

Batt sees bill compromises

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BOISE — Lt. Gov. Philip E. Batt predicted Friday a compromise will be reached on legislative reapportionment, releasing the legislators to turn to the important task of financing state government.

He said there will be some shifting of legislative district boundaries in the three legislative districts bordering Pocatello that will meet with general approval.

"Actually, it won't be much different than the reapportionment plan approved in the July special session," he said.

He said he looks for a general agreement that will enable approving a reapportionment bill the coming week.

"I believe legislators overestimate the differences created by moving areas in different districts," said Batt. "It is my opinion that a good legislator will be re-elected in any district."

In other matters, he said the Right-to-Work proposal "will be an even wash" concerning his own candidacy. By that he means the effects will not greatly affect his chances one way or another.

"There are other things that are more important but I anticipate it will be a factor," said Batt.

Batt said he has already raised \$130,000 for his campaign to give him a hefty boost for his primary fight. He said polls now show him to have a strong lead in the primary and also indicate it will not be easy but that he could beat Democratic Gov. John V. Evans.