

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, REDISTRICTING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

April 17, 2001
6:30 PM

WOODBURN
Tape 83

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Carl Wilson, Chair
Rep. Richard Devlin, Vice-Chair
Rep. Dan Doyle, Vice-Chair
Rep. Bill Garrard
Rep. Steve March

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Dan Gardner
Rep. Bruce Starr
Rep. Joanne Verger
Rep. Cherryl Walker

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Sen. Roger Beyer
Sen. Peter Courtney
Rep. Donna Nelson
Rep. Tootie Smith
Rep. Cliff Zauner

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Allen, Committee Administrator
Marjorie Taylor, Committee Administrator

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: REDISTRICTING

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 83, A 003	Chair Wilson	Calls the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and explains the redistricting process.
016		Outlines the population growth in Oregon for House and Senate districts. Explains that the House District population has risen to 57,023. Adds that the Senate Districts are at 114,047 and the Congressional Districts are required to have a population of 684,280.
040		Gives contact information (EXHIBIT A) for additional redistricting public input opportunities.
069	Anthony Veliz	School Board Member and resident of Woodburn. Speaks about the Oregon Latino Voter Registration Project, a non-partisan Latino voter registration and education organization. Explains that they have registered 16,000 new voters in Oregon. Outlines voter registration efforts of the organization. Refers to the 'Votando en Oregon' pamphlet that he created with the Secretary of State's Office.
110		Speaks about the growth in Hispanic population. Explains that Woodburn is over 50% in Latino population. Asks that they listen to the Latino voice. Asks that voting be an inclusive and

150		fair process for all. Speaks of Voting Rights Act of 1965, which states that there can be no dilution of minority voters' representation. Reiterates his desire to be involved in the process. States that the community is very diverse and is changing which makes for challenges. Asks that these meetings be scheduled later for those who work during the day.
188	Chair Wilson	Urges additional testimony and suggestions on redistricting.
215	Veliz	States that his organization is sponsoring a meeting at the Capitol on Saturday April 28, between 10:00 and 2:00.
230		Committee introductions.
259	Preston Tack	Asks what the definition is of population and whether that includes non-citizens.
270	Chair Wilson	Responds that it is based on raw population within the district.
272	Tack	Asks if the only qualification is being alive.
273	Chair Wilson	Responds in the affirmative.
274	Chair Wilson	Recesses the meeting.
285	Chair Wilson	Brings the committee out of recess.
292	Mary Lou Cornejo	Oregon State Extension Outreach Program. Speaks of the growth of the Latino community. Speaks about the opportunities of Latinos in America. Asks the committee to look at the community and to give every citizen an equal voice and equal access to the system.
389	Chair Wilson	Adjourns the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – Redistricting, redistricting handout, Staff, 4pp.