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Falling timber kindles land commissioner race

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The downturn in Washington's timber industry has provided fuel for the race for state land commissioner, one of several contests on Tuesday's primary election ballot.

Former Pacific Lutheran University President Gene Wiggins, the most prominent of the three Democratic candidates for land commissioner's post, has taken in \$22,000 in campaign contributions. The money has come from 18 donors and construction companies and 28 labor organizations.

Wiggins, 44, initially runs for governor then he decided to get out of the race to avoid splitting the Democratic vote.

The timber industry is amid a crisis, Wiggins said. "I call it the Boeing 747 of the timber industry," said Wiggins, who serves as executive vice president of the state's largest timber company, the Dore Co., in Richland.

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Democrats' race

becoming the nation's main supplier of nuclear waste. In some ways, their differences are more basic than their similarities.

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Defense

on each roll call. Two weeks later, the Senate voted to approve the production of 21 more missiles with no strings attached.

One of the reasons the defense appropriations bill has been stalled in the Senate is that Republicans want to see how the MX program may pass when voted on again.

Another defense budget bill, also is hung up in the Senate after being passed by the House.

At Foley's urging, the House OK'd military construction authorization and appropriations bills containing \$2.2 billion for Pease.

Kin of 8 slain on fishing boat relieved arrest finally made

BELLINGHAM (AP) — Relatives of eight people killed aboard a fishing boat in Alaska two years ago say they are relieved an arrest has finally been made in the case.

John K. Peet, 41, was arrested in Bellingham as he drove to work on Monday. He was held on a \$1 million fugitive warrant in the Whitman County Jail with a bond of \$1 million.

Peet had a different response. "Why, he didn't even have the nerve to punch anyone," Rasmund said. "I'd believe the (inventor) killed me as my mother before I'd believe it was him."

Peet was charged in the September 1982 deaths of seven people from Whistler Island and one from Clallam County, near the town of Clallam, Alaska.



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