

## Turkeys

When I was a young boy, I used to visit my uncle Verl at his turkey farm in Ohio.

Visiting uncle Verl had many advantages. His wife made wonderful cookies and she would supply my cousin and I with all the ammunition for our BB guns that we wanted.

My uncle raised about 1000 turkeys every year. Those birds weren't too smart. He had to teach them to stand on the roosts. The turkeys would just die on almost any excuse.

If Oregonians were turkeys I would understand the laws that we make better. Turkeys need detailed instructions on how to live.

But colleagues, Oregonians are NOT turkeys. They actually get along better without all the detailed rules we make.

Laws are broken regularly by ordinary upstanding citizens. They follow the laws that will be enforced and either ignore or don't know about the others.

As lawmakers, we don't even know the laws ourselves. I would challenge any senator to tell me offhand - without looking it up - just the number of pages of state laws on the books - let alone what they do.

This building is full of analysts trying to figure out what the new laws will do. And we really think Oregonians should follow these laws when we are done with them?

Oregonians aren't turkeys. Let's treat them with more respect.