

Secretary Brocker: Vote explanation please. Senator Boquist

SJM 4 is a memorial letter sent to the Clerks of the Congress asking them to “pursue avenues to reparations ... and develop reparation proposals. No less than three State Senators of both major parties claimed the memorial only called for a study. Not what the text says. Senate Democrats kept referring to changing the system. Odd after more than four decades of Democrat executive and legislative control in Oregon the best we can do is a memorial to a Clerk in DC? Do not think anti-Democrat progressive protesters in Portland and Eugene believe a letter to D.C. will help improve their plight. If the Democrats opened the Oregon State Capitol the protesters would tell them face to face how to fix minority disparity. One revisionist Democrat statement tried to call the southern democrat confederate battle flag and democratic national convention banner a republican flag but then corrected this revisionist statement. No amount of revisionist history on the Floor of the Oregon State Senate changes facts like Lane County’s name sake, Governor Joseph Lane, Democrat, was the Vice Presidential candidate for the southern democrat confederate states in the 1860 election. Why have we not renamed Lane County? It is the Democrats who reversed Oregon’s 14th Amendment vote banning slavery. It is Democrats in Oregon who banned Catholic Schools only to lose at the U.S. Supreme Court. It is the Democrats who voted against the Equal Rights Amendment. It is the Democrats who voted against the Civil Rights Act. It is the Democrats in charge in Salem and Portland. After four plus decades of Democrat rule why is Portland burning? Why does the system need fixed? If the system needs changed the protesters are correct: the present elected Democrats need to go instead of this memorial being mail across the country. Lastly, this State Senator spent four decades helping Africans, Latins and Asians overseas but never once saw a Senate Democrat or Republican legislator helping their poor and disenfranchised alongside me. Never. Oregon minorities would be better served if the legislature passed appropriations and statutes helping disadvantaged and minority citizens improve their economic status and completely reforming the judiciary rather than political rhetoric letters being sent to Washington D.C..”