

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE, REDISTRICTING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

April 03, 2001  
2:00 P.M.

Hearing Room NEWPORT  
Tape 59

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Carl Wilson, Chair  
Rep. Richard Devlin, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Dan Gardner  
Rep. Bill Garrard  
Rep. Steve March  
Rep. Joanne Verger

**MEMMBERS EXCUSED:** Rep. Dan Doyle, Vice Chair  
Rep. Bruce Starr  
Rep. Cheryl Walker

**VISITING MEMBERS:** Sen. Gary George  
Rep. Alan Brown  
Rep. Elaine Hopson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marjorie Taylor, Redistricting Coordinator  
Annetta Mullins, Administrative Support

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:** Redistricting

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| TAPE/#     | Speaker       | Comments  |
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| TAPE 59, A |               |   |
| 002        | Chair Wilson  | Calls meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.<br>Members introduce themselves.  |
| 023        | Chair Wilson  | Explains redistricting process ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).  |
| 068        | Norman Kittel | Yachats Resident. Suggests that if more people are to be added to the House district, the line should be moved east. Asks that the boundary not be moved to the northeast. Thinks the current Senate district does not work very well for the citizens of Lincoln County because the distance is too far from the south end of Lincoln County to McMinnville. Also it is too expensive to campaign in a district that large. More importantly, Yamhill and Lincoln Counties have very different interests. They are not a community, their economic base is very different, and they have vast differences in cultural issues. Believes Lincoln County does not get very much in public improvements from the state. Believes because the two counties are so different they end up with Yamhill County senators. Feels the two counties need a divorce. Suggest the line be moved east into Benton County or to the south or north into Lane County. |

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| 104 | Rick Brissette   | Resident of Lincoln City. Presents prepared statement suggesting alignment with Benton County in configuring the House district ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).  |
|     | Brissette        | Submits statements from citizens who could not be present today: Nel Ward ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ) and Daniel S. Beck ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ).  |
| 157 | Rep. Allan Brown | House District 4. Reads statement explaining his district is made up of a portion of five counties and suggesting that House District 4 be expanded along the Highway 18 corridor to the coast ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ).   |
| 217 | Ron Kresken      | Reedsport. Comments it is very critical that representation of the coastal areas be maintained in the rural areas of Oregon.   |
| 249 | Terry Thompson   | Comments that the valley areas are growing faster than the coastal areas. Suggest that the population changes in the areas be estimated-for five years from now so the people on the coast have a better chance for representation. States that a small group of people in Lane County is not served by well because it is physically difficult to get there. Suggests the district line be brought up to the Lincoln County line. The people would then be included in their natural group in Florence.   |
|     | Thompson         | States another small group that has trouble getting representation is in the Tillamook area above Neskowin. Those are natural borders that should be incorporated into House District 4.   |
|     | Thompson         | Suggests that the population increase be picked from the east. Corvallis is a shared cultural area, people go there to medical facilities, the area is part of the community development teams in Corvallis, and the education service districts go that way. Almost none of the services are to the Newberg-McMinnville area.   |
|     | Thompson         | All coastal people have more in common. Suggests the Senate district line be moved toward Benton County and let natural areas of Lane and Tillamook Counties go back to their natural areas.   |
| 359 | Rep. Garrard     | Comments that redistricting must be done on actual population and redistricting cannot be based on estimated populations for the future.   |
|     | Rep. Devlin      | Comments that similar areas of growth could be matched so that one area would not become more dominant over the next decade.   |
| 428 | Onno Husing      | Director, Oregon Coastal Zoning Management Association. Explains that their organization represents local governments on the Oregon coast, the cities, counties, soil and water conservation districts, and ports. Comments on population increases and division of urban and rural Oregon. Believes the population shifts to the urban areas will not be a positive trend for the rural parts of the state. Believes positive things happen when a legislative district crosses regional lines and is part coastal and part Willamette Valley. Hopes that the current districts with the mix can be maintained. |

**TAPE 59, B**  
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| Sen. George | Senate District 2. Introduces himself and explains that his Senate District 2 includes House District 4 represented by Rep. Brown and House District 29 represented by Rep. Nelson. States |
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|     | Sen. George  | his district goes almost to Sherwood, to the city limits of Gaston, and all the way to Florence.<br>Testifies that it is critical we maintain three senators and at least five state representatives who have an interest in the coast. Without that level of representation they will not be able to get committees to go to the coast and they will not have the clout that is necessary to protect the interest of the coast. There is recognition that the congressional delegation should care about the coast and there should be state representatives to whom they can relate. Comments on improving Highway 101 and assistance from U. S. Sen. Gordon Smith and U. S. Rep. Darlene Hooley. |
|     | Sen. George  | It is critical we have folks who have a feeling of being a part of that community. Believes the Coastal Caucus functions well together and would not like to see one senator represent the coast.   |
| 073 | Alice McCain | Lincoln City resident. Reads statement suggesting that the district boundary grow toward Benton County ( <b>EXHIBIT F</b> ).  |
| 108 | Chair Wilson | Recesses meeting at 2:39 p.m.   |
| 121 | Chair Wilson | Reconvenes meeting at 3:53 p.m., determines there are no further witnesses, thanks the members and participants for their contributions, and adjourns meeting at 3:54 p.m.  |

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A - Redistricting, handout, staff, 4 pp**
- B - Redistricting, prepared statement, Rick Brissette, 1 p**
- C - Redistricting, prepared statement, Nel Ward, 2 pp**
- D - Redistricting, prepared statement, Daniel Beck, 1 p**
- E - Redistricting, prepared statement, Rep. Alan Brown, 2 pp**
- F - Redistricting, prepared statement, Alice McCain, 1 p**