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This is a typical end around game usually used in politics as to avoid the will of the people's intent prevent government or elected officials from taking advantage of the people. The people have spoken, and the word spoken was NO. Adhere to what the people wanted to do. How many times does this have to happen? For years, during campaign season, I have TWO campaign signs in my yard, non political (by party). One says: VOTE NO ON YES and the other says VOTE YES ON NO. Politicians are experts are writing bills, measures and explanations in wording that would (a) confuse the reader as to what it said and (b) the result of the passage or failure of a bill is opposite of what the people understand. How many times are we told that the passage of a tax will not affect the individual taxpayer, as it only affects business or the like? It does not take an economist to figure out that when a TAX is placed on a product to be paid to the government, is ultimately paid for by the end user, i.e., the tax payer. Some forty years ago, some stupid politician in Nevada looking for a way to bolster the coffers of the state decided it would TAX the operators of Nevada's legal brothels. Now in my mind, the tax on the brothel(s) PAID by the operator has to come from somewhere. It's not coming from the "sales of product or service" out of their bank accounts. It is going to be paid by the (if you will pardon the expression) the consumer. It's not going to show up on the "bill" as a consumer services tax. "Here is your bill, sir: \$100.00 plus \$10.00 for the consumer service tax", thank you very much! The consumer just got screwed (again, if you pardon my terminology). I would think that the elected officials would recognize that every penny of tax to a corporation, no matter how much lipstick you put on that pig, is still going to be paid by the consumer. But no, you think that the people are dumb enough to not see it that way. WE SIGNED A DOCUMENT DEMANDING THE SHOVE IT DOWN OUR THROATS MEASURE BE PUT TO THE PEOPLE ON THE NOVEMBER ELECTION CYCLE, and now you found a new way to SHOVE IT DOWN OUT THROATS by moving it to the MAY cycle to beat the people at the game. SHAME ON EVERY STINKING LOUSY ONE OF YOU, particularly those of your with a (D) after your name. I have business associates all over the United States, and even Canada who tell me that Oregon is a laughing stock of the world, by the way Oregon politicians rule by force. DROP THIS REFERENDUM NOW and return it back to the November and see what the majority of the people want.