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NEWS RELEASE

A charge of fence straddling on the Oregon Dunes Seashore Park was made against Governor Mark Hatfield by Democratic State Chairman Robert W. Straub, also Senator from Lane County in which the Park would be located.

Straub said that recent statements by Governor Hatfield on the Oregon Dunes Seashore National Park have been so confusing and contradictory as to be meaningless.

The Governor should speak out for himself on this issue and tell the people whether he will support the Park or whether he will oppose it. The obligation of a governor should be to lead and make decisions, Straub said, not to try to carry water on both shoulders.

Even after scores of press releases on the subject, I doubt if anybody yet knows where Governor Hatfield stands on this important state issue of the Oregon Dunes Seashore Park. This is skillful press agency but it is poor leadership, Straub claimed.