

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

March 13, 2001
8:30 AM

Hearing Room D
Tapes 32 - 33

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Jerry Krummel, Chair**
 Rep. Chris Beck, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Patti Smith, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Alan Brown
 Rep. Bill Garrard
 Rep. Jim Hill
 Rep. Deborah Kafoury
 Rep. Jeff Kruse
 Rep. Steve March
 Rep. Carolyn Tomei
 Rep. Kelley Wirth

STAFF PRESENT: **Matt Wingard, Committee Administrator**
 Patrick Brennan, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **SCR 2 Public Hearing and Work Session**
 SJM 3 Public Hearing and Work Session
 HB 2656 Work Session
 SB 489 Public Hearing and Work Session

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 32, A		
004	Chair Krummel	Calls the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. Opens a public hearing on SCR 2.
<u>SCR 2 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
011	Sen. Cliff Trow	Senate District 18. Testifies in support of SCR 2. Describes the legislative career of Maureen Brown Neuberger, who at one point was the only woman in the 60-seat Oregon House of Representatives, and was also the third woman elected to the United States Senate. Asserts that Sen. Neuberger challenged social conventions of the day and helped pave the way for women to enter public life.
034	Matt Wingard	Committee Administrator. Mentions that the vote for the resolution in the Senate was 29-0.
038	Chair Krummel	Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on SCR 2.
<u>SCR 2 WORK SESSION</u>		
040	Rep. Kruse	MOTION: Moves SCR 2 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
041	Rep. March	Mentions that he had the privilege of meeting Sen. Neuberger a few years ago in Washington County. Declares the memorial to be both fitting and proper.
048	Rep. Beck	Remarks that he has heard many stories about the career of Sen. Neuberger from family and friends.
064		VOTE: 9-0
	Chair Krummel	EXCUSED: 2 - Garrard, Kafoury Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

REPS. TOMEI AND WIRTH will lead discussion on the floor.

075 Chair Krummel Closes the work session on SCR 2 and opens a public hearing on SJM 3.

SJM 3 PUBLIC HEARING

080 Matt Wingard Committee Administrator. Gives a brief description of the memorial. States the memorial urges the United States Secretary of the Interior, the United States Board of Geographic Names, and Oregon Geographic Names Board to remove the term “squaw” from names of geographic places in the State of Oregon. Indicates that the memorial directs that a copy be sent to the three aforementioned organizations and to each member of the Oregon congressional delegation.

094 Colleen Roba Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Testifies in support of SJM 3. States that the bill removes an insulting term from Oregon geographic locations that should never have been used. Describes other efforts made to have the phrase removed from Oregon landmarks.

108 Olivia Walluiatum Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Testifies in support of SJM 3. Performs a prayer song.

160 Walluiatum Says it is difficult to come forward to ask for help to remove the word from state lands, adding that the legislature could “do something great” by eliminating the word from official sites in the state. Says the word “squaw” is an offensive reference, yet is found in some of the most sacred places in the state. Asserts that her grandchild would benefit from removing the term, as would all of her people. Comments on how the term is especially offensive to women.

208 Myra Shawaway Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Testifies in support of SJM 3. Reiterates that the term “squaw” is offensive and derogatory. Explains that her native language uses a different word to refer to women that does not have derogatory connotations. Opines that native tribes should be recognized as separate and distinct from one another, with each having a distinct language.

256 Rep. Beck Asks whether the tribes will work with geographers to provide native names to the renamed landmarks.

263 Shawaway Replies that work has begun on such a project.

266 Rep. Beck Asks if there is a list of geographic names in which the offending term is used.

272 Shawaway Replies that there are 172 such names used within Oregon.

277 Rep. Beck Expresses hope that the names will be replaced by native names that have meaning for each particular territorial region.

283 Rep. Garrard Implores the tribes to consult with local tribes to choose the most appropriate names with regard to the geographic locations to be renamed.

298 Sen. Kate Brown Senate District 7. Testifies in support of SJM 3. Indicates that an amendment to SJM 3 will be provided for the Thursday March 15th hearing that incorporates Department of Agriculture into the language of the measure. Mentions that SB 488, a companion bill to SJM 3, will also be heard on Thursday March 15th.

319 Rep. Beck Inquires whether SJM 3 has a fiscal impact.
322 Sen. Brown Replies that there is no fiscal impact associated with SJM 3, adding that SB 488 has fiscal impact. Says the bill would take effect in 2005. Emphasizes the importance of having local tribes and communities participate in the renaming process.

338 Chair Krummel Inquires whether there are mailing addresses that may be affected by the changes associated by the elimination of the term “squaw.”

345 Sen. Brown Replies that a road in Estacada will need a name change should the measure pass. Says there was testimony regarding possible cost to businesses and private citizens as a result of such name changes. Mentions that it was suggested that businesses not have new stationery or business cards printed with the address on them, lest they become unusable if a name change is mandated.

365 Chair Krummel Notes that the transition period before the bill takes effect would seem to limit arguments against the bill on the basis of stationery cost. Asserts that the grace period will allow ample time for transition.

372 Sen. Brown Compares the street name change inconvenience to that experienced by the Oregon State Capitol’s recent change of ZIP code.

381 Rep. Beck Notes that when Union Street was changed to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard a few years back a large section of Portland was affected. Says that over time the adjustment has been a relatively smooth one.

TAPE 33, A

010 Rep. Smith Adds that the Columbia River Highway has undergone a number of name changes as well.
Additional testimony was submitted for consideration by the committee (**EXHIBITS A, B**).

014 Chair Krummel Will hold another hearing on Thursday March 15th. Closes the public hearing on SJM 3 and opens a work session on HB 2656.

HB 2656 WORK SESSION

024 Matt Wingard Committee Administrator. Gives a brief description of the bill. States the bill requires state agencies to report to legislative committee when changing any legislative approved positions or budgets. Mentions that the bill was heard previously on March 1st. Indicates that the interested parties reached a consensus on the measure and prepared the –1 amendments (**EXHIBIT C**).

031 Rep. Kruse Testifies in support of HB 2656. Says that the amendments address the committee’s concerns regarding the use of the term “any change,” which has been changed to “substantive change.” States the bill retains the trait of addressing any major change to agency procedure while making it less open to unforeseen consequences. Says the bill allows the legislature to put a check on real changes agencies make to legislatively approved budgets. Assures that there are numerous anecdotal cases of agency tinkering with legislative budgets. Declares that the goal of the measure is to achieve more accountability in state government. Mentions that cities and counties are required to hold hearings when changes in budgets greater than 10 percent are made. Notes that Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO), Legislative Counsel (LC), and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) all concur with the amendments.

073	Rep. Beck	Appreciates the effort made in bringing forth the –1 amendments. Indicates he will still likely vote no until provided with more evidence regarding the need for the bill. Asserts that the case for the bill has not been made, at least from a process standpoint.
095	Mary Botkin	Association of Federal, State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). Testifies in support of the –1 amendments to HB 2656. Agrees with Rep. Kruse that there is a great deal of anecdotal evidence of agencies significantly altering their legislatively approved budgets. Refers to the decision by the Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) not to hold officer training school this year and says there were no hearings on the decision to eliminate the training program. Acknowledges that the bill does not change the outcome in the ODOC case, but that it does change the process by which the outcome was reached. Agrees that the legislature may have decided to do the same thing in the end, but that the decision to do so nevertheless resides with the legislature.
147	Rep. Beck	Asks for documentation of the case referred to by Ms. Botkin.
160	Rep. Kruse	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2656-1 amendments dated 3/9/01.
166		VOTE: 10-0-1
	Chair Krummel	EXCUSED: 1 - Kafoury
170	Rep. Kruse	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		MOTION: Moves HB 2656 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
175		VOTE: 8-1
		AYE: 8 - Brown, Garrard, Hill, Kruse, March, Smith P,
		Wirth, Krummel
		NAY: 1 - Beck
	Chair Krummel	EXCUSED: 2 - Kafoury, Tomei
		The motion CARRIES.
		REP. KRUSE will lead discussion on the floor.
178	Chair Krummel	Closes the work session on HB 2656 and opens a public hearing on SB 489.
<u>SB 489 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
180	Matt Wingard	Committee Administrator. Gives a brief description of the bill. States the measure creates the Oregon State Capitol Foundation as a separate agency within the legislative department. Says the measure specifies the foundation's responsibilities and authority, continues the specified terms of current foundation members, and declares an emergency.
188	Sen. Verne Duncan	Senate District 12. Testifies in support of SB 489. States that the Oregon State Capitol Foundation was established several sessions ago with the goal of refurbishing the capitol building facility. Says the foundation is currently under the purview of the Legislative Administration Committee (LAC).
218	Rep. Hill	Remarks that the member offices could use more comfortable couches for senior citizens.
220	Sen. Duncan	Says he is unsure whether new couches qualify as building improvements.

226	Dave Henderson	Legislative Administrator. Testifies in support of SB 489. Mentions that the –1 amendments (EXHIBIT D) have been submitted for the committee’s consideration.
250	Sen. Duncan	Mentions that Norm Smith, a member of the foundation, has submitted written testimony for the committee’s consideration (EXHIBIT E). Describes the membership of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation.
260	Henderson	Indicates the –1 amendments clarify a majority of the voting members constitute a quorum of the foundation, thereby disallowing voting by ex officio and honorary members of the foundation.
280	Rep. Hill	Says the amendments do not address the need to change the mission statement, as mentioned in testimony submitted by Norm Smith
300	Chair Krummel	Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on SB 489.
<u>SB 489 WORK SESSION</u>		
310	Rep. Kruse	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 489-1 amendments dated 2/26/01.
318		VOTE: 11-0
	Chair Krummel	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
325	Rep. Kruse	MOTION: Moves SB 489 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
330		VOTE: 11-0
	Chair Krummel	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		REP. BECK will lead discussion on the floor.
341	Chair Krummel	Adjourns the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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Matt Wingard,
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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – SJM 3, written materials, staff, 1 p.**
- B – SJM 3, testimony, Rep. Dan Gardner, 1 p.**
- C – HB 2656, -1 amendments, staff, 2 pp.**
- D – SB 489, -1 amendments, Dave Henderson, 1 p.**
- E – SB 489, testimony, Norm Smith, 1 p.**