

HB 2007

Opposed

I find this a rather confusing bill. First like many of us I have had the sad opportunity to go to the Court House and be inside of a courtroom. Thing is with the exception of perhaps the early 1970s you don't get into the Court House these days without going through a metal detector and body search, taking shoes and belts off and all contents of your pockets placed into a tray. Thus no guns get in, pocket knives or any other item the Security wishes to keep out, period.

But in this bill it goes on to say, "and the grounds adjacent to each such building." As one who travels often and long distances I carry a firearm. Often times in respect (as I was raised) I leave said firearm in my automobile while conducting business. How would this law be applied? I'm coming to Salem soon and I intend to continue north from there up the Columbia to Hood River and wherever I please. I'm not leaving my firearm 150 miles out of route only to have to retrace my steps. So now that my firearm is locked and secured in the automobile would I be breaking a law? Seems so and once again the State in it's wisdom has taken citizens in good standing and made them criminals. I see a problem with this!

As to the State Capitol Building (others?). Over the last ten years I have visited the Capitol Building many times. Strange you can't get in with a gun and some of the grounds are already marked "no gun zone." What new law(s) are you putting forth here? Again there is Security already in place as my mother will testify to as she got turned around because of her pocket knife. Wow you Country Bumpkins go home. You know a pocket knife can save a person personal harm from farm animals? Cutting hay bails strings isn't it's only use, carrying a pocket knife is a life style for good reason. Cutting a seat belt if the need arises!

Well of the writing of books there is no end the Bible says. It seems the State of Oregon has taken it to a new level "of the writing of bills there is no end." We have laws in the books that we don't enforce already I'm sure enough to apply even here. I would suggest that you focus on funding the state and putting the education of our children first. FIRST I SAY I don't care what committee you set on WE/YOU are failing our children period. Seriously come out from behind them marble walls and take your energy to the schools. If not and you think we have crime now (individual's poor choices) know that WE/YOU are raising up another generation that will make this one pail in comparison, because they are not challenged and given opportunities.

Respectfully Submitted

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