

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES

May 5, 2005
3:00 P.M.

Hearing Room B
Tapes 63 - 64

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Kate Brown, Chair**
 Sen. Jason Atkinson
 Sen. Charlie Ringo
 Sen. Frank Shields

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Sen. Ted Ferrioli, Vice-Chair**

STAFF PRESENT: **Tiffany Harris, Committee Administrator**
 Patricia Nielsen, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:
 SB 1052 – Public Hearing
 HJR 32 – Public Hearing and Work Session
 SM 1 – Public Hearing and Work Session
 HB 2005 – Work Session

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 63, A		
005	Chair Brown	Calls the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. Announces that the committee is meeting as a subcommittee. Opens a public hearing on SB 1052.
<u>SB 1052 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
010	Tiffany Harris	Committee Administrator. Introduces SB 1052.
015	Rep. Jeff Barker	House District 28. Testifies in support of SB 1052. Presents an overview of SB 1052. Discusses the need for specialized officers for humane animal treatment.
030	Craig Campbell	Governor's Senior Policy Advisor. Testifies in support of SB 1052.
040	Lt. Randall Covey	Law Enforcement Division, Oregon Humane Society. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of SB 1052 (EXHIBIT A) .
048	Chair Brown	Acknowledges the arrival of Sen. Atkinson and Sen. Ringo and that the committee is now meeting as a full committee at 3:10 p.m.
050	Sharon Harmon	Executive Director, Oregon Humane Society. Testifies in support of SB 1052.
065	Chair Brown	Notes the conceptual amendments (EXHIBIT B) submitted by Ms. Harmon and states that they will be drafted by Legislative Counsel.
075	Marilyn Lorance	Supervisor, Certification and Records Function, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. Testifies in support of SB 1052 and the conceptual amendments. States that the department would be able to implement the changes set forth in the bill at its current staffing level.

090	Chair Brown	Closes the public hearing on SB 1052. Opens a public hearing on HJR 32.
<u>HJR 32 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
095	Tiffany Harris	Committee Administrator. Introduces HJR 32.
100	Rep. Brad Avakian	House District 34. Testifies in support of HJR 32. Notes that the bill has no fiscal impact and no revenue impact. Discusses the need for space for visitors to see displays of historical documents and artifacts, and learn about the state’s history. Describes Oregon’s historical documents now stored in the State Archives. Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on HJR 32.
140	Chair Brown	
<u>HJR 32 – WORK SESSION</u>		
145	Sen. Atkinson	MOTION: Moves HJR 32 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
		VOTE: 4-0-1
	Chair Brown	EXCUSED: 1 - Ferrioli
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. ATKINSON will lead discussion on the floor.
150	Chair Brown	Closes the work session on HJR 32. Opens a public hearing on SM 1.
<u>SM 1 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
165	Willie Smith	Office of Congressman Earl Blumenauer. Testifies in support of SM 1. Cites the written testimony of Congressman Blumenauer (EXHIBIT C).
190	Travis Brouwer	District Co-Director, Office of Congresswoman Darlene Hooley. Testifies in support of SM 1. Cites the written testimony of Congresswoman Hooley (EXHIBIT D).
220	Rick Bennett	AARP Oregon. Testifies and submits prepared information (EXHIBIT E) in support of SM 1.
250	Verna Porter	Oregon Alliance for Retired Americans. Testifies in support of SM 1. Points out that Social Security is an insurance policy, not just a retirement program.
290	Tim Nesbitt	President, Oregon AFL-CIO. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of SM 1 (EXHIBIT F).
340	Sen. Shields	Asks if AARP is non-partisan.
343	Bennett	Answers yes.
345	Sen. Shields	Asks if the Social Security issue is non-partisan.
350	Bennett	Answers that AARP addresses issues in a non-partisan manner. Estimates that the AARP membership is roughly half Democrat and half Republican.
370	Sen. Shields	Points out that there is bipartisan objection in Congress to President Bush’s Social Security plan.
375	Bennett	Answers that AARP has discussed the issue with Congress and the President and is against diverting funds from Social Security. Argues that there are other options available to protect Social Security.
390	Sen. Shields	Refers to articles questioning AARP’s integrity. Asks why AARP has been attacked on the Social Security issue.
410	Bennett	Responds that the position of AARP has been misrepresented and they make as much information as possible available to the public. Adds that AARP urges additional savings to support retirements. States support for other retirement options, but not privatizing Social Security.
TAPE 64, A		
005	Jim Greer	Industrial Financier. Testifies in support of SM 1. Describes

		President Bush's plan to reduce Social Security benefits to middle class retirees.
035	Ed Yoon	Director, Oregonians United to Protect Social Security. Testifies in support of SM 1. Describes threats to pension income under the Bush plan.
050	Ken Jackson	Retired Navy officer. Testifies in support of SM 1. Describes examples of reductions in Social Security benefits under the Bush plan.
078	Jim Davis	Oregon Association for Retired Citizens, United Seniors of Oregon. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of SM 1 (EXHIBIT G).
130	Ruth Currie	Portland Chapter, Older Women's League. Testifies in support of SM 1.
155	Ruth Shepherd	Testifies in support of SM 1. Urges a national dialog on the Social Security issue and suggests that SM 1 may be a way to open such a dialog. Refers to her own upbringing in a four-generation family household and how Social Security gave older Americans dignity and resources to live in their own homes.
225	Kim Braush	Testifies in support of SM 1. Notes that President Bush's Social Security plan would result in money being paid to investment companies instead of keeping the fees within the Social Security system.
245	Chair Brown	Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on SM 1.
<u>SM 1 – WORK SESSION</u>		
247	Chair Brown	MOTION: Moves SM 1 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
		VOTE: 3-0-2
		EXCUSED: 1 – Ferrioli, Atkinson
	Chair Brown	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. SHIELDS will lead discussion on the floor.
252	Chair Brown	Closes the work session on SM 1. Opens a work session on HB 2005.
<u>HB 2005 – WORK SESSION</u>		
255	Chair Brown	MOTION: Moves HB 2005 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and the SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL to the committee on Ways and Means BE RESCINDED.
		VOTE: 3-0-2
		EXCUSED: 2 - Ferrioli, Atkinson
	Chair Brown	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		CHAIR BROWN will lead discussion on the floor.
260	Chair Brown	Closes the work session. Adjourns the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. SB 1052, prepared testimony, Randall Covey, 2 pp
- B. SB 1052, conceptual amendments, Sharon Harmon, 2 pp
- C. SM 1, prepared testimony of Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Willie Smith, 1 p
- D. SM 1, prepared testimony of Congresswoman Darlene Hooley, Travis Brouwer, 2 pp
- E. SM 1, prepared information, Rick Bennett, 43 pp
- F. SM 1, prepared testimony and information, Tim Nesbitt, 6 pp
- G. SM 1, prepared testimony, Jim Davis, 2 pp