

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

January 22, 2003 Hearing Room D
1:00 PM Tape 1 - 2

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Patti Smith, Chair**
 Rep. Vicki Berger, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Mary Gallegos, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Mark Hass
 Rep. Dave Hunt
 Rep. Steve March
 Rep. Dennis Richardson

STAFF PRESENT: **Kimberly A. Medford, Committee Administrator**
 Linda K. Gatto, Committee Assistant

ISSUES HEARD: **Introductions**
 Organizational Meeting
 Adoption of Committee Rules
 Informational Meeting
 Speaker of the House Karen Minnis
 Representative Greg Smith, House District 57
 Marty Brantley, Oregon Economic and Community Dev. Dept.
 Bill Fashing, Hood River County Economic Director
 Henry Liaw, Trade Representative – Fujian Province

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.

<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 1, A 004	Chair Smith	Calls the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. States the objectives of this committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Create family wage jobs● Stimulate the economy● Attract and promote tourism● Provide economic recovery for Oregon businesses● Streamline regulatory processes● Assist the natural resource based economy● Attract and keep new businesses Invites the committee members to introduce themselves.
<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> 034	Rep. Richardson	House District 4. Describes the district's geographic boundary. Desires to see Oregon products and Oregon's reputation of being environmentally knowledgeable promoted on an international basis.
053	Rep. March	House District 46. Describes the district's geographic boundary.

		Explains that Oregon's number one status in unemployment, housing un-affordability, and hunger is not desirable. Supports sustainable development opportunities for urban and rural economies.
077	Rep. Berger	Vice Chair. House District 20. Describes the district's boundary. States that economic development is critical to Oregon.
092	Rep. Gallegos	Vice Chair. House District 29. Describes the district's boundary. Comments on being able to observe the growth and changes in Washington County.
107	Rep. Hass	House District 27. States that this district has a lot of technology companies and has three large timber plants.
118	Rep. Hunt	House District 40. States that Clackamas County needs a balance between jobs and where people live. Comments on the opportunities available to Oregon.
160	Chair Smith	Opens the organizational meeting for the purpose of adopting the committee rules.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

161	Rep. March	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules, (EXHIBIT A).
062	Chair Smith	VOTE: 7-0
167	Chair Smith	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		Closes the organizational meeting and opens the informational meeting for the purpose of providing overview information on issues related to trade and the economy.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

170	Karen Minnis	House District 49. Speaker of the House. States that economic development is understood by the members of this committee. States this committee will be looked to develop ideas on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying incentives for businesses to locate in Oregon. • Look at the alternatives statewide, nationwide and worldwide.
232	Rep. Greg Smith	House District 57. Describes the district's boundary. Former chair of the Interim House Special Task Force on Jobs and the Economy, names the other members of the Task Force.
266	Rep. G. Smith	States that it became apparent to the Task Force that Oregon needs to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be open to new and innovative ideas. • Economic development needs to maintain a balance for all Oregonian's. • Business and labor, rural and urban, natural resources and environmental must work to together.
295	Rep. G. Smith	Provides an overview on HB 2022, HB 2100, HB 2295, HB 2296, HB 2297, and HB 2298. States that during the special sessions the bonding authority was increased and certain regulations were streamlined.
362	Rep. Richardson	Asks if the Task Force coordinated with Senators Wyden and Smith.
363	Rep. G. Smith	Responds, regretfully no.
378	Jim Stenbridge	Administrator. Provides more information on HB 2100 and HB 2298. Notes two other bills that were not available for pre-session filing.

430	Rep. March	Asks if the Task Force found tools that were suited toward urban or rural areas.
438	Rep. G. Smith	Responds that the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department is a resource for some tools. Comments that capacity needs to be developed so programs don't change as personnel changes.
TAPE 2, A		
025	Stembridge	Reiterates that the key is identifying and building on the resources available locally.
041	Chair Smith	Introduces staff.
045	Marty Brantley	Oregon Economic and Community Development Department, Director. Notes that he is new to the job. Provides a background on his career.
086	Brantley	Notes that the problems the state faces are well identified. Offers that one solution is to create a friendly business climate.
121	Brantley	Discusses 'shovel ready sites', marketing 'Oregon Made' products and promoting tourism and global opportunities.
153	Brantley	Comments on the department's accountability of allocated funds.
175	Rep. March	States that he would like to see performance measures.
206	Chair Smith	Refers to news article (EXHIBIT B) <i>From Pink Slip to Pear Bars</i> .
218	Bill Fashing	Hood River County Economic Director. Notes that he is new to the job. Provides an overview of the unemployment situation in Hood River.
250	Fashing	Discusses the challenge of building industrial sites. Explains that three mill sites available but are not easily convertible due to land use laws. Explains that value-added agricultural lands are also limited by land use laws.
336	Chair Smith	Inquires if the National Scenic Area Act has an impact on these goals.
337	Fashing	Responds that in the Columbia River Gorge it is another layer of approval and process.
361	Rep. Richardson	Introduces Henry Liaw and provides a background on their relationship.
388	Henry Liaw	Trade Representative from Fujian Province, Peoples Republic of China. States there are tremendous trade opportunities with China. Notes that Beijing will be the host for the 2008 Olympics and Shanghai will be the host for the World Expo in 2010. China is now a member of the WTO.
480	Liaw	Discusses that the Central Committee will allow foreign infrastructures for telecommunications, banking, financial and insurance companies.
TAPE 1, B		
065	Liaw	States that the Beijing municipal government will spend \$5.6 billion on environmental protection projects in preparation for the 2008 Olympic games. Details what the projects are, (EXHIBIT C) .
183	Liaw	Discusses opening the door for investors to obtain residence in the USA by investment. Notes that there are many students who want to come to Oregon for their education.
219	Chair Smith	Closes the informational meeting.
222	Rep. Richardson	Comments that in regard to Mr. Liaw's testimony on students, there are a number of families that would like the students to study in America. Comments on residency based on the federal

255	Rep. Richardson	investment program. Notes that there has not been a follow-up on the Oregon/Fujian Sister State relationship that began four years ago.
29	Chair Smith	States that the next meeting will be Monday. Adjourns the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – Committee Rules, staff, 2 pp.

B – News article, Rep. Patti Smith, 2 pp.

C – News articles, Henry Liaw, 6 pp.