

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

January 18, 2005 Hearing Room D

1:00 P.M. Tape 1

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Gordon Anderson, Chair

Rep. Bob Jenson, Vice-Chair

Rep. Mary Nolan, Vice-Chair

Rep. Phil Barnhart

Rep. Bill Garrard

Rep. John Lim

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Diane Rosenbaum

STAFF PRESENT: John Houser, Committee Administrator

Mike Reiley, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

Introductions – Organizational Meeting

Adoption of Committee Rules – Organizational Meeting

Comments by Chair/Committee Members – Organizational Meeting

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.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 1, A		
003	Chair Anderson	Calls the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Opens the organizational meeting and invites introductions.

INTRODUCTIONS – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

007	Rep. Nolan	House District 36. Introduces herself and district as including downtown Portland, Willamette Riverfront and West Hills.
010	Rep. Lim	House District 50. Introduces himself as former state senator and district as including part of Gresham.
016	Rep. Jenson	House District 58. Introduces himself and district as including Pendleton and Hermiston. Notes that he is chairing House Water Committee.
025	Rep. Barnhart	House District 11. Introduces himself and district as including central Lane and Linn Counties, parts of Eugene, Pleasant Hill, Creswell, Coburg, Leaburg, Brownsville, and the outskirts of Lebanon, Sweet Home, and Harrisburg.
030	Rep. Garrard	House District 56. Introduces himself and district as including Klamath Falls and southern Klamath County.
037	Chair Anderson	House District 3. Introduces himself and district as including Josephine County, Grants Pass and Cave Junction. Notes environmental issues with Rogue River and water and air quality. Gives overview of committee goals and objectives.
053	John Houser	Committee Administrator. Introduces himself.
075	Mike Reiley	Committee Assistant. Introduces himself.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

085	John Houser	Committee Administrator. Outlines changes in House rules related to change in public meeting notice requirements from 24 hours to 48
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hours and change in criteria for minority reports. States that members must be present for meeting at which bill was passed out of committee and must have voted no to be able to file minority report.

100 Chair Anderson MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules (EXHIBIT A).

VOTE: 6-0-1

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

EXCUSED: 1 – Rosenbaum

Chair Anderson The motion CARRIES.

COMMENTS BY CHAIR/COMMITTEE MEMBERS – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- 105 John Houser Committee Administrator. Discusses possible committee field trips related to public and private facilities and solid waste disposal and recycling. Describes private facility in Wilsonville and public facility in Oregon City. Outlines Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) overview presentation at January 20, 2005 committee meeting.
- 166 Chair Anderson Requests that DEQ discuss areas of improvement.
- 180 Rep. Lim Asks if legislation proposal exists to update Oregon bottle bill.
- 188 Houser Answers no.
- 190 Rep. Lim Expresses support for bottle bill and mentions that he may work on proposal to improve it. Stresses importance of alternative energies.
- 200 Chair Anderson Discusses energy issues and possibility of committee addressing such issues.
- 205 Rep. Garrard Discusses 2001 legislation that created the Oregon Alternate Energy Center at Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls.
- 210 Chair Anderson Notes that geothermal energy is used in Klamath Falls area.
- 215 Rep. Garrard Explains current use of geothermal in Klamath Falls.

240	Rep. Barnhart	Discusses alternative energy production and need for conservation.
273	Rep. Garrard	Discusses two electrical generation plants built in Klamath Falls and third just approved.
280	Chair Anderson	Discusses work being done to improve efficiency of fossil fuels.
298	Rep. Jenson	Promotes hydroelectric power and raises possibility of using nuclear power.
327	Chair Anderson	Discusses practicality of nuclear power in Europe. Closes the organizational meeting. Adjourns meeting at 1:28 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A. Rules, proposed Committee Rules, staff, 2 pp