

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

June 11, 2003 Hearing Room E
1:00 PM Tape 78

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Dan Doyle, Chair**
 Rep. Linda Flores, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Vice Chair
 Rep. Vic Backlund
 Rep. Phil Barnhart
 Rep. Betsy L. Close
 Rep. Joanne Verger

STAFF PRESENT: **Patrick Brennan, Administrator**
 Cara Filsinger, Administrator
 Annetta Mullins, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SJM 6 – Public Hearing and 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.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
Tape 78, A		
004	Chair Doyle	Calls meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and announces that the work sessions HB 3611 and HJR 54 are being delayed pending the receipt of additional amendments.
014	Chair Doyle	Opens a public hearing on SJM 6.
<u>SJM 6 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
015	Jon Mangis	Director, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs. Testifies in support of SJM 6. Explains current state authority to issue loans. States they have been working on changes to the federal tax code along with five other states that have authority to issue a qualified veteran mortgage bond. Without the federal change they cannot issue loans to veterans who have served since 1976.
055	Rep. Barnhart	States he is a strong supporter of the memorial. Asks if the National Guard is included for purposes of this loan program.
	Mangis	Responds, yes and no. Explains when National Guard members are eligible. Explains who would qualify without having served 210 days.
075	Rep. Barnhart	Asks if there is opposition in Congress.
	Mangis	Responds that opposition usually comes from the Joint Committee on Taxation. Explains the argument is on the basis that the Treasury loses revenue. Comments on limited clout of the five states in getting changes made to the tax code.
126	Walter Crews	Oregon State Legislative Director, Non Commissioned Officers Association. Testifies in support of SJM 6. States that the United Veterans Groups of Oregon also supports this measure.
	Chair Doyle	Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on SJM 6.
<u>SJM 6 – WORK SESSION</u>		
141	Rep. Flores	MOTION: Moves SJM 6 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
145	Rep. Backlund	Comments he is happy to vote for this measure.

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Chair Doyle

VOTE: 7-0-0

**AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
The motion CARRIES.**

REP. FLORES will lead discussion on the floor.

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Chair Doyle

Closes the work session on SJM 6 and explains that HB 3611 will be rescheduled for Friday and explains that the committee will not meet on Thursday afternoon.

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Chair Doyle

Adjourns meeting at 1:44 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

NONE