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(continued from page 1) ernor is re-elected will be more significant, I think, than the fact that we elected one in the first place," he said. "It will show that the governor's election was not a '78 fluke."

The Republicans also are hoping to pick up other statewide offices; they're making serious efforts to win the lieutenant governor's race and the race for attorney general.

"If we can pick up one or two more statewide offices, it will show we've made tremendous in-

roads into the Democratic monopoly on state government," Ward said.

But the main event, for the GOP, is the governor's race. And that emphasis reflects the history of the party's development in Texas over the past two decades.

In 1961, John Tower became the first Republican to win any statewide office in Texas since Reconstruction. He was elected to fill the senate seat left vacant by Lyndon Johnson's election to the vice presidency, and his election led to the first announce-

ments that Texas was finally entering a two-party era.

But no other Republican won a statewide race until 1978, when Clements became governor.

In the meantime, Republicans won little representation in the state government. In the 1981 Legislature, only four out of 31 state senators and 23 out of 150 state representatives were Republicans.

And after the 1980 election, six of the state's 24 U.S. representatives and one of its two U.S. senators was a Republican.

But even with their low representation in other offices, Republicans are choosing to concentrate on a few big races.

"We have our usual optimism that we'll pick up a few seats in the Legislature," Ward said. "But we're concentrating on the statewide offices; that's where the action is. That's where the power is."

The Republicans say that the mechanism of state government is run from the top: by the governor, the lieutenant governor and a few other officials.

"If we can win those races, eventually the others (seats in the Legislature) will follow," Ward said.

The Democrats dispute that. "Even if we lose, this state is going to remain basically Democratic," Gagen said. "We repre-

sent Texans all Texans—better than the Republicans do."

Part of the dispute hinges on the question of who Texans are. In the 1980 election, many said Republican victories were due to the movement of white-collar workers into Texas from states where the Republican Party is strong. That immigration, it was said, was permanently changing the face of Texas politics.

But the character of immigration has changed since the beginning of the recession; recent immigrants have tended to be more blue-collar than white-collar.

"In 1980, it was common knowledge that the influx of people from the Frost Belt states was making the state more conservative and less Democratic," Ward said. "Now, of course, some have said that the unemployment situation in the Frost Belt states is changing that."

"We had been getting people who were disillusioned by the Democratic policies of high taxation and extensive government regulation in the northern states. The whole climate for business is better here and we had a lot of entrepreneurs coming down to get ahead."

"Now that's changed. People are coming here out of desperation and remaining here. They don't have jobs up North so they come down here and still can't find jobs. Their remaining here could change the (political) character of the state."

However, the Democrats don't feel that the immigration is making much of a difference.

Environmental laws called northern plot

United Press International
NEW YORK — A debate is brewing over whether the federal environmental laws really were enacted to protect nature and human health or were pushed through by the urban north and big business to curb the drift of industry to the Sunbelt and the west.

Prof. B. Peter Pashigian of the University of Chicago Graduate Business School conducted a survey for the Center for the Study of American Business based at Washington University in St. Louis. It asserts flatly that the passage of such laws as the national Clean Air Act resulted partly, and perhaps primarily, from the desire of the advanced industrial sections of the country to protect their regional self-interest.

Pashigian told UPI the study was a pure research project and that none of the foundations contributing to funding it had any political and financial interest in the findings.

A new book by veteran journalist William Tucker calls environmentalism a chilling, inhuman, reactionary creed and asserts that "environmentalism helps big business firms maintain their dominance at the expense of small firms."

But another recent book, "The Angry West" by Gov. Richard Lamm of Colorado and Michael McCarthy, which is very pro-environmentalist in tone, takes an almost opposite stand.

The authors accuse the eastern establishment states and big business of seeking to destroy the western states' naturally clean environment by coal strip mining, shale oil extraction, water pollution and over-exploitation, while at the same time grabbing and hoarding half the west's valuable soil and timber in federal public land holdings. They assert environmentalism protects the West from the predatory East.

Professor Pashigian's study, "The Political Economy of the Clean Air Act," is an analysis of the votes in Congress over the years for environmental legislation. It was intended to determine the motivations that actually resulted in control of the environment being taken away from the states by the federal government.

The study concludes that the environmentalist laws in general were passed by the votes of Congressmen and senators from the urban, industrialized states, not those of the western or Sunbelt states. And that the laws were specifically designed to reduce competition between the developed and undeveloped areas of the country, that is to protect the urban north from the competitive pull of the Sunbelt and western areas.

The study considers that the greatest proof of this was the adoption by Congress of the non-deterioration policy for the western and southern areas where air quality was high. This policy, the study says, imposed competitive handicaps on the southern and western areas.

For example, the survey says,

the environmental laws imposed a burden of gross annual pollution abatement cost per \$1,000 of added value of \$14.45 in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, of \$10.16 in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Nevada, and of \$9.12 in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi as against only \$4.11 in New England and a national average of \$7.88. In the Midwest, Pashigian's figure is \$5.00 for Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, the Dakotas, Nebraska and Kansas and \$7.05 for Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

The figures average \$7.05 for the mid-Atlantic states, \$8.24 for the South Atlantic states and \$8.11 for the Pacific coast states.

The Pashigian study argues that loss of jobs and an eroding tax base in northern areas produced a demand that Congress step in and adopt regulations to curb the drift of industry to the west and south and that the loss of the environmental movement in the 1960s provided the opportunity for national regulation to accomplish this.

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