

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

February 17, 2003
8:00 AM

Hearing Room C
Tapes 28 –29

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Rick Metsger, Chair**
 Sen. Bruce Starr, Vice-Chair
 Sen. David Nelson
 Rep. Brown, Chair
 Rep. Beyer, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Mabrey, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Zauner
 Rep. Dingfelder
 Rep. Greenlick

MEMBERS EXCUSED: **Sen. Ryan Deckert**

STAFF PRESENT: **Amy Joyce, Committee Administrator**
 Janet Adkins, Committee Administrator
 Annastasia Suess, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **Informational Meeting –Invited Testimony**
 LC 1596, 2415, 2651, 2652, 3130 – Introduction of Measures

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 28, A		
002	Chair Metsger	Calls the committee to order at 8:05 a.m. and opens an informational meeting.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
005	Congressman Earl Blumenauer	District 3. Begins discussion on Federal Transportation Funding (EXHIBITS A,B,C) .
050	Blumenauer	Continues discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summarizes the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)• A National Success Story• An Oregon Success Story• Reauthorization Principles• Principles for TEA-3• Concludes
220	Chair Metsger	Asks about the mechanics of reauthorization on the House side.
230	Blumenauer	Answers and elaborates.
250	Vice Chair B. Starr	Asks about increasing the federal pie, specifically increasing gas tax

and indexing.
 260 Blumenauer Responds and elaborates.
 300 Vice Chair B. Starr Asks about an additional funding packet and the effort involved.
 305 Blumenauer Responds and elaborates.
 360 Sen. Nelson Asks about streamlining rules and regulations proposed by Governor Kulongoski's, and how it conflicts with the paperwork process required by the federal government.
 390 Blumenauer Responds and elaborates.

TAPE 29, A

030 Sen. Nelson Comments.
 035 Blumenauer Replies.
 045 Rep. Dingfelder Asks about the probability of getting funding for a high-speed rail, and asks about the status of the I-5 corridor.
 055 Blumenauer Answers and elaborates on the issue of flexibility.
 110 Chair Brown Asks about transportation problems in Oregon, especially heavier transportation vehicles.
 130 Blumenauer Responds.
 150 Chair Metsger Asks about reauthorization for additional bridges not currently authorized for Oregon.
 170 Blumenauer Responds.
 200 Rep. Greenlick Asks about potential solutions for Highway 26/217 problem. Asks about the Washington county commuter rail and if it could be extended to Salem.
 220 Blumenauer Comments.
 330 Chair Metsger Thanks the Congressman for the briefing. Closes informational meeting and opens a work session

WORK SESSION ON LC MEASURES

350 Vice Chair B. Starr **MOTION: Moves LC's: 1596, 2415, 2651, 2652, 3130 BE INTRODUCED as committee bills.**
 355 **VOTE: 3-0**
 369 Chair Metsger **EXCUSED: 1 – Deckert**
 370 Chair Metsger **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**
 Closes the work session on committee bills and opens an informational meeting.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

420 Katy Coba Interim Director of the Department of Agriculture. Begins presentation on current agricultural needs (issues) in Oregon.

TAPE 28, B

030 John Szczepanski Assistant Director of the Department of Agriculture. Begins presentation on the overview of the department.
 090 Dalton Hobbs Administrator of the Agriculture Marketing Division. Begins presentation on Development Challenges and Opportunities.
 100 Szczepanski Continues presentation on Certification and Marketplace Identity.
 175 Hobbs Begins discussion on Agriculture constraints:
 • Adding value and processing capacity
 • Efficient Access to Markets
 300 Coba Begins presentation on the Development Road Ahead for Agriculture:

- How the Legislature can help

TAPE 29, B

010	Coba	Concludes presentation.
020	Dingfelder	Comments on the urban rural connection.
050	Hobbs	Responds.
080	Coba	Elaborates.
100	Sen. Nelson	Asks about the department's role as far as policing for total daily allowances of water.
140	Chair Metsger	Comments on the total marketing budget and how to augment it.
160	Coba	Comments.
212	Chair Metsger	Closes the informational meeting and adjourns the committee at 9:42 a.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – Transportation, written testimony, Earl Blumenauer, 14 pp

B – Transportation, written testimony, Earl Blumenauer, 1 p

C – Transportation, written testimony, Earl Blumenauer, 1 p