It's a dilemma."

"Ultimately, the best thing would be for labor




Standing in the bed of a pickup truck, Father Bob Krueger speaks to striking Oak Harbor Freight Lines workers at a Dec. 4 rally in Portland.

and management to work together," Krueger said. "But when conflicts do break out, I'm not a mediator, but an advocate. I see myself as a witness for justice. Because I think, in too many cases, workers are not getting justice."

Portland Jobs With Justice will hold its seventh annual "faith and labor breakfast," at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 at Immaculate Heart Parish, 2926 N. Williams Ave., Portland. The event brings together leaders and activists from faith and labor communities to explore ways to work together. This year's breakfast will include discussion and a presentation about faith community involvement in last year's successful sit-down strike by workers at Republic Window and Door in Chicago. Cost is \$7 per person; register by calling 503 236-5573.

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## AUTO MECHANICS 1005

Members meet 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, preceded by a 9 a.m. shop steward training class. Shop stewards must attend training class and regular meeting to be compensated.

Executive Board meets Wednesday, March 18, at 4:30 p.m. All meetings are held at our union hall, 3645 SE 32nd Ave. Portland, Oregon.

PLEASE NOTE: Rochelle Conrad will be available from 8 a.m. to noon during the regular lodge meeting to answer any questions you have concerning health, welfare and pension plans.

## BAKERY, CONFECTIONERY, TOBACCO WORKERS AND GRAIN MILLERS 114

Executive Board meets 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, followed by a 10:30 a.m. General Board meeting, at 7931 NE Halsey, Suite 204, Portland.

## BOILERMAKERS 500

Members meet 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at 2515 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland.

## BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS 1

Members meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at 12812 NE Marx St., Portland.

## CARPENTERS 247

Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Carpenters Hall, 2205 N. Lombard, Portland.

## CARPENTERS 1388

Members meet 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at 276 Warner-Milne Rd., Oregon City.

## CARPENTERS 1715

Executive Board meets 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, followed by a 6:30 p.m. membership meeting, at 612 E. McLoughlin, Vancouver.

## CEMENT MASONS 555

Members meet 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at 12812 NE Marx, Portland.

## CLARK, SKAMANIA & W. KLICKITAT COUNTIES LABOR COUNCIL

Delegates meet 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, preceded by an Executive Board meeting, at the ILWU Local 4 Hall, 1205 Ingalls St., Vancouver, Wash.

## COLUMBIA-PACIFIC BUILDING TRADES

Delegates meet 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 24 and March 3, at Kirkland Union Manor II, 3535 SE 86th, Portland.

## ELECTRICAL WORKERS 48

Electrical Women of Local 48 meets 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at 5th Quadrant, 3901b N. Williams, Portland.

Marine Unit meets 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, in the Meeting Hall.

General Membership Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the Meeting Hall. Show-up early for sandwiches. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 4 and March 18, in the Executive Boardroom.

Electrical Workers Minority Caucus meets 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, in the Executive Boardroom.

Sound and Communication Unit meets 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in the Meeting Hall.

Residential Unit meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in the Dispatch Lobby.

Vancouver Meeting, 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at Round Table Pizza, 5016 NE Thurston, Vancouver.

Wasco Unit meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at Pioneer Center, Bingen Meeting Rm, 971 NE Washington St, White Salmon, WA.

Coast Unit meets 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at Astoria Labor Temple, 926 Duane St., Astoria.

Bylaws Committee meets 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, in the Executive Boardroom.

Meetings are at 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland, unless otherwise noted.

DEATH ASSESSMENTS: The following death assessment has been declared for Feb. and is payable at 50 cents: No. 2197, Floyd Stuck.

## ELECTRICAL WORKERS 280

Executive Board meets 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 4,

at 32969 Hwy. 99E, Tangent, OR.

Bend Unit meets 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the IBEW/UA Training Center, 2161 SW First St., Redmond.

Eugene Unit meets 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the LU 290 Training Center, 2861 Pierce Parkway, Springfield.

Salem Unit meets 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at 33309 Hwy. 99E, Tangent.

## ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS 23

Members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, March 12, preceded by a 5:30 p.m. Executive Board meeting, at 12779 NE Whitaker Way, Portland.

## EXTERIOR & INTERIOR SPECIALISTS 2154

Members meet 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at 1125 SE Madison, Suite 207, Portland.

## FIRE FIGHTERS 452

Members meet 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at 2807 NW Fruit Valley Rd., Vancouver, Wash.

## FIRE FIGHTERS 1660

Members meet 8 a.m. Thursday, March 12, at 4411 SW Sunset Dr., Lake Oswego.

## GLASS WORKERS 740

Executive Board members meet 5 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at 11105 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland.

Portland area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at 11145 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland.

Eugene area members meet 5 p.m. Monday, March 9, at Best Western Grand Manor Inn, 971 Kruse Way, Springfield.

Salem area members meet 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Candalaria Terrace, Suite 204, 2659 Commercial St. SE, Salem.

## INSULATORS 36

Members meet 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 11. Executive Board meets 8 p.m. Friday, March 13. Meetings are at 11145 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland.

## IRON WORKERS 29

Members meet 7 p.m., Thursday, March 5, preceded by a 5:30 p.m. Executive Board meeting, at 11620 NE Ainsworth Cir., #200, Portland.

## IRON WORKERS SHOPMEN 516

Members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at 11620 NE Ainsworth Cir., #300, Portland.

## LABOR ROUNDTABLE OF SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

Delegates meet 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at Hometown Buffet, 7809-B Vancouver Plaza Dr., Vancouver, Wash.

## LABORERS 320

Members meet 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at Joe Edgar Hall, Teamsters' Complex, 1850 NE 162nd Ave., Portland.

## LABORERS 483

## MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Members meet 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at the Musicians Hall, 325 NE 20th Ave., Portland.

## LABORERS/VANCOUVER 335

Members meet 7 p.m. Monday, March 2, preceded by a 6:15 p.m. Executive Board meeting, at the Vancouver Labor Center, 2212 NE Andresen Rd., Vanc., Wash.

## LANE COUNTY CLC

Delegates meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 1116 South A St., Springfield.

## LANE, COOS, CURRY & DOUGLAS BUILDING TRADES

Delegates meet at noon Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Springfield Training Center, 2861 Pierce Pkwy., Springfield.

## LINN-BENTON-LINCOLN LABOR COUNCIL

Delegates meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, preceded by a 7 p.m. Executive Board meeting, at 1400 Salem Ave., Albany.

## LINOLEUM LAYERS 1236

PLEASE NOTE: The following meeting is "Special Call" to vote to give the negotiating committee strike sanction. Portland area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at 11105 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland.

Executive Board meets 5 p.m. Monday, March 2, at 11105 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland.

## MACHINISTS 63

Executive Board meets 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 11. Members meet 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14. Meetings are at 3645 SE 32nd Ave., Portland.

## MACHINISTS 1432

Swing and graveyard shift members meet at noon Wednesday, March 11.

Regular membership meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 11.

Shop stewards' training session 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb.

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Meetings are at 3645 SE 32nd Ave., Portland.

## MARION POLK YAMHILL LABOR COUNCIL

Delegates meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, preceded by a 6:30 Executive Board meeting, at 2110 State St., Salem.

## METAL TRADES COUNCIL

Delegates meet 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24. Executive Board meets 10 a.m. Thursday, March 12. Meetings are at the IBEW Local 48 Hall, 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland.

## MID-COLUMBIA LABOR COUNCIL

Delegates meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 3313 W. 2nd, The Dalles.

## MOLDERS 139

Members meet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, preceded by a 6 p.m. Executive Board meeting at the Carpenters Hall, 2205 N. Lombard, Portland.

## MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES 88

Executive Board meets 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 4.

General membership meets 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, preceded by a 6 p.m. stewards' meeting.

Meetings are at 6025 E. Burnside, Portland.

## NORTHWEST OREGON LABOR COUNCIL

Delegates meet 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at IBEW Local 48 Hall, 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland.

## OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES 11

Members meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at the Laborers/Teamsters Hall, 2212 Andresen, Vancouver.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be nominations for the following officers at this meeting: President, three-year term; Vice president, two-year term; Recording Secretary, two-year term; Sergeant at arms, two-year term; Executive Board Utilities, two-year term; Executive Board Public Employees, two-year term, Executive Board at Large (2 seats), two-year term; Trustee, two-year term.

## PAINTERS & DRYWALL FINISHERS 10

Members meet 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the Insulators Hall at 11145 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR.

T-shirts, sweatshirts and coveralls for sale at the office.

## PLASTERERS 82

Members meet 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at 12812 NE Marx St., Portland.

## PORTLAND CITY & METROPOLITAN EMPLOYEES 189

General membership meets 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Executive Board meets 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 10. Meetings are at 6025 E. Burnside, Portland.

## ROOFERS & WATERPROOFERS 49

Executive Board meets 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5. Members meet 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12.

Meetings are at 5032 SE 26th Ave, Portland. (Phone: 503 232-4807)

## SALEM BCTC

Delegates meet 10 a.m. Thursday, March 5, at the IBEW 280 Training Center, 33309 Hwy 99E, Tangent.

## SHEET METAL WORKERS 16

Portland area VOC meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the Sheet Metal Training Center, 2379 NE 178th Ave., Portland.

Portland members meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at the Sheet Metal Training Center, 2379 NE 178th Ave., Portland.

Medford area members meet 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at Wild River Pizza, 2684 N. Pacific Hwy.

Eugene area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Local 16 Hall, 4748 Franklin Blvd., Eugene.

Coos Bay area members meet 5 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at Abby's Pizza, 997 First St.

## SIGN PAINTERS & PAINT MAKERS 1094

Members meet 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, in the District Office, at 11105 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland.

## SOUTHERN OREGON CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

Delegates meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at the Labor Temple, 4480 Rogue Valley Hwy. #3, Central Point.

## SOUTHWESTERN OREGON CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

Delegates meet 6 p.m. Monday, March 2, at the Bay Area Labor Center, 3427 Ash, North Bend.

## UNITED ASSOCIATION 290

Portland area members meet 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at 20210 SW Teton Ave., Tualatin.

Astoria area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Astoria Labor Temple, 926 Duane, Astoria.

Bend area members meet 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Local 290 Training Center, 2161 SW First, Redmond.

Brookings area members meet 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at Curry County Search and Rescue, 517 Railroad St., Brookings.

Coos Bay area members meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Coos Bay Training Center, 2nd & Kruse.

Eugene area members meet 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at the Springfield Training Center, 2861 Pierce Parkway, Springfield.

Klamath Falls area members meet 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 4816 S. 6th St., Klamath Falls.

Medford area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at 950 Industrial Circle, White City.

Roseburg area members meet 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Roseburg Labor Temple, 742 SE Roberts.

Salem area members meet 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at 1810 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem.

The Dalles area members meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the United Steelworkers Local 9170 Union Hall.

Humboldt-Del Norte Co. area members meet 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Eureka Training Center, 832 E St., Eureka, Calif.

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 1097

Members meet 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 preceded by a 5:45 p.m. Executive Board meeting, at the union office, 91237 Old Mill Town Rd., Westport.

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 8378

Members meet 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at the A-Dec Building at the Fairgrounds in McMinnville.

# RETIREE MEETING NOTICES

## ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS OREGON CHAPTER

Retirees meet 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, preceded by a 9 a.m. Executive Board meeting, at Westmoreland Union Manor, 6404 SE 23rd Ave., Portland. All retirees are welcome to attend.

Executive Board meets 10 a.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, at 1125 SE Madison, Portland.

## CARPENTERS

Retired Carpenters meet for lunch 11 a.m. Monday, March 9, at Hometown Buffet, 10542A SE Washington St., Portland.

## ELECTRICAL WORKERS 48

Retirees meet 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Tebo's Restaurant, 19120 McLaughlin Blvd., Gladstone. For reservations and more information, contact Glenn Hodgkinson at 503 656-0028.

## ELECTRICAL WORKERS 280

Retirees meet between 11:45 a.m.

and noon Monday, March 9, at HomeTown Buffet on Lancaster in Salem, which is next to Michael's Craft Store. If you have any questions, call Don Ball at 541-327-3388.

## INSULATORS 36

Retiree breakfast 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 5, at the Dockside Restaurant, 2047 NW Front Ave., Portland.

## IRON WORKERS 29

Retirees meet 12 noon Wednesday, March 11, at the Local Union Hall, 11620 NE Ainsworth Cir., Portland. Lunch will be provided.

## MACHINISTS

Retirees meet 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 4, at 3645 SE 32nd Ave., Portland for a brief business meeting and lunch at a restaurant to be determined at the meeting.

## NORTHWEST OREGON LABOR RETIREES COUNCIL

Business meeting from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, March 9, in the Northwest Oregon Labor Council

board room, at 1125 SE Madison #100G, Portland.

## OREGON AFSCME

Retirees meet 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, at the AFSCME office, 6025 E. Burnside, Portland. Call Michael Arken for information at 503-239-9858, ext. 124.

## TRANSIT 757

Retirees meet 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 4, at Westmoreland Union Manor, 6404 SE 23rd, Portland.

## UNITED ASSOCIATION 290

Rusty Pipes meet 2 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at the Springfield Training Center, 2861 Pierce Parkway.

Salem area retirees meet at noon, Wednesday, March 11, at Almost Home Restaurant, 3310 Market St., Salem.

Portland area retirees meet 10 a.m. Thursday, March 19, at 20210 SW Teton Ave., Tualatin.

## Al Panek retires

# Wyden names Smith Warner new labor liaison

Barbara Smith Warner has been hired as a field staff representative and labor liaison for Oregon U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden. She succeeds Al Panek, who is retiring at the end of February after serving 12 years in that position.

Smith Warner is well known in labor circles. She worked for the national AFL-CIO as a state legislative issues coordinator and as a campaign directing against several anti-union ballot measures sponsored by Bill Sizemore.

Smith Warner was the campaign director for former Labor Commissioner and IBEW Local 48 member Dan Gardner. From 1993 to 1996 she was the Western Regional field coordinator for the National Association of Letter



BARBARA SMITH WARNER

Carriers. She also has worked as campaign director for Forward Oregon and Future PAC.

More recently, Smith Warner has worked as a consultant for E.G. Enterprises, where she has assisted in the re-election campaigns of Wyden, Gov. Ted Kulongoski, and U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer.

Her first day as a Wyden staffer will be March 1.

Panek, 63, is a 34-year member of the Teamsters Union. He served as president of Teamsters Joint Council 37 and as secretary-treasurer of Local 162. He retired in 1997.

Smith Warner can be reached at 503 326-7525.

## IN MEMORIAM

**KELLY ANN PENDELL**, vice president of National Association of Portland Letter Carriers Branch 82, died Feb. 6 of cancer. She was 51.

Born Kelly Epling, she grew up in the Sellwood area of Portland, attended St. Agatha Catholic School and LaSalle High School, graduating in 1975. She married Mark Pendell in 1978, had two children, and joined the U.S. Postal Service in 1985 as a letter carrier assigned to Southeast Portland's Creston station.

Pendell soon became a union steward, and in 2000 was elected vice president of Branch 82 — a full-time union staff position. In that job, she handled member grievances, organized pickets to oppose Postal Service privatization, and worked long hours phone-banking for union political campaigns as a member of the NALC Carrier Corps. She was re-elected four times.

Pendell helped her union build closer relationships with members in smaller towns. Having spent much of her childhood on her family's farm in Mist, Oregon, she was an avid lover of horses, dogs, and cats — including strays who would turn up at the union hall and be adopted as unofficial



Branch 82 members.

Pendell was active in the union's benevolent activities. Under her leadership, donations increased substantially in the NALC Stamp Out Hunger food drive and the Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Bowl Challenge.

Personable and compassionate, she was well-loved. After she was diagnosed with melanoma, she went around to postal stations raising awareness of the need to use sunscreen. Skin cancer is a hazard for letter carriers, who must be outdoors during times of day when it's best to stay out of the sun. It was thought her cancer had been removed, but its spread to other parts of her body was discovered after she had a seizure at a post office in September.

Her daughter Dawn is a letter carrier at Portland's West Slope station, and a steward alternate with Branch 82.

A memorial was held Feb. 13 at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Sellwood, where Pendell was a lifelong parishioner.

Local 82 is planning a celebration of life, though a date had not been set as of press time.

## Teamsters at Oak Harbor Freight offer to return to work

The Teamsters Union is calling off its strike at Oak Harbor Freight Lines, and announced Feb. 12 an offer to return to work. About 600 Teamsters from the Portland and Seattle area have been on strike since Sept. 22.

The offer comes after the National Labor Relations Board agreed to an out-of-court settlement of unfair labor practice charges against Oak Harbor, which were the grounds for the strike. Under

the settlement, Oak Harbor will post a notice promising not to break labor law. The union is appealing that settlement.

U.S. labor law lets employers permanently replace workers who strike over economic disagreements, but not workers who strike to protest "unfair labor practices," as labor law violations are known. Because the unfair labor practice charges were resolved, the strike could be deemed economic if

workers stayed out — and they could be permanently replaced. On the other hand, the union's offer to return to work obligates Oak Harbor to take them back. That will likely mean job losses for scabs.

The union said the offer to return was contingent on the company allowing every worker to return to their positions, free from reprisal, and for Oak Harbor to return to the bargaining table.

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# Obama reverses Bush order that banned project labor agreements

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Barack Obama has signed an executive order overturning the Bush Administration's ban on project labor agreements (PLAs) on federal and federally funded construction projects.

The ban was one of the first orders signed by Bush when he took office.

"The Bush anti-PLA executive order was exactly the type of special interest-driven politics and policy that American voters rejected overwhelmingly last November," said Mark Ayers, president of the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department. "We acknowledge and praise this executive order as being one of the first steps in ushering in a new, more pragmatic and value-conscious approach to governing."

Project labor agreements generally set wages and establish work rules and methods of settling grievances on large multi-contractor construction projects.

For more than 70 years before the Bush order, project labor agreements benefited communities, employers and workers by ensuring fair wages and benefits and on-time completion of projects.

Ayers says project labor agreements provide maximum benefit to construction users; union and nonunion workers; union and nonunion contractors; lenders and insurance companies; and taxpayers. They are frequently negotiated to address a wide range of local and social needs, including the assurance of hiring of local residents, and outreach programs designed to offer local residents the opportunity for a career in the skilled trades.

This action follows Obama's three previous executive orders that reversed a trio of Bush-era orders governing the way federal contractors deal with union workers. The new orders:

- Require federal service contractors to offer jobs to current workers when contracts change.

- Reverse a Bush order requiring federal contractors to post notice that workers can limit financial support of unions serving as their exclusive bargaining representatives.

- Prevent federal contractors from being reimbursed for expenses meant to influence workers deciding whether to form a union and engage in collective bargaining.

"We have to reverse many of the policies towards organized labor that we've seen these last eight years, policies with which I've sharply disagreed," Obama said. "I do not view the labor movement as part of the problem. To me it's part of the solution."

"We need to level the playing field for workers and the unions that represent their interests, because we know that you cannot have a strong middle class without a strong labor movement," Obama continued. "Strong, vibrant, growing unions can exist side by side with strong, vibrant and growing businesses. This isn't an either/or proposition between the interests of workers and the interests of shareholders. That's the old argument. The new argument is that the American economy is not and has never been a zero-sum game."

"When workers are prospering, they buy products that make businesses prosper. We can be competitive and lean and mean and still create a situation where workers are thriving in this country," Obama stated.

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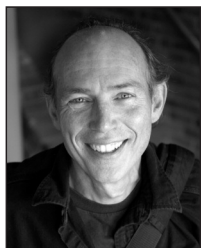
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# Green jobs: Why labor must be at the table

By BARBARA BYRD

With the election of Barack Obama to the Presidency, global warming has gone from being a suspect theory to an accepted explanation for severe weather events, flooding and drought. Practically overnight, the call for "green jobs" to help clean up the environment has become a mantra for policy makers around the country — not least because of the hope that public investment in job creation can stimulate our damaged economy.

Shortly before his election, Barack Obama promised to "... invest \$15 billion a year over the next decade in renewable energy, creating five million new green jobs that pay well, can't be outsourced and help end our dependence on foreign oil." Governors Kulonowski of Oregon, Gregoire of Washington, and Schwarzenegger of California have all emphasized the potential of taking action on climate change actions to create green jobs.

But we in organized labor know all too well that investing public dollars into a free market system does not automatically guarantee the creation of good jobs. Our participation in these policy discussions, our ability to insert strong labor safeguards into public investment proposals, and our careful monitoring of the results can assure that the economic development raises economic and job standards.

Before exploring this issue, let's consider the question of what, exactly, is a "green job." "Green Jobs for America's Cities," a 2008 publication of the Apollo Alliance, a coalition of labor, business, environmentalists and community organizations, says that green collar jobs "... are well-paid, career track jobs that contribute directly to preserving or enhancing environmental quality. Like traditional blue-collar jobs, green-collar jobs range from low-skill, entry-level positions to high-skill, higher-paid jobs, and include opportunities for advancement in both skills and wages."

The report adds an important qualification.

"... if a job improves the environment, but doesn't provide a family-supporting wage or a career ladder to move low-income workers into higher-skilled occupations, it is not a green-collar job. Such would be the case with workers installing solar panels without job security or proper training, or young people pushing brooms at a green building site without opportunity for training or advancement."

For the labor movement, this is a crucial distinction. A green job is not an economically sustainable job, and thus not fully "green," unless it pays a family wage, provides basic health benefits, has a clear career track, and includes worker protections (like the right to organize and, ultimately, a union contract). Since the large-scale creation of green jobs will require large-scale public and private investment, organized labor

needs to make certain that investment is targeted to good job creation, and not squandered on projects that may "green" the environment but lower living standards for working families.



Few green jobs are really new jobs. More often, they are traditional jobs that have been transformed or enhanced with new skills and knowledge: electricians working with solar photovoltaic energy; ironworkers erecting wind turbines; factory workers making energy-efficient appliances or equipment; or skilled construction workers putting up new "green" buildings and retrofitting existing buildings to reduce their carbon emissions and upgrade their heating and cooling systems. Green jobs in the forestry sector might focus on watershed restoration or biomass energy generation. And green jobs aren't just private sector blue-collar jobs, either. They also exist in government offices where environmental regulations are monitored and enforced and in community organizations that serve as advocates and watchdogs.

A recent report concludes that Washington and Oregon, because of their early action and continuing commitment to clean energy and energy efficiency, could create 41,000 to 63,000 new jobs across five energy sectors by 2025. Organized labor's challenge is to assure that these new green jobs are good jobs. How can we do that?

First, we need to protect our existing union jobs in manufacturing, construction and forestry, and be proactive in making those jobs and industries more environmentally sound. We can build on our existing employer partnerships, working in cooperation with employers who are willing to invest in new technologies to control their greenhouse gas emissions. In return, we can demand from those employers access to occupational upgrade opportunities and a bigger piece of the economic pie.

Second, we need to pay even more attention to training. Some union apprenticeship programs, for example, already provide high quality training for workers that leads to higher wages and

increased job security. Our apprenticeship training committees and instructors are looking for ways to train apprentices (and retrain journeymen) to work with new green technologies. The

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, for example, has created an entirely new curriculum around solar PVC theory and applications, and is working with its signatory employers to secure solar, wind and geothermal projects. In manufacturing, where in-plant training has been on the decline, we

should take advantage of this window of opportunity to call attention to the superiority of registered apprenticeship and the long-term financial benefits not only to workers but also to employers who invest in these programs.

Third, unions must work with community allies, especially in rural communities that have been hard-hit by job loss, to attract and retain good green employers. Millions of dollars worth of public investment will be made in renewable energy, energy efficiency and related activities. Without explicit standards for good jobs (e.g., provision of family wages, health benefits, and full-time work) and community stability ("claw-back" provisions requiring the return of funds when an employer shuts down or lays off workers), the new green economy will undermine our quality of life rather than improving it. This is not a new approach. Demands for investment in high-wage, high-skill occupations have been made by labor

for decades. The difference now is that organized labor has a unique opportunity to build the power to move this agenda. If we work in coalition with community organizations, and especially the environmental community, on our mutual goals of cleaning up the environment while creating sustainable employment for working families, we can prevail.

And speaking of community allies, let's not forget that a proliferation of good green jobs can also be an opportunity for the working poor in both towns and rural areas. We ought to be talking with low-income community advocates about how we can work together to craft pathways out of poverty and into good union jobs. Such joint work can not only help rebuild our middle class, but it can also remind non-union workers of the benefits of unions, and strengthen our image as advocates for the public good.

In addition to these three areas of focus, we must continue to fight against free trade agreements without strong labor standards — green jobs are not, after all, immune from outsourcing. And of course we must organize the new clean tech industry. Passing the Employee Free Choice Act will be the first step in that longer-term goal.

In short, labor cannot afford to sit back and let elected officials, business leaders and environmentalists develop policy options that will eventually lead to green job creation. We must be at the table, advocating for our members and for working families as a whole, helping to shape an approach that leads to a healthy planet, a sustainable economy, and good family wage (union!) jobs for workers.

*(Editor's Note: Barbara Byrd is secretary-treasurer of the Oregon AFL-CIO and a professor at the Labor Education and Research Center of the University of Oregon. This article first appeared in the Union Register, a publication of the Carpenters Industrial Council.)*

## Caterer says 'thanks for support'

To The Editor:

I wish to say "Thank You!" to the Northwest Labor Press and all of you who read the Labor Press for your support of my growing business "Almost Heaven Catering."

It was a bit scary leaving my Bakers' Union in-store bakery job last year, to devote my energies to my catering company. I did not want to leave the union, and Terry Lansing talked to me about making my business union and promoting union-made goods. It was a great idea. I am a continuing member of the Bakers Local 114, and it is my dream to grow into a thriving catering company that offers what no other catering company can do: Be union and promote union-made products.

Misty Wright  
Bakers Local 114  
Portland

The Northwest Labor Press helped tremendously in getting myself started with their great article in the Labor Press last year. Since then I have catered numerous functions for unions, union businesses, and the City of Portland. I use union-made ingredients in my meals and at each event display a placard of the union-made items in the meal.

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# OPEN FORUM

## Union members come through in holiday toy drive

To The Editor:

This comes with deepest thanks and appreciation for labor's generous support of the 2008 "Presents from Partners" toy drive.

On Dec. 20, Labor's Community Service Agency held its annual holiday toy distribution party at Genesis Community Fellowship in Northeast Portland. Donations from 38 local labor organizations and labor leaders resulted in 801 toys provided for 277 underprivileged children from 104 families. Each of the children in attendance received two new toys, a visit with Santa, a stuffed animal, and a candy cane. The labor community's generosity — abundant even in this difficult economy — made the event a resounding success, bringing smiles of delight and lifting the spirits of the children and their appreciative parents.

On behalf of all the children and their families, a heartfelt thanks for your support.

Glenn Shuck,  
Executive Director, LCSA  
Portland

## Union member suggests ways state can save money

To The Editor:

I have three suggestions for Gov. Ted Kulonowski and the Oregon Legislature.

1. The state is short of money. One way to put a dent in the shortfall would be to stop paying national guardsmen and women who work for the state double pay when they go on their two weeks of annual training. They now get their full state pay, plus military pay. They should get the greater of the two.

2. All politicians talk about more money for schools. Clackamas Community College sends out its class schedule four times a year at a cost of over \$1 million — and this is just the mailing cost. The money could be better spent on teachers and more classes.

3. Safety. Many states have laws stating that when you use your windshield wipers you must also turn on your lights. Also, when your registration tags are renewed, a safety inspection is required. Why not in Oregon? This would cut down on accidents and police would not have as many accidents to investigate.

Glen Savage  
IAM Lodge 63 (Retired)  
Milwaukie

# ...Stimulus bill includes 'Buy American' provision

**(From Page 1)**  
 spending side, put together by the House-Senate Conference Committee, runs 136 pages long. For the most part, it puts new money into existing formulas to increase the local economic impact of federal spending. And it embarks on a federal government building boom and buying spree to stimulate demand for goods.

Under the package, unemployment insurance benefits will go up by \$25 a week. Social Security recipients will get a one-time \$250 bonus. Food stamp benefits will increase 14 percent. All those funds will be spent locally.

More people will be made eligible for Medicaid, the government-paid health insurance program for the poor.

A House-passed provision to let unemployed workers get into Medicaid was scrapped in the final version. Instead, the government will pick up the tab for 60 percent of COBRA premiums. COBRA is the acronym for the law that lets laid-off workers keep employer-sponsored health coverage — by paying for it themselves. Problem is, monthly premiums average \$388 for individuals and \$1,069 for family coverage, while monthly unemployment benefits average \$1,278. Odds are that

many of the jobless still will be unable to afford the insurance.

The package also contains: \$100 billion for local education grants; \$15.6 billion for Pell Grants for college tuition; \$4 billion for job training; \$16.8 billion for energy efficiency and renewable energy; \$11 billion for medical research; \$7 billion for scientific research; \$300 million to buy domestically produced hybrids for the federal government vehicle fleet; and \$1 billion for checked baggage explosives detection systems in airports.

It increases the borrowing authority of Bonneville Power Administration by \$3.25 billion, which the federal power agency will use for new electricity infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest.

It provides \$515 million funding for a "Jobs in the Woods" program to prevent forest fires by thinning overgrown second growth forests. Oregon is likely to get a good share of those funds, and the thinning will make merchantable timber available for milling.

There's \$27.5 billion for highway and bridge work; \$8 billion to build high-speed rail; \$7 billion for water projects; \$6.9 billion for mass transit; \$6 billion for environmental cleanup at former weapon production and energy research sites; \$4.7 billion to bring broadband internet to rural areas; \$4.6 billion for Army Corps of Engineers work; \$4.5 billion to convert federally owned buildings to High-Performance Green buildings; \$4 billion to retrofit public housing; \$1 billion to construct and renovate research facilities, and on and on.

In each case, federal agencies are ex-

pected to spend the money on projects that can begin quickly and result in high, immediate employment. And all iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in any infrastructure project funded by the package will have to be produced in the United States — thanks to a "Buy America" provision that unions, particularly the United Steelworkers, fought hard for.

Labor leaders applauded Congress for taking action, but warned that more will be needed. Laborers International Union President Terence O'Sullivan said the package provides "only a frac-

tion of the \$2.2 trillion our transportation systems, energy systems and schoolhouses need. The plan is a leap forward, but it cannot become a 'we already gave' sign that blocks sorely needed resources, leading to continued deterioration of the basics of our country and our economy."

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) put it this way at the Feb. 16 press conference: "If you're a worker and you've been laid off, you're not in a downturn, you're in a free-fall. This may not show us where the bottom is, but it definitely stops the free-fall."

## Business-labor-group to hold lobby day in Salem for LNGs

SALEM — Energy Action Northwest, an alliance of business and labor groups formed last year to advocate for responsible energy development in Oregon and Washington, will hold a "Day at the State Capitol" Friday, March 6, in Salem.

Display booths will be set up in the Capitol's Galleria, and union members will have an opportunity to lobby lawmakers and leaflet passersby about the need for job creation through investment in energy infrastructure projects.

Energy Action Northwest is a proponent of proposed liquefied natural gas terminals and pipelines, including one at Bradwood Landing near Astoria.

"We have ample space for any number of unions that wish to participate in

the lobby day," said Tom Ivancie, director of public affairs. To set up a union booth or to register to lobby, call Ivancie at 503-595-1232 or e-mail him at [tivancie@EnergyActionNW.org](mailto:tivancie@EnergyActionNW.org).

Members of Energy Action argue that building the LNG terminal in Astoria will provide significant short-term economic stimulus without any taxpayer dollars. Additionally, the project will assure continued access to reliable, reasonably priced supplies of natural gas to power the electric grid, the manufacturing sector, and to heat homes.






The lobby day is part of Energy Action's "Truth Offensive" campaign to rebut claims by environmental groups that LNG plants are unnecessary.

## Local Motion

January 2009

Union certifications and decertifications in Oregon and Southwest Washington, as reported by the National Labor Relations Board and the Oregon Employment Relations Board

### Recognition elections

Name of employer	Date	Name of union	Location	Results:		
				Union Yes	Union No	
<b>Crook County Sheriff's Department</b>	1/6	CC Deputy Sheriffs Assn.	Prineville	16	0	
<b>White Bird Dance</b>	1/7	IATSE Local 28	Portland	8	0	
<b>Kaiser Foundation Hospitals</b>	1/9	SEIU Local 49	Clackamas	14	2	
<b>Albertsons (lobby)</b>	1/21	UFCW Local 555	Roseburg	2	1	
<b>Mercy Flights (DECERTIFICATION)</b>	1/30	Teamsters Local 962	Medford	0	7	

### Requests for recognition election

Name of employer	Location
Name of union	Number of employees
<b>Petermann (DECERTIFICATION)</b>	Battle Ground
Teamsters Local 58	146
<b>Safeway</b>	Burns
United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555	46
<b>First Student</b>	Medford
Teamsters Local 962	117
<b>Aramark Linen Service</b>	Medford
Teamsters Local 962	11
<b>Hoodview Vending</b>	Tualatin
Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers	10
<b>Southwest Washington Medical Center (surgical techs)</b>	Vancouver
Office & Professional Employees International Union Local 11	117
<b>Pro-Tec Fire Service</b>	Medford
Teamsters Local 962	117
<b>Providence St. Vincent Medical Center</b>	Portland
Oregon Nurses Association	200

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