

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 26, 2001
9:00 AM

Hearing Room D
Tapes 41, 42

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Bruce Starr, Chair
Rep. Alan Brown, Vice-Chair
Rep. Jeff Merkley, Vice-Chair
Rep. Richard Devlin
Rep. Donna Nelson
Rep. Diane Rosenbaum
Rep. Joanne Verger
Rep. Cliff Zauner

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Jeff Kropf

STAFF PRESENT: John Leon, Committee Administrator
Kate Campeau, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Introduction of Committee Bills
Department of Transportation Efficiency Committee Report

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 41, A		
004	Chair Starr	Calls meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opens a work session for the purpose of introducing committee bills.
<u>INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS</u>		
009	John Leon	Committee Administrator. Reads brief synopsis of each LC draft.
	Rep. Rosenbaum	MOTION: Moves LC's: 3673, 3623, 3613, and 3961 BE INTRODUCED as committee bills.
		VOTE: 8-0
		EXCUSED: 1 – Kropf
	Chair Starr	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
020	Chair Starr	Closes the work session.
<u>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT</u>		
<u>032</u>	Grace Crunican	Director, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Discusses Efficiency Committee. Reviews the history of her work with ODOT and then shares challenges presented to her and the department.
	Pete Naumes	Chairman, Department of Transportation Efficiency Committee. Reviews history of committee. States that the focus was on how ODOT does business rather than what they did. Comments on the committee membership.
	Naumes	Continues testimony by discussing the committee's recommendations.
331	Rep. Verger	Asks if discussion was ever entertained that a penalty fee should be paid rather than penalizing legitimate users of studded tires.
	Naumes	Responds that the committee didn't discuss this particular aspect

of the studded tire issue.

356 Rep. Verger Asks Ms. Crunican if she agrees with the amount of damage that Mr. Naumes attributed to studded tires.

370 Crunican Responds that the amount quoted is a very old figure. States that the damage is greater than ODOT is able to repair.

380 Rep. Zauner Asks Mr. Naumes to clarify his statement about the DMV using credit cards.

390 Naumes Clarifies that he was addressing the issue of the public being able to use credit cards at DMV offices.

393 Rep. Devlin Testifies as to the contribution of Mr. Naumes to keep the committee discussions policy driven.

430 Rep. Brown Comments that studded tires as well as most of the uses of the highway are paid for by the gas tax. Asks if ODOT is too large of an organization.

456 Naumes Responds that he personally does not support breaking up ODOT.

460 Rep. Nelson Asks if the Rail Division could function more efficiently if it were a separate entity.

475 Naumes Responds that he has no opinion on that issue.

491 Crunican Stresses the hazards in using an organizational change to solve problems.

TAPE 42, A

010 Crunican Comments on the energy and time used in responding to the legislature and notes that this is a huge price to pay in productivity. Comments on the connection between ODOT and the state's rail system.

Rep. Nelson Asks question regarding the flexibility of the STIP for safety/economic development.

070 Naumes Answers that there is not enough money.

095 Rep. Nelson Thanks Mr. Naumes and Ms. Crunican for informing her about IOF program. Asks if there is any possibility of using state money for traffic safety needs.

135 Crunican Answers that the Area Commission on Transportation would be the most efficient resource for addressing her traffic concerns.

165 Rep. Zauner Asks if in dealing with federal government, would it be better to take control over roads.

188 Crunican Answers that ODOT has had a very successful relationship with federal partners. Reminds committee that federal government brings with it a great deal of money for the state.

287 Chair Starr Reopens a work session for the purpose of introducing committee bills.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS (CONTINUED)

- Rep. Zauner **MOTION: Moves LC's: 3771 and 3137 BE INTRODUCED as committee bills.**

VOTE: 8-0

EXCUSED: 1 - Kropf

Chair Starr **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

Chair Starr Closes the work session.

299 Chair Starr Comments on Grace Crunican's exemplary service as the Director of the Oregon Department of Transportation from 1996-2001.

Members of the committee comment individually as to the merits of Grace Crunican's career with ODOT.

TAPE 41, B

010	Crunican	Makes closing remarks in praise of public service, the work of the legislature and the Governor, and the enormous contribution of the ODOT employees.
200	Chair Starr	Adjourns meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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John Leon,
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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

No exhibits submitted