

Two things I find troubling about this Bill.

1. "Whereas the people of the State of Oregon wish to furnish a statue of Mark Odom Hatfield for placement in National Statuary Hall in accordance with the terms of this 2014 Act".

I have yet to see this as a ballot measure so "the people of the State of Oregon" can make their wishes known.

2. The National Statuary Hall Review Task Force is established (but not for this replacement). The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may activate the task force by giving the Governor written notice of their determination that consideration of a replacement of one or both of Oregon's statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection would be appropriate.

The prominence of Oregon's national commemoration to its most worthy is now demoted to revolving-door status. Historical importance will now rest with the then current generation as they find another's legacy more worthy of noting at the national level.

Whereas the State of Oregon has had one citizen, Mark Odom Hatfield, who stands alone in the history of this state in the achievement of a distinguished career in public service;

Mr. Hatfield may well have had integrity and been honest and intelligent. Hatfield's achievement of being a career politician for almost half a century (well after the state was settled) may elevate him in the eyes of politicians however it may not raise him to the level of a state treasure for many others.

Compromise and put a statute of Hatfield by the state capitol and leave Lee where he belongs. Just because the federal government allows changes doesn't mean states need to update their legacy.

Sincerely,
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