

## INTEROFFICE MEMO

Governor Atiyeh

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FROM:

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SUBJECT: Cabinet Meeting, Tuesday, March 23, 1982

Again, cabinet meeting was sparse -- many cabinet members were on Spring vacation.

Karen Roach: Has been meeting with several juvenile court judges expressing alternatives to the lowering of the age of jurisdiction from age 21 to age 18. Karen reports she is hearing much vocal support contrary to their previous efforts.

Keith Putman: February case loads did not drop as expected, but are still lower than budgeted. Food stamps are still climbing. Keith has been visiting regional offices and is finding morale surprisingly high.

Keith Stubblefield: Has been working with Bob Watson to forecast institution populations and survey a serious crime reaction which should project how people will vote on the bonding measures. the survey is completed, it should be a tool helpful to Donna Zajonc and the ballot measure committee.

Hazel Hays: Nothing to report.

Jerry Brown: Nothing to report.

Leo Hegstrom: The new regulations regarding refugees will take effect April 1. It was thought that the regulations could be delayed to May 1. Leo appealed for a 60 day lead time for those who will be affected by cuts and received no response from federal government. Leo has decided to hold firm for the 60 days and take time to contact the refugees involved personally to minimize the impact.

Roy Green: Three of the four major unions in Oregon have been told by their leaders that Oregon has too low worker's compensation benefits. It is their position that Oregon should go back to a law similar to that of Washington. Roy will be touring the state in May to talk about the benefits, how they're calculated and attempt to make Oregon workers understand how good our benefits truly are. Union voicing their discontent with worker's compensation benefits primarily come from labor and sawmill workers.

Dave Frohnmayer: As you probably already know, the Sheep Commission donated \$5,000 to a political action committee to oppose ballot measure 5 last year. On appeal it was found to be an

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illegal expenditure. Dave will be in Washington, D.C. Thursday, Friday and Monday. AFL-CIO is now claiming that the loan to the Warm Springs Indians for the Pelton Dam was an illegal loan. Dave indicates their position is entirely wrong, that we cannot legislate with Indians.

Fred Miller: A poll taken in January indicated there is a 50/44 support for the gas tax measure.

Roy Lieuallen: Announced that the resignation of WOSC President Leinword will be effective September 1.

T.K. Olson: Has been working on a stronger western region coordination. Each state in attendance at the last meeting submitted their lists of programs that they have been requested to terminate. Washington, Idaho and Oregon submitted their lists and Oregon was the only one reporting any eliminated programs.

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