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Senate Republicans choose status quo over streamlining legislative process

SALEM—Following the failure of a procedural vote on the Senate floor this afternoon, Senate Majority Leader Richard Devlin expressed his disappointment with the Senate Minority. Senate Republicans voted against an amendment to the Senate’s rules that would have modernized and streamlined operations for the body, saving tax payer dollars, and improving efficiency in the Oregon Legislature.

“I think it is unfortunate the Senate Republicans locked up on a motion that would have brought greater accountability and transparency to the Oregon people,” said Devlin (D-Tualatin). “In a time when all Oregonians have to do more with less, our modest proposal to set deadlines and hold ourselves accountable to those deadlines was shot down by partisan politics.”

Senate Rules are the guidelines by which the Senate governs its own activities. The rule change proposed today would have set a deadline of pre-session filing for most measures introduced for the 2011 session. Legislative leaders proposed such changes in order to shorten the next regular session while saving taxpayer dollars.

“Senate Republicans proved today that they’re the defenders of the status quo,” said Assistant Majority Leader Diane Rosenbaum (D-Portland). “Senate Democrats, on the other hand, will continue to fight for streamlining our government and bringing greater accountability to the people of Oregon.”

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