

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION AND RULES

May 10, 2005 Hearing Room E

1:00 P.M. Tape 54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Derrick Kitts, Chair

Rep. Paul Holvey, Vice-Chair

Rep. Kim Thatcher, Vice-Chair

Rep. Billy Dalto

Rep. Debi Farr

Rep. Mitch Greenlick

Rep. Steve March

STAFF PRESENT: Cletus Moore, Committee Administrator

Annetta Mullins, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

HR 4 – Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 2348 – Public Hearing and Work Session

Approval of Drafting Request – Work Session

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

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TAPE 54, A

003 Chair Kitts Calls the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and opens a public hearing on HR 4.

HR 4 – PUBLIC HEARING

Cletus Moore Committee Administrator. Reads summary of HR 4.

018 Chair Kitts Comments that Paul Hanneman was a great man and good friend.

Rep. Greenlick Comments that Hanneman was also a great fishing guide.

020 Chair Kitts Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on HR 4.

HR 4 – WORK SESSION

Chair Kitts Asks the committee to stand at ease momentarily.

Chair Kitts Reconvenes the meeting.

029 Rep. Thatcher **MOTION: Moves HR 4 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.**

038 **VOTE: 5-0-2**

AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.

EXCUSED: 2 - Reps. Dalto, Farr

Chair Kitts The motion CARRIES.

Speaker Minnis will lead discussion on the floor.

NOTE: SEE TAPE 54 A AT 171 AND PAGE 3 OF THESE MINUTES.

047 Chair Kitts Closes the work session on HR 4 and opens a public hearing on HB 2348.

HB 2348 – PUBLIC HEARING

	Cletus Moore	Committee Administrator. Reads summary of HB 2348. Advises the committee that HB 2348 was sent to this committee without recommendation by the House Committee on General Government with a subsequent referral to Ways and Means. Explains that the committee must rescind the subsequent referral to Ways and Means and refer the bill to the House Special Committee on Budget.
060	Chair Kitts	Explains that the bill was sent to this committee at his and Rep. Lim's request. It is the companion bill to HJR 7.
055	Rep. John Lim	Testifies in support of HB 2348. Explains that HB 2348 is a cleanup bill. Explains that the lieutenant governor would be the next in line for governor in the event there is an emergency, death, or illness or if the governor leaves the state. This bill would be effective when HJR 7 passes. If the lieutenant governor leaves the position, for one year he cannot serve with a company that has a contract with the Economic Development Department. The lieutenant governor would serve as the director of the International Trade Division of the Economic Development Department. No tax dollars are involved. We are not creating more government. Hopefully with the position of lieutenant governor we will be able to create more jobs and more trade in Oregon.
094	Rep. Holvey	Comments that the committee passed out HJR 7, and that the fiscal impact statement on HB 2348 has not been issued. Asks if Rep. Lim has any idea what the cost will be to the state.
	Rep. Lim	Responds that the salary of the director of the International Trade Division, which is currently vacant, should be around \$70,000 a year and according to the bill the lieutenant governor's salary should be \$72,000, the same as the State Treasurer.
	Rep. Holvey	Asks if there will be additional staff.
	Rep. Lim	Responds additional staff is not required but thinks the lieutenant governor might be able to utilize the staff already in the International Trade Division.
120	Rep. March	Asks if HJR 7 provided that the lieutenant governor becomes governor if the seated governor is incapacitated.

Rep. Lim Responds affirmatively. Points out the line of succession to the governor.

Chair Kitts Closes the pubic hearing and opens a work session on HB 2348.

HB 2348 – WORK SESSION

150 Rep. Dalto **MOTION: Moves HB 2348 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and the SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL to the committee on Ways and Means BE RESCINDED and BE REFERRED to the House Special Committee on Budget.**

159 **VOTE: 7-0-0**

AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.

Chair Kitts The motion CARRIES.

164 Chair Kitts Closes the work session on HB 2348.

HR 4 – WORK SESSION

165 Rep. Thatcher **MOTION: Moves to SUSPEND the rules for the purpose of allowing Reps. Dalto and Farr to vote on the motion that HR 4 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.**

168 **VOTE: 7-0-0**

Chair Kitts Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

REPS. DALTO AND FARR VOTE AYE.

171 **VOTE: 7-0-0**

Chair Kitts The motion CARRIES.

174 Chair Kitts Opens a work session for the purpose of approval of a drafting request and bill introduction.

APPROVAL OF DRAFTING REQUEST

176	Rep. Thatcher	MOTION: Moves that the committee request Speaker Minnis to give permission to the committee to requests Legislative Counsel draft a bill relating to beer barrel tax and to introduce the draft as a committee measure (EXHIBIT A).
	Rep Greenlick	Asks if the measure would be increasing or decreasing the tax.
181	Cletus Moore	Committee Administrator. Refers committee to the explanation and reviews the explanation printed on the back of the letter (EXHIBIT A) .
190	Chair Kitts	Comments he does not expect the relating to clause saying related to beer tax.
	Rep. March	Asks if the tax per barrel would be lowered or if this is just relieving them of the bond.
196	Chair Kitts	Explains it would relieve them of the higher bond obligation because they may never meet the threshold anyway.
201		VOTE: 7-0-0
	Chair Kitts	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
203	Chair Kitts	Closes the work session on approval of drafting requests and advises members that amendments are being drafted to HB 3238 and the committee will not hear it today.
190	Chair Kitts	Adjourns meeting at 1:18 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A. Drafting Request, letter from Speaker Minnis, 2 pp