

# Party leader urges support for Bradbury

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WOODBURN – Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe capped off his visit Saturday to Oregon by urging residents of one of the state's most heavily Latino cities to help his party win the U.S. Senate this November.

McAuliffe said he came to Oregon with an eye on what he expects will be a close race between incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith and Democratic challenger Bill Bradbury, Oregon's secretary of state. He also threw his support behind gubernatorial can-

didate Ted Kulongoski.

"Bill Bradbury's race could determine who controls the U.S. Senate," McAuliffe said Saturday, after delivering a speech at Northwest Treeplanters and Farmworkers United, known by its Spanish acronym PCUN, in Woodburn. "I don't take that lightly."

McAuliffe's schedule targeted groups with whom the Democratic party has been forging relationships, said Barbara Smith Warner, director of Forward Oregon, the Democratic Party of Oregon's coordinated campaign.

On Friday, McAuliffe, Bradbury and Kulongoski attended a leadership dinner in Portland with leaders from the Latino, African American, Asian American-Pacific Islander, and gay and lesbian communities.

He focused on youth involvement Saturday morning at the Oregon Bus Project Kick-Off at Grant High School, and then traveled to Woodburn for a door-to-door voter registration drive using the state's first Spanish and English voter registration forms.

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groups was research showing that vinclozolin disrupts male fertility and that it metabolizes into a carcinogen.

When the EPA could not establish safe residue levels for the fungicide on a number of crops, it agreed to phase out use of vinclozolin on snap beans and other crops by 2005. But the agency still said it would allow emergency exemptions to be granted, prompting another round of objections by the union and Northwest coalition.

"We were back to where we had started," said Norma Grier, executive director of the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides.

Under the settlement, which was signed Aug. 28 but announced Friday, the EPA will notify the groups before acting upon any future emergency exemption involving vinclozolin. The agency also agreed to give "due consideration" in granting such exemptions to whether the manufacturer was making measurable progress toward a permanent registration.

Ramon Ramirez, the union's president, said Friday that he thought the legal actions had

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forced the EPA to follow its own rules under the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act.

Officials with the BASF Corp. in North Carolina could not be reached Friday to comment.

Kurt Metzger, vegetable field manager with Truitt Bros. processors in Salem, said growers were worried at the prospect of losing vinclozolin altogether.

"We're pushing chemical companies to see if we can find something to replace it," he said. "We haven't found anything yet."

Metzger said growers also were looking for bean varieties that are more upright and not as susceptible to mold.

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