

Thankfully, this policy only lasted five years!

Binger Hermann's resignation was accepted at the end of January 1903 after the DOI Secretary, Ethan Allen Hitchcock requested it early in 1902. On January 11, 1903, Thomas H. Tongue died. He had replaced Binger Hermann in 1897 as U.S. Congressman for the 1st Congressional District in Oregon.

Mr. Hermann reportedly won the special election to replace Mr. Tongue by posing next to Teddy Roosevelt during a campaign stop in Portland Oregon. At that moment, a photographer snapped a photo of the two men. Mr. Hermann circulated the photograph throughout his district to show voters that Teddy supported him. Ironically, Mr. Hermann voted on the Act of April 28, 1904 that rescinded his ill-conceived policy.

In 1905, he was indicted for accepting bribes during his tenure as GLO Commissioner. His alleged crimes were documented by S.A. Puter in, "Looters of the Public Domain". In 1910, a jury failed to return a verdict and the case was dismissed.