

Hansen emphasizes Barlow court case cut OSHA's wings

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Rep. George V. Hansen, R-Idaho, in a Post-Register interview Friday, repudiated the assertion of OSHA officials that

the Bill Barlow Court case was not of far-reaching effects.

He pointed out that OSHA has been beaten some 30 times in major court cases across the nation, both federal and state,

and in the Supreme Court. Pocatello businessman Bill Barlow successfully won a Supreme Court ruling requiring OSHA search warrants.

The Supreme Court decision

Stoddard Lumber Co. rejected a search warrant on grounds there was no probable cause, and OSHA has taken the issue to court.

He pointed out, for example, that as result of these protests some 924 rules and regulations were dropped from the 11,000.

"It shows progress, but our job is still cut out for us," said Hansen. "Interestingly enough, at the time they were dropping the regulations, they promised they would cut out the nit-picking and make it an open operation, because of the bad publicity OSHA has received.

"Yet the U.S. Court in Pennsylvania found that by OSHA's own regulation, it was illegal to get secret warrants, without the defendant being present. OSHA then withdrew the case and

quickly changed its regulation to allow secret warrants.

"What that does is relegate people to paying \$5,000 for a lawyer to surpress this kind of a warrant or face contempt in court.

"In other words, OSHA is still up to its old tricks and we still have a job to make it behave itself. I'm still advocating that people not let OSHA inspectors in for inspections without a warrant based on specified or probable cause. Of course, they should consult their attorneys.

Hansen was in Idaho Falls for the ribbon-cutting opening for a retirement home center Wednesday, attended a Pocatello Housing Authority meeting Thursday afternoon, and attended the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce meeting Thurs-

day night.

He was at his office at Pocatello Friday. His wife, Connie represented him at a Bannock County Republican Committee meeting Thursday, when Ed Brown was elected chairman.

Their daughter, Joanne, is running for Miss Idaho at Pocatello Saturday and he and his wife attended.

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