

# Molalla Pioneer

## THE NAYSAYERS: PART 2

I have already written about how our Republican legislators voted to allow uncontrolled sprawl on our fertile farmland, how they voted to allow payday lenders to charge exorbitant interest rates, how they voted to deny our children basic health care while supporting tobacco companies, and how they voted to deny our schools the rainy day fund needed to educate our children in times of economic downturn.

As the Legislative Session came to a close our State Senator Roger Beyer and State Representative Vic Gilliam cast more NO votes on issues important to citizens of our District.

### **Saying NO to Ethics Reform**

How many of us trust our government and the people we elect? Stories of expense paid trips to Hawaii and lavish campaign contributions and gifts make us cynical and doubtful that our legislators are truly working for us, and not special interests. Senate Bill 10 will put limits on gifts and strengthen laws requiring reporting of contributions.

**Roger Beyer and Vic Gilliam voted NO**

### **Saying NO to Protecting Oregonians from Harmful Tobacco Smoke**

The dangers of second hand tobacco smoke are well documented. Lung cancer, heart disease and emphysema are just some of the diseases caused by breathing this smoke. Senate Bill 571 will protect all of us, children and adults alike, from secondhand smoke in buildings where we work and play.

**Roger Beyer and Vic Gilliam voted NO**

### **Saying NO to Reducing Litter**

It's been over 30 years since Oregon instituted its first in the nation bottle bill. Since then bottled water has become very popular in Oregon, with over 100 million bottles thrown away every year. Senate Bill 707 added water bottles to our list of returnable containers, encouraging us to recycle them and reducing the trash along our roadways and in our parks and other public places.

**Roger Beyer and Vic Gilliam voted NO**

### **Saying No to Protecting Our Beaches**

There is hardly anything we Oregonians value more than our beautiful, pristine beaches. From Astoria to Brookings, they are an irreplaceable treasure for us and future generations. Senate Bill 790 protects our beaches from oil spills resulting from drilling off our coastline.

## **Roger Beyer and Vic Gilliam voted NO**

### **Saying NO to Mothers and**

**Babies** Roger Beyer gets special recognition for this vote, being the only Senator to vote against House Bill 2372, which allows nursing mothers up to a half hour of unpaid time at work to express breast milk for their babies.

Oregon was once very fortunate to have many moderate and farsighted Republican leaders. Mark Hatfield, Tom McCall, Hector Macpherson, and Victor Atiyeh, to name a few, worked for the betterment of our state and all its citizens. These visionary leaders wrote our pioneering land use laws that protect farmland and create livable communities, they created Oregon's first in the nation bottle bill, reducing litter and encouraging recycling, and they worked to clean up our rivers and air.

Now the Oregon Republican Party has been captured by people with negative attitudes and bad ideas. This does not make for effective government. Our legislators need to hear from us and they need to begin voting in the interests of the farmers, small business owners, and citizens of our District.