

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, REDISTRICTING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

February 9, 2001
1:30 PM

Hearing Room D
Tape 16

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Carl Wilson, Chair
Rep. Richard Devlin, Vice-Chair
Rep. Dan Doyle, Vice-Chair
Rep. Dan Gardner
Rep. Bill Garrard
Rep. Steve March
Rep. Bruce Starr
Rep. Joanne Verger
Rep. Cheryl Walker

STAFF PRESENT: Cara L. Filsinger, Committee Administrator
Annetta Mullins, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Informational Meeting
Redistricting Overview
Work Session
Introduction of Committee Bills
Amendment of Committee Rules

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 Wilson	Calls meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.
		<u>REDISTRICTING OVERVIEW</u>
013	Rep. Mark Simmons	Speaker of the House. States that one of the biggest tasks before them this session is redistricting and reapportionment. Urges the committee to keep an open process for all of our citizens to participate.
028	Rep. Karen Minnis	House District 20. Informs the committee that she will work with them in creating a bill the Governor can sign.
051	Marjorie Taylor	Redistricting Coordinator. Welcomes members to visit their office and explains the services she will perform, also explains the research document on the redistricting process (EXHIBIT A).
077	Steve Barnett	GIS Analyst. Explains his duties. Submits and explains the handouts (EXHIBIT B).
089	Rep. March	Asks for an explanation of the numbers provided by Mr. Barnett.
095	Barnett	Explains that the figures were derived from county estimates. Adds that there is a 300-person deviation between these numbers and the census.
109	Rep. March	States that the estimate is 55,499 less than the state total.
111	Barnett	Agrees. States that the numbers released by the Census Bureau were different than those from Portland State University.
118	Rep. Carl Wilson	House District 49. Submits and comments on the process document (EXHIBIT C). States that the plan begins with small

cellular groups of three and will expand into larger work groups. Explains that they will use caucus coordinators to help keep members up to date in the process. States that he is involving the press in his district in order to make people aware of this redistricting process. Adds that they want to look at the areas to see if they are doing what is right under ORS criteria. Expresses that they would be wasting their time if they get involved in a process that is partisan. Adds that he is striving for a bill the Governor can sign. States that the purpose of the process document is to make sure they involve the public in a timely manner.

- 212 Rep. Doyle Asks what the plans are for having meetings with the public.
217 Rep. Wilson Explains that the meetings of three will be in the home territories. Adds that the other committee meetings will be taken on the road and managed by the caucus administrators.
- 233 Rep. Gardner Asks if the plan calls for only four meetings after the plan is drawn up.
- 237 Rep. Wilson Advises that more meetings could be held. Looks forward to the meetings of his media to start building the public record.
- 250 Rep. Verger Asks if consideration has been given to using the broadcasting technology instead of taking the entire committee out on the road.
- 253 Rep. Wilson Responds that they are interested in listening to everything and appreciates the suggestion.
- 256 Rep. Verger Explains that she has used the technology.
266 Rep. Wilson States that he is willing to do anything feasible. Refers to local broadcasting and states that it is up to the media themselves to become involved.
- 277 Rep. Verger States that broadcasting is a good idea and would like to look into this option to save time and money.
- 286 Rep. Wilson States that he would be happy to speak to her about this.
287 Rep. Devlin Asks if it is the committee's job to shift between accurate information and their personal desires for their districts.
- 308 Rep. Wilson Responds that based on the ability to be fair, the committee will be the decision maker but will need to follow the letter of the law.
- 332 Rep. Dan Gardner House District 13. Presents a written document and testifies from it (**EXHIBIT D**).
- 383 Chair Wilson Opens a work session for bill introduction.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS

410 Rep. Devlin MOTION: Moves LC 2999 and LC 3000 BE INTRODUCED as committee bills.

VOTE: 9-0

412 Chair Wilson Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

AMENDMENT OF COMMITTEE RULES

Proposed committee rule amendments submitted by staff (**EXHIBIT E**).

423 Rep. Devlin MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed committee rule amendments.

- 435 Rep. March States that he would like to see public participation.
451 Rep. Gardner Asks if they are adopting the guidelines as well as the rules.
453 Chair Wilson Responds by reference only.
458 Rep. Gardner Asks if the guidelines can be changed.
460 Chair Wilson Responds that they can be discussed.

469	Rep. Devlin	Explains his understanding of the motion.
478	Cara Filsinger	Committee Administrator. Explains the guidelines.
480	Chair Wilson	VOTE: 9-0
488	Chair Wilson	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. Adjourns the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – Redistricting Overview, Marjorie Taylor, 4 pp.**
- B – Redistricting Overview, Steve Barnett, 12 pp.**
- C – Redistricting Overview, Rep. Carl Wilson, 5 pp.**
- D – Redistricting Overview, Rep. Dan Gardner, 2 pp.**
- E – Committee rule amendments, Staff, 6 pp.**