

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES

June 25, 2003
1:30 P.M.

Hearing Room HR B
Tapes 71 - 72

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

VISITING MEMBER: **Sen. Peter Courtney**

STAFF PRESENT: **Jim Stembridge, Committee Administrator**
 Patricia Nielsen, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **SB 903 – Public Hearing**
 Executive Appointments
 Sustainability Board
 Darcy Hitchcock
 John Ledger
 Greg Wolf
 State Commission on Children and Families
 Samuel Henry
 Employment Relations Board
 Luella Nelson
 Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators
 Dolores Hubert
 Rob Hays
 Work Session
 Approval of legislative concepts for drafting and introduction

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 71, A		
005	Co-chair Brown	Calls the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Opens a public hearing on SB 903.
<u>SB 903 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
010	Senate President - Peter Courtney	Senate District 11. Testifies in support of SB 903, which extends emergency unemployment benefits for up to 15 weeks for the period ending September 27, 2003. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT A) . Discusses the need for additional unemployment benefits provided by the measure.
055	Tim Nesbitt	AFL-CIO. Testifies in support of SB 903. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT B) . Discusses statistics of unemployed workers in Oregon.
130	Sandra Michaels	Former Intel employee. Testifies in support of SB 903. Explains dilemma of workers unemployed for long periods of time.
180	Felipe Sandoval	Former Pictsweet employee. Testifies in support of SB 903.

231	Laura Henkes	Discusses advantages of receiving unemployment benefits, assisting students with gaining new skills, training and education. Former Intel employee. Testifies in support of SB 903.
245	Bob Castagna	Oregon Catholic Conference. Testifies in support of SB 903. Requests review of proposed amendments.
260	Lisa Trussel	Associated Oregon Industries (AOI). Testifies in opposition to SB 903. Expresses concern over sections 3 through 6, due to cost impact. Supports the remainder of the bill.
295	Co-chair Brown	Asks about proposed -1 amendments dated 6-20-03 (EXHIBIT C), and -2 amendments dated 6-24-03 (EXHIBIT D).
300	Trussel	Clarifies cost differences between original measure and amendments.
305	Tom Byerly	Assistant Director for Unemployment Insurance, Employment Department. Discusses implications of -1 and -2 amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -1 increases percentage of benefits paid from 57% to 75%, from 15 to 19.5 weeks. Also shortens period of benefits to end May 29, 2004. • -2 is a technical fix with regard to temporary additional benefits, responding to federal action.
350	Co-chair Brown	Closes public hearing on SB 903. Opens work session for executive appointments.

WORK SESSION – EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

360	Jim Stembridge	Committee Administrator. Reviews qualifications of appointees.
390	Co-chair Brown	Asks whether appointee Luella Nelson lives in Oregon.
395	Stembridge	Confirms and continues discussing qualifications.
400	Sen. Beyer	Asks whether appointee Darcy Hitchcock lives in Washington State.
410	Stembridge	Continues discussing qualifications.
TAPE 72, A		
015	Co-chair Brown	Asks whether Hitchcock is a Washington or Oregon resident.
020	Nancy Goss-Duran	Executive Appointments, Governor Kulongoski. Explains appointee Hitchcock works in Oregon on sustainability issues. Points out there are a number of Washington residents appointed to Oregon boards and commissions, who live in Washington but work and pay tax in Oregon.
025	Sen. Beyer	Expresses concern that Washington citizens would be appointed to Oregon Boards.
040	Co-chair Brown	Points out that Hitchcock's employment history is entirely within Oregon and that she is paying taxes here.
045	Sen. Clarno	MOTION: Moves the REAPPOINTMENT of John Ledger to the Sustainability Board to the floor with the recommendation that the appointment BE CONFIRMED (EXHIBIT E).

VOTE: 5-0
EXCUSED: 1 – Atkinson
049 Co-chair Brown Hearing no objection, declares the motion **CARRIED**.
SEN. BURDICK will lead discussion on the floor.

050 Sen. Clarno **MOTION:** Moves the **APPOINTMENT** of Greg Wolf to the Sustainability Board to the floor with the recommendation that the appointment **BE CONFIRMED (EXHIBIT E)**.

VOTE: 5-0
EXCUSED: 1 – Atkinson
054 Co-chair Brown Hearing no objection, declares the motion **CARRIED**.
SEN. BURDICK will lead discussion on the floor.

055 Sen. Clarno **MOTION:** Moves the **APPOINTMENT** of Darcy Hitchcock to the Sustainability Board to the floor with the recommendation that the appointment **BE CONFIRMED (EXHIBIT E)**.

VOTE: 3-2
AYE: 3 - Burdick, Brown, Clarno
NAY: 2 - Beyer, Corcoran
EXCUSED: 1 – Atkinson
064 Co-chair Brown The motion **FAILS**.
065 Sen. Clarno **MOTION:** Moves the **APPOINTMENT** of Samuel Henry to the State Commission on Children and Families to the floor with the recommendation that the appointment **BE CONFIRMED (EXHIBIT F)**.

VOTE: 5-0
EXCUSED: 1 – Atkinson
074 Co-chair Brown Hearing no objection, declares the motion **CARRIED**.
SEN. BROWN will lead discussion on the floor.

075 Sen. Clarno **MOTION:** Moves the **APPOINTMENT** of Luella Nelson to the Employment Relations Board to the floor with the recommendation that the appointment **BE CONFIRMED (EXHIBIT G)**.

VOTE: 5-0
EXCUSED: 1 – Atkinson
084 Co-chair Brown Hearing no objection, declares the motion **CARRIED**.
SEN. ATKINSON will lead discussion on the floor.

085 Sen. Clarno **MOTION:** Moves the **REAPPOINTMENT** of Dolores Hubert and the **APPOINTMENT** of Rob Hays to the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators to the floor with the recommendation that the appointment **BE CONFIRMED EN BLOC (EXHIBIT H)**.

		VOTE: 5-0
		EXCUSED: 1 – Atkinson
089	Co-chair Brown	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. CORCORAN will lead discussion on the floor.
090	Sen. Beyer	Suggests appointee Hitchcock appear before the committee.
095	Co-chair Brown	Closes work session on executive appointments. Opens work session on approval of legislative concepts for drafting and introduction.
<u>WORK SESSION – LEGISLATIVE CONCEPTS</u>		
105	Co-chair Brown	Describes proposed legislative concepts (EXHIBIT I):
		1. Sen. Courtney
		2. Sen. Morse
		3. Rep. Dalto
110	Sen. Clarno	MOTION: Moves three LEGISLATIVE CONCEPTS BE DRAFTED AND INTRODUCED as committee bills.
		VOTE: 5-0
		EXCUSED: 1 - Atkinson
115	Co-chair Brown	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
116	Co-chair Brown	Closes work session on measure drafting and introduction. Adjourns the committee at 2:12 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – SB 903, written testimony, Sen. Peter Courtney, 1 p.**
- B – SB 903, written testimony, Tim Nesbitt, 2 pp.**
- C – SB 903, -1 amendments (6-20-03), staff, 1 p.**
- D – SB 903, -2 amendments (6-24-03), staff, 1 p.**
- E – Sustainability Board, staff and Governor’s office, 13 pp.**
- F – State Commission on Children and Families, staff and Governor’s office, 18 pp.**
- G – Employment Relations Board, staff and Governor’s office, 5 pp.**
- H – Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, staff and Governor’s office, 10 pp.**
- I – Legislative concepts, memo, staff, 1 p**