

I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the impact Mr. Myers had on this state. I whole heartedly agree with every single word of this resolution and would extend my condolences to his family for their loss. Oregon lost a faithful and honorable son when she lost Mr. Meyer. I have taken a firm position this session that it is an illegitimate one as the people have been barred from their legislative process. As such I have voted no on every piece of legislation that has come to the floor.

I had asked to be excused to avoid having any "No's" tarnishing the memory of Mr. Myers, however the Majority Party would not grant it. I was fully prepared to be absent and have it go against my record to once again avoid tarnishing the memory of Mr. Myers. Instead, the Democrat Majority used Parliamentary procedures to force my presence on the floor. It is a shame that they have chosen to politicize what should have been an honorable recognition of a life well lived. Standing on my principle and through the forceful and abusive hand of government, I regretfully was forced to cast a no vote. May the memory of Marty Myers long outlive the shameful events that have led us to where we are today.