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I am very against ending Daylight Saving Time. Changing time was never a problem when I was a kid. The problem is that we are a society of wimps and we can't handle anything. It's two days a year, one really because no minds the fall change.

I'm sorry, but I don't see how it getting daylight at 4:30 in the morning in June is supposed to help me sleep better. I'm not a dairy farmer. I've been a runner my whole life. I'm not running much anymore, but I already had to run in the dark 4 months of the year, now you're asking me to add another month and a half. I played in a golf league after work when i lived in Roseburg. I couldn't do it without Daylight Saving Time. It's also a problem for high school baseball, softball, and golf programs. Many of the fields don't have lights, so they will have to start the games earlier and it will be harder for parents to get to the games after work. In the fall cross-country meets will have to start earlier, and some IA schools don't have lights on their football fields. We are already on Standard Time, during the winter, so it won't be daylight earlier for the kids going to school.

We have very nice weather in the fall in Oregon. Many of us like to do things in the evening like go for a walk or run, play golf or tennis or just sit outside at home and enjoy the evening. If you work until 4:30 or 5:00 like many people do if we stay on Standard Time we will have limited opportunity to do so, especially as we get into late September and October.

I think we should keep changing time twice a year. The fact is that at the 45th parallel the length of the days goes from 8 hours and 45 minutes to about 15 hours and 30 minutes. If I had to pick one time I would pick Daylight, but I know we can't do that unless Congress changes the uniform time law. If you don't want to change time move to the equator. The length of the day is the same there all the time. If you are in favor of this bill you are thinking of only one thing and that is that I don't want to change time, even though it is only two days a year. You are not thinking of everything else that goes with it. One last thing. The bill only references the Pacific Time Zone part of Oregon. If the Mountain Time Zone part continues to observe Daylight Time, they will be 2 hours ahead of us for almost 8 months of the year