



To: Governor Kitzhaber, Legislative Leadership  
From: The 900 LB Jobs Gorilla  
Re: Missed Opportunities

I am disappointed, and my gorilla-stomach is a little bit upset. To be honest, I expected a lot more from a state that advertises with the slogan "We love dreamers." Staring at a long decade of recovery ahead, Oregonians are looking for a vision, a big idea to help catalyze future prosperity. All they got this session was a series of missed opportunities.

As I mentioned in a previous memo, I had hoped the legislature would finally realize that economic success won't come unless the state does something differently. But taking stock of the session, it appears very few big ideas were acted on in the capitol this year. Below is a list of 2011 missed opportunities:



**SB 812:** 2 year moratorium on all non-essential new rules.  
**SJR 32:** Legislative oversight on new rule making.



**SB 160:** Would allow Oregon farmers to access more of their fair share of excess Columbia River Water for irrigation.



**SB 897:** Senate Bill 897 would eliminate the six percent PERS contribution paid by employers.



**SJR 19:** Lowers cost of family's monthly healthcare premiums by limiting non-economic damages in malpractice lawsuits.



**SB 476:** Senate Bill 476 would empower local communities to meet the land use needs of businesses looking to bring jobs to Oregonians.



**SB 460:** Requires harvesting in diseased state forests.  
**SB 464:** Ends artificially low harvest levels on state forests.



**SJR 15:** Sets aside three percent of income tax and lottery revenues every budget cycle to be used in the case of economic downturn.



**SB 457:** Redirect corporate subsidies into long-term renewable energy upgrades for Oregon schools.

**Maybe next time!**