

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, REDISTRICTING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

May 14, 2001
1:30 PM

Hearing Room D
Tapes 111 – 112

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 Filsinger, Committee Administrator**
 Cheryl Young, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **SB 189 – PUBLIC HEARING**
 SJR 7 – PUBLIC HEARING
 HB 3555 – WORK SESSION
 HB 3595 – 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 111 , A 004	Chair Wilson	Calls the committee to order at 2:07 p.m. Opens public hearings on SB 189 and SJR 7.
<u>SB 189 and SJR 7 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
012	Senator Avel Gordly	Senate District 10. Introduces a panel. Urges passage of these bills. States that this issue is the result of Mr. Marino who raised concerns regarding certain language still in the State Constitution. Submits (EXHIBIT A) .
158	Michael Marino	Testifies in favor of both bills. Speaks of the wording in the Oregon Constitution.
216	Louis Pitt, Jr.	Director of Government Affairs and Planning for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Testifies in support of these bills. Speaks of the freedoms accomplished through time.
279	Chair Wilson	Comments that there are those who feel that leaving the words in the Constitution would serve to have a historical document. Adds that it may be used as a teaching tool regarding the inequities of the past, rather than leaving it to subjective history books to give the lesson. Asks how they respond to that.
295	Sen. Gordly	Responds that she finds the words offensive and that is why she is trying to have them eradicated.
327	Marino	Suggests that the Oregon Constitution was never intended to be a historical document.

363	Michael Mason	Speaks in favor of this bill. Notes that the words are historical but they don't belong in the current Constitution.
431	Greg Chaimov	Legislative Counsel. Refers to history of the Oregon Constitution. Submits (EXHIBIT B) .
Tape 112, A		
054	Glen Kirkindall	Freedom Socialist Party. Speaks in support of this bill. Submits (EXHIBIT C) .
077	Pamela Gaston	Voice for Children and the 5 th Amendment Coalition. Speaks in opposition to this bill. Opposes changes to the Oregon Constitution. Submits (EXHIBIT D) .
160	Dorothy Mead	Grandparents and Kinship. Speaks in opposition to SJR 7. Submits (EXHIBIT E) .
289	Will Gaston	Founder, Voice for Children. Speaks in opposition to both bills.
377	Michael Marsh	Speaks in opposition to both of these bills. Submits (EXHIBIT F) .
489	Velma Hartwig	Speaks in opposition to SB 189. Submits (EXHIBIT G) .
Tape 111, B		
067	Chair Wilson	Closes the public hearings on SB 189 and SJR 7. Opens a work session on HB 3555.
<u>HB 3555 – WORK SESSION</u>		
072	Cara Filsinger	Committee Administrator. Summarizes HB 3555.
077	Rep. Devlin	MOTION: Moves HB 3555 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on School Funding and Tax Fairness/Revenue by prior reference.
080		VOTE: 8-0
		AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
		EXCUSED: 1 – Starr
		The motion CARRIES.
088	Chair Wilson	Closes the work session on HB 3555. Opens a work session on HB 3595.
<u>HB 3595 – WORK SESSION</u>		
102	Staff	Submits (EXHIBIT H) .
103	Ed Dennis	Legislative and Redistricting Coordinator for the Secretary of State's Office. Reviews the amendment for the committee. Supports a national approach to change the poll closing time.
143	Jane Lokan	States that she hopes the committee will vote yes on this bill. States that she fears we will dismantle the vote by mail concept. Notes that the people will adapt to the change.
171	Chair Wilson	States that he is conscious of the fact that people have approached him saying they have chosen not to vote after results have been given in the East. States that he realizes this is not a perfect solution to this situation. Remarks why he proposed the – 1 amendments.
196	Chair Wilson	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 3595-1 amendments dated 5/11/01.
		VOTE: 7-0
		EXCUSED: 2 - Gardner, March
	Chair Wilson	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
198	Rep. Devlin	States he will support the –1 amendments, but opposes the bill on the main motion.
205	Rep. Wilson	MOTION: Moves HB 3595 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.

211	Rep. Devlin	Explains his reasons for a nay vote. Serves notice of a possible Minority Report.
222	Chair Wilson	Notes that they have already discussed the issues, and have tried to move the argument forward as quickly as possible to Ways and Means, and will continue to work to secure the funding.
229	Chair Wilson	VOTE: 6-2 AYE: 6 - Doyle, Garrard, Starr, Verger, Walker, Wilson NAY: 1 - Devlin, EXCUSED: 2 - Gardner, March The motion Carries. REP. STARR will lead discussion on the floor.
241	Chair Wilson	Closes the work session on HB 3595. Adjourns the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – SB 189 & SJR 7, written testimony, Senator Avel Gordly, 3pp.**
- B – SB 189, written testimony, Greg Chaimov, 1p.**
- C – SB 189, written testimony, Glenn Kirkindall, 1p.**
- D – SB 189 & SJR 7, written testimony, Pamela Gaston, 11pp.**
- E – SJR 7, written testimony, Dorothy Mead, 1p.**
- F – SB 189 & SJR 7, written testimony, Michael Marsh, 1p.**
- G – SB 189, written testimony, Velma Hartwig, 1p.**
- H – HB 3595-1 amendment, submitted by Staff, 1p.**