

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, REDISTRICTING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

March 21, 2001
1:30 PM

Hearing Room D
Tapes 46 - 47

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

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Steve March

STAFF PRESENT: Cara Filsinger, Committee Administrator
Jennifer Goodman, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES	HEARD:	REDISTRICTING	-	PUBLIC
HEARING		HB 3323 AND	HB 2985	- PUBLIC
HEARING		HB 2702	-	WORK
SESSION			HB 3303	- PUBLIC
HEARING				

HJM 28 – PUBLIC HEARING AND WORK SESSION

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 4?, A		
004	Chair Wilson	Begins the meeting at 1: 40 p.m. Opens a public hearing on redistricting.
<u>PUBLIC HEARING - REDISTRICTING</u>		
013	Chair Wilson	Explains that it is time for hearing public testimony on redistricting.
022	Cara Filsinger	Committee Administrator. Introduces exhibits for redistricting (EXHIBITS A, B, C, D, E, F & G).
032	Chair Wilson	Explains that the committee will soon be traveling for redistricting meetings. Closes the public hearing on redistricting and opens a public hearing on HB 3323 and HB 2985.
<u>HB 3323 AND HB 2985 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
041	Representative Tim Knopp	District 54. Testifies in support of these bills. Explains that these bills add the letter "C" after a ballot measure number that amends the Constitution.
056	Chair Wilson	States that Representative Beck is not present to give testimony.
062	Rep. Doyle	Suggests the alternative of adding letters for amendments and numerals for other changes.
069	Rep. Knopp	Explains that adding the letter "C" does not interrupt the current numbering system and is therefore less confusing for the voters.
091	Rep. Devlin	States that the issue is simple because it is statutory and not constitutional. Adds that he supports the idea of identifying the

110	Representative Chris Beck	measures in some way. Questions the longevity of the plan that is adopted. District 12. Explains that his bill would put the constitutional amendments in a block and add the “C”. Adds that the voters would then be alerted to a constitutional change.
124	Chair Wilson	States that the committee will review and discuss the two bills with Representative Beck and Representative Knopp.
132	Christine Quirk	Grove Quirk Insight. Submits and testifies in support to HB 2985 (EXHIBIT H). Explains that they have conducted many surveys with Oregon voters. Adds that the public wants measures that make sense, are important, and benefit the majority of Oregonians.
187	Chair Wilson	Closes the public hearing on HB 3323 and HB 2985. Opens a work session on HB 2702.

HB 2702 – WORK SESSION

192	Filsinger	Explains that the committee has –2 and –3 amendments at their chairs.
196	Don Miner	Oregon Manufactured Housing Association. Explains the amendments (EXHIBITS I & J). Explains that the amendments require a park owner to notify the tenant of the improvements they are responsible for. Adds that they also require the dealer to inform the consumer in detail to what they will be purchasing. Explains the difference between the –2 and –3 amendments. Asks that the committee move the –3 amendments to the Senate side.
243	Cheryl Pellegrini	Department of Justice. Explains the difference between the –2 and –3 amendments. Discusses that the –3 amendments are clearer regarding consumer responsibilities.
270	Chair Wilson	States that the -2 amendments seem relevant to what Mr. Miner supports.
277	Pellegrini	Explains that the –2 and the –3 amendments have been integrated to include the parole evidence rule.
284	Chair Wilson	States that that is why Mr. Miner prefers the –3 amendments. Asks if Mr. Miner is comfortable the way in which the bill is headed.
291	Miner	Responds in the affirmative.
301	Rep. Gardner	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2702-3 amendments dated 03/20/01.
303		VOTE: 8-0 EXCUSED: 1 - March
	Chair Wilson	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
306	Rep. Gardner	MOTION: Moves HB 2702 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
310		VOTE: 8-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 - March The motion CARRIES. Rep. WILSON will lead discussion on the floor.
	Chair Wilson	
318	Chair Wilson	Closes the work session on HB 2702. Recesses the meeting.
327	Chair Wilson	Reconvenes the meeting and opens a public hearing on HB 3303.

HB 3303 – PUBLIC HEARING

332	Representative Tom	District 60. Testifies in support of 3303. Explains that
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Butler examination is needed regarding the time zones in Oregon. Suggests that the United States leap forward ½ hour and do away with time changes. Explains that part of Indiana and Arizona do not change their clocks. Adds that he would like to see the counties vote on the time changes. Explains that the economy in Eastern Oregon is closely linked with the economy of Idaho. Adds that this amendment calls for Pacific Time with no advancement. Believes that energy could be saved with the change of advancing the time one-hour and leaving as is for the entire year. Asks that the citizens of Eastern Oregon have their clocks set the same as Idaho.

TAPE 47, A

059 Rep. Verger Asks if the time change was originally enacted so schoolchildren would not have wait for the bus in the dark. Asks if there is more sunlight in the Spring which would save energy.

068 Rep. Butler Responds that the children are an issue that needs to be considered. Adds that if the time was set an hour ahead for the entire year in the Fall the children would not be waiting in the dark. Explains that at some point traveling will have to be done in the dark.

083 Rep. Walker Asks what opinion the cows had.

087 Rep. Butler Responds that the dairy farmers want to stay on a standard time. Explains the milking process.

111 Chair Wilson Asks Mr. Chaimov how much room we have for making these decisions.

113 Greg Chaimov Legislative Counsel. States that Federal law sets the time zones. Adds that the state can only choose the time zone as a whole not just certain parts.

129 Chair Wilson Clarifies that the decision cannot affect any increment smaller than the state itself.

131 Chaimov Responds that only a zone within the state can. Explains that Pacific time can decide to stay standard time all year or can choose the whole zone to spring forward. Adds that Mountain time can choose to leave in standard or spring forward for daylight savings.

143 Chair Wilson Closes the public hearing on HB 3303 and opens a public hearing on HJM 28.

HJM 28 – PUBLIC HEARING

152 Representative Bruce Starr District 3. Testifies in support of the bill. Supports tax cuts because the economy is declining and because it is the just thing to do. Explains that the bill eliminates death taxes, reduces taxes for lower income families and married couples.

204 Rep. Gardner Affirms that this bill is a partisan vote that is to be sent to 5 representatives in congress who have already voted on this issue. Asks Representative Starr if he believes this to be a good use of the legislature's time and resources.

216 Rep. Starr Believes it is important for the representatives of Oregon to move both federal and state issues forward. Adds that partisan issues are a natural process of politics.

235 Rep. Gardner Asks what the purpose is of this bill since the Legislature cannot change federal law. Suggests that we call or send a letter to the two remaining congress people who have not yet voted on this issue.

240 Rep. Starr Responds that we can send a letter.

250	Darryl Howard	Oregon Republican Party. Submits and testifies in support of HJM 28 (EXHIBIT K). Reads testimony from Solomon Yue Jr.
351	Russ Walker	Citizens for a Sound Economy. Submits and testifies from (EXHIBIT L) in support of HJM 28. Believes that the government is responsible for giving back money to hard working people.
TAPE 46, B		
020	Walker	Explains that his organization along with the Tax Foundation ran the numbers on Bush's tax cuts. States examples of tax relief for ordinary citizens.
045	Al Farley	Resident of Springfield, Oregon. Testifies in support of HJM 28. Believes that our tax base is too high and by cutting taxes the economy will grow.
056	Suzanna Aguila – Rice	Resident of Eugene, Oregon. Testifies in support of HJM 28. Believes that the tax-cut is good for the working poor. Describes an experience she had in Alaska. States that the death tax is unfair and should be abolished.
107	Cherrill Clifford	Resident of Springfield, Oregon. Testifies in support of HJM 28. Believes that the people should not give up and should let the Federal Government know that we support this memorial.
113	Rep. Gardner	States that he is not questioning the tax cut. Adds that he does not believe this to be a state issue, it is a federal issue. Asks Ms. Clifford if she is in favor of not wasting government money.
119	Clifford	Responds that she is in favor of not wasting government money. Adds that she wants Washington, D.C. to hear Oregon's voice regarding this issue. Describes that both the poor and middle class are over-taxed. Describes her views of the Democrats and the federal surplus.
147	Sandy Reed	Eugene Resident. Testifies in support of HJM 28. Explains that Bush's tax-cuts make sense. Adds that the government should work for us and not us for them.
155	Jim Hansen	Resident of Lake Oswego. Testifies in support of HJM 28. Recounts his experience with tax-cuts and the Federal Reserve. Suggests thinking about paying off the national debt too quickly. Believes that investing assists the poor. Adds that by cutting federal taxes Oregon will receive more money and this will benefit us. Believes that Oregon should send a message to Washington D.C. regarding the tax-cuts.
258	Chair Wilson	States that this process of sending the memorial through does cost the legislature money.
264	Steve Lanning	AFL-CIO Oregon. Submits and testifies in opposition to HJM 28 (EXHIBIT M). Believes that these tax-cuts will benefit only the wealthy.
295	Carol Bobo	Oregon Taxpayers United. Testifies in support of HJM 28. Believes that Bush's tax-cuts will benefit the poor.
290	Lee Williams	Resident of Lake Oswego. Hopes that Oregon Democrats are not partisan. Believes that tax- relief is necessary.
248	Chair Wilson	Closes the public hearing on HJM 28 and opens a work session on HJM 28.

HJM 28 – WORK SESSION

353	Rep. Starr	MOTION: Moves HJM 28 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
355	Rep. Devlin	States that congress cannot take credit for a sound economy.

387	Rep. Gardner	Adds that the prior administration had sound fiscal practices and hopes this administration will follow suit. Believes it is prudent to give Americans a tax-cut at this time.
416	Rep. Verger	States that he believes we do need a tax-cut at this time. Adds that he does not believe this memorial should be heard by the legislative body and that it is a waste of time and money.
TAPE 47, B		
017	Rep. Garrard	Believes that the Legislature has the right to speak to the Federal Government.
028		VOTE: 7-1
		AYE: 7 - Devlin, Doyle, Garrard, Starr, Verger, Walker C, Wilson
		NAY: 1 - Gardner
		EXCUSED: 1 - March
	Chair Wilson	The motion CARRIES.
034	Chair Wilson	Rep. STARR will lead discussion on the floor. Adjourns the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – Redistricting, census numbers, staff, 12 pp.**
- B – Redistricting, written testimony, staff, 1 p.**
- C – Redistricting, written testimony, staff 3 pp.**
- D – Redistricting, written testimony, staff, 1 p.**
- E – Redistricting, written testimony, staff 1 p.**
- F – Redistricting, written testimony, staff 1 p.**
- G – Redistricting, written testimony, staff 2 pp.**
- H – HB 2985, written testimony, Christine Quirk, 1 p.**
- I – HB 2702, -2 amendments, Don Miner, 3 pp.**
- J – HB 2702, -3 amendments, Don Miner, 3 pp.**
- K – HJM 28, written testimony, Darryl Howard, 2 pp.**
- L – HJM 28, written testimony, Russ Walker, 1 p.**
- M- HJM 28, written testimony, Steve Lanning, 2 pp.**