

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES

March 06, 2003
3:00 p.m.

Hearing Room 343
Tapes 18 - 19

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Bev Clarno, Co-chair, Presiding
Sen. Jason Atkinson, Vice-chair
Sen. Ginny Burdick, Vice-chair
Sen. Roger Beyer
Sen. Tony Corcoran

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Kate Brown, Co-chair

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Stembridge, Committee Administrator
Pam Cox, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SJR 9 – Public Hearing
SB 380 – Public Hearing
SJM 2 – Public Hearing and Work Session
SJR 4 – Public Hearing
Introduction of Committee Bills – Work Session
SB 450 – Public Hearing
SCR 3 – Public Hearing

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<u>TAPE#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 18, A		
005	Co-chair Clarno	Calls meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. Opens public hearing on SJR 9.
<u>SJR 9 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
011	Jim Stembridge	Committee Administrator. Summarizes SJR 9, which proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution designating offices of state Senator and state Representative as nonpartisan.
012	Rep. Bill Morrisette	District 6. Testifies in support of SJR 9. Indicates other states where the House is nonpartisan.
060	Co-chair Clarno	Closes public hearing on SJR 9 and opens public hearing on SB 380.
<u>SB 380 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
063	Jim Stembridge	Committee Administrator. Summarizes SB 380, which adds offices of state Senator and state Representative to list of nonpartisan offices.
099	Sen. Steve Harper	District 28. Testifies in support of SB 380 if amended. Comments if passed we would have a smoother legislative session. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT A).
125	Co-chair Clarno	Asks if they had their drafted amendments.
126	Sen. Harper	Explains they are not available at this time.
131	Rep. Jeff Merkley	District 47. Testifies in support of SB 380. Suggests focus on electoral strategy instead of problem solving.
159	Sen. Burdick	Asks how leaders and chairs would be chosen in nonpartisan system.

160	Sen. Harper	Suggests the entire body would vote for the best qualified person for the chair and president.
183	Rep. Merkley	Comments the Senate already has taken a step in this direction setting aside parties to get the job done.
198	Sen. Charlie Ringo	District 17. Testifies in support of SB 380 and explains the focus on being nonpartisan instead of what is good or bad.
270	Co-chair Clarno	Closes public hearing on SB 380 and opens a public hearing on SJM 2.

SJM 2 – PUBLIC HEARING

300	Sen. Jason Atkinson	District 2. Testifies in support of SJM 2, which urges federal agencies to adopt certain policies regarding fire-fighting priorities. Discusses the urgency for priority changes for firefighting officials:
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- Federal fire management priorities
- Restoring smoke jumpers
- Restoring forests
- Salvaging timber

Recommends immediate passage of the amendment.

TAPE 19, A

001	Sen. Atkinson	Continues and submits proposed -1 amendments dated 2-26-03 (EXHIBIT B) .
060	Co-chair Clarno	Offers information about a private party not being able to fight a fire in her area.
065	Sen. Atkinson	Comments the costs to put out the Biscuit Fire were \$150 million.
074	Rep. Gordon Anderson	District 3. Testifies in support and asks for this bill to move forward rapidly.
149	Co-chair Clarno	Closes public hearing on SJM 2 and opens work session on SJM 2.

SJM 2 – WORK SESSION

150	Sen. Atkinson	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SJM 2-1 amendments dated 02/26/03.
		VOTE: 4-0
		EXCUSED: 2 - Sen. Brown, Sen. Burdick
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
152	Co-chair Clarno Sen. Atkinson	MOTION: Moves SJM 2 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 4-0
		EXCUSED: 2 - Sen. Brown, Sen. Burdick
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
154	Co-chair Clarno Co-chair Clarno	Closes work session on SJM 2 and opens a public hearing on SJR 4.

SJR 4 – PUBLIC HEARING

155 Sen. Charlie Ringo District 17. Testifies in support of SJR 4, which proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to authorize Legislative Assembly by law to prescribe game procedures and procedures for operation of State Lottery. Submits proposed -1 amendments dated 2-24-03 (**EXHIBIT C**). Explains resolution for the legislature to have oversight over the Lottery.

238 Co-chair Clarno States it was very frustrating for the legislature last year.

240 Sen. Corcoran Asks why he thinks the voters would feel comfortable with the legislature in control.

243 Sen. Ringo Suggests the public would want the legislature to be involved.

261 Brenda Rocklin Director of Oregon Lottery. Testifies in support of SJR 4 and explains if this is the direction the legislature wants to go she would be willing to work with the chairs or anyone to amend and move the bill forward.

297 Sen. Beyer Asks for clarification on the percentage of how much revenue goes back to the people who play the game.

300 Rocklin States administration uses four percent, and the rest is in the form of prizes and the remainder goes back to the economic development fund.

318 Lourdes Witham Testifies in support of SJR 4. Submits written testimony (**EXHIBIT D**). Explains that Lottery employees have witnessed management harassment and lack of accountability. Recommends legislative oversight

TAPE 18, B

002 Co-chair Clarno Closes public hearing on SJR 4 and opens a work session for introduction of committee bills.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS – WORK SESSION

Sen. Burdick MOTION: Moves LC 1719 and LC 1873 BE INTRODUCED as committee bills (EXHIBIT E).

VOTE: 5-0

EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. Brown

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

015 Co-chair Clarno Closes work session on LC 1719 and LC 1873 and opens public hearing on SB 450.

SB 450 – PUBLIC HEARING

043 Sen. Ginny Burdick District 18. Testifies in support of SB 450, which directs Secretary of State to contact person filing argument for inclusion in voters' pamphlet if secretary believes person made error in designating argument as supporting or opposing state measure. Explains it would give people an opportunity to correct errors. Submits written testimony (**EXHIBIT G**).

065 Sen. Corcoran Asks about second-guessing the Secretary of State if the resolution is passed

066 Sen. Burdick Clarifies the Secretary of State is bound by what the person submitting the argument is saying.
075 Richard Burke Executive Director, Libertarian Party of Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 450. Comments on an error in the voters' pamphlet and explains the correcting of the errors.
120 Co-chair Clarno Closes public hearing on SB 450 and opens public hearing on SCR 3.

SCR 3 – PUBLIC HEARING

136 Jon Christenson Office of State Sen. Margaret Carter. Testifies in support of SCR 3, which congratulates women's soccer team of University of Portland for winning National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I National Championship in 2002. Submits written testimony (**EXHIBIT H**).
138 Co-chair Clarno Closes public hearing on SCR 3. Reopens public hearing on SB 450.

SB 450 – PUBLIC HEARING

151 Fred Neal Elections Division, Secretary of State. Testifies in support of SB 450. Explains that the bill indicates the filer of a bill is the final arbiter, not the Secretary of State.
183 Co-chair Clarno Closes public hearing on SB 450. Adjourns committee meeting 4:20 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – SB 380, written testimony, Sen. Harper, 9 pp
B – SJM 2, -1 amendments (2-26-02), staff, 1 p
C – SJR 4, -1 amendments (2-24-03), staff, 1 p
D – SJR 4, written testimony, Lourdes Withem, 1 p
E – Introduction of committee measures, memorandum, staff, 1 p
F – SB 450, -1 amendments (3-4-03), staff, 2 pp
G – SB 450, written testimony, Sen. Burdick, 6 pp
H – SCR 3, written testimony of Sen. Carter, Jon Christenson, 2 pp