

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

May 17, 2005 Hearing Room C

8:30 A.M. Tapes 96 - 97

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Donna Nelson, Chair

Rep. Phil Barnhart, Vice-Chair

Rep. Debi Farr, Vice-Chair

Rep. Brian Boquist

Rep. Scott Bruun

Rep. Dave Hunt

Rep. Betty Komp

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Stembridge, Committee Administrator

Erin Seiler, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

SJM 1 – Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 486 – Work Session

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TAPE/# Speaker Comments

TAPE 96, A

002 Chair Nelson Opens the meeting at 8:42 a.m. Opens a public hearing and work session on SJM 1.

SJM 1 – PUBLIC HEARING AND WORK SESSION

010 Senator Rick Metsger Senate District 26. Testifies in support of SJM 1, which urges that Congress and Secretary of Defense authorize and appropriate funding to attain 75 percent of full-time manning requirements for Army National Guard and that Secretary of Defense report to Congress in 2005 fiscal year on plan to meet 100 percent of full-time manning requirements by end of 2008.

051 Colonel Mike Caldwell Deputy Director, Oregon Military Department. Testifies in support of SJM 1.

091 Chair Nelson Reads the text of the SJM 1.

122 Rep. Barnhart Asks what “full-time manning” means.

126 Caldwell Explains what constituents “full-time manning” for Army National Guard.

176 Rep. Barnhart Asks what the difference in the number of people would be if Army National Guard was fully manned.

183 Caldwell States that the Oregon Army National Guard currently is employing 25 percent of full-time total documented need, which translates into a 1000 person short fall throughout Oregon.

200 Caldwell Speaks to the gradual increase in full-time staff of the Army National Guard over the past three decades and the effect it has service levels.

213 Chair Nelson Inquires as to the “power” of the National Guard Bureau.

216 Caldwell Explains that the National Guard Bureau is the guidance and funding mechanism for the Army National Guard, but not the command authority.

- 266 Chair Nelson Asks about the consistency in full-time manning levels on a state-by-state basis of the Army National Guard.
- 280 Caldwell Explains that full-time manning levels vary amongst states based upon pentagon strategy.
- 320 Caldwell Speaks to the issues and reasons surrounding the Department of Defense plan for the realignment and closure of military bases in Oregon.

TAPE 97, A

- 063 Rep. Farr MOTION: Moves SJM 1 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.**

VOTE: 7-0-0

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

Chair Nelson The motion CARRIES.

REP. P. SMITH will lead discussion on the floor.

- 070 Chair Nelson Closes the public hearing and work session on SJM 1. Opens the work session on SB 486.

SB 486 – WORK SESSION

- 085 Rep. Barnhart MOTION: Moves SB 486 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**

VOTE: 7-0-0

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

Chair Nelson The motion CARRIES.

REP. FARR AND SPEAKER MINNIS will lead discussion on the floor.

- 100 Chair Nelson Closes the work session on SB 486. Adjourns the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

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None