

## **STOP SELLING GOVERNMENT FAVORS TO CAMPAIGN CASH COWS**

**“And now those money-fueled campaigns for part-time Oregon legislators can reach \$1 million.”**

**– OREGONIAN editorial, August 13, 2006**

In 2002, candidates for Governor spent \$15 million, breaking all records. The two major party candidates spent over \$4 million each. This year, expect \$6 million each. Republicans get huge contributions from corporations and executives. Nevada executive Loren Parks alone gave Kevin Mannix \$540,000 in 2002 and \$713,000 in 2006. Ron Saxton this year accepted campaign funds of \$100,000 each from several timber company executives. Democrats get huge contributions from corporations and unions. Ted Kulongoski's 2002 campaign received \$1.2 million from unions.

### **CAMPAIGN CASH BUYS BIG GOVERNMENT FAVORS**

**Enron/Portland General Electric got a \$400 million annual rate increase in 2001 and since 1997 has charged Oregon ratepayers over \$900 million for federal and state "income taxes" it never paid. Why? PGE gave over \$500,000 to Oregon politicians.**

**The corporate share of Oregon income taxes has declined from 18% to only 4%. The corporate "kicker" will further cut corporate income taxes by 36% in 2005 and 54% next year. Why? The big corporations provide most of the campaign cash for candidates of both major parties.**

**Video Poker outlets get \$100 million per year over the reasonable level of commissions. Why? The Oregon Restaurant Association gave over \$1.2 million to Oregon politicians since 2000.**

**Drug companies defeated bills to expand the Oregon Prescription Drug Purchasing Pool to save hundreds of millions of dollars for Oregonians (an average of 30%) by having the State negotiate lower prices. How? The drug and medical equipment companies gave over \$3 million to Oregon politicians since 2000.**

**The OREGONIAN (June 4, 2006) says Oregon “has lowered its cigarette tax and all but surrendered in the battle to reduce tobacco use.” The American Lung Association gave Oregon “F” in smoking prevention. Why? The tobacco companies gave over \$600,000 to Oregon politicians since 2000.**

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