

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

February 02, 2001 Hearing Room C
3:00 PM Tapes 17 - 19

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Roger Beyer, Chair**
 Sen. Avel Gordly, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Jason Atkinson
 Sen. Tony Corcoran
 Sen. Ryan Deckert
 Sen. Steve Harper
 Sen. Charles Starr

STAFF PRESENT: **Keith Putman, Committee Administrator**
 Pam Brunell, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **Introduction of Committee Bills – Work Session**
 SB 485 – Public Hearing

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 17, A		
003	Chair Beyer	Calls the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
WORK SESSION		
005	Sen. Gordly	MOTION: Moves LC's: 2213, 2214, 2215, 2866 BE INTRODUCED as committee bills.
		VOTE: 6-0
		EXCUSED: 1 - Deckert
	Chair Beyer	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
030	Chair Beyer	Closes work session and opens public hearing on SB 485.
SB 485 – PUBLIC HEARING		
035	Staff	Submits written testimony from Association of Oregon Counties and League of Oregon Cities (EXHIBIT A). Submits written testimony from the City of Eugene (EXHIBIT B).
050	Kevin Mannix	Lawyer, Salem. Explains 4 points about SB 485 and offers solutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preexisting conditions and predisposition.• Workers' testimony for extended disability.• Access to medical services.• Independent Medical Examination (IME).
250	Diane Godwin	Will supply a written synopsis. Attorney, Oregon Physical Therapists. Testifies on Section 14. Turning a previous no-fault situation into a garnishment situation (EXHIBIT C). Provides a payment solution.

432	Jim Egan	Oregon Workers' Compensation Attorneys. Testifies in opposition to SB 485 (EXHIBIT D) .
TAPE 18, A		
030	Egan	Continues testimony.
210	Jim Anderson	Oregon Medical Association. Testifies and submits (Exhibit E) hand engrossed amendment. Supports SB 485 with amendments to Section 13 and 14.
250	Mike Crew	OMA. Proposes changes to IME's.
300	Chris Davie	SAIF Corporation. Testifies in support of the substance of SB 485 (Exhibit F) . Presents technical amendments.
390	Mark Melgard	Neurosurgeon, Testifies in support of SB 485. Believes in shorter time line, 60 days /not 90days. Explains IME's.
TAPE 17, B		
158	Rosie Neisz	Corporate Director of Safety and Loss Control, Schnitzer Steel. Conveys importance of SB 485 to industry.
178	Linda Barno	Workers' Compensation Manager, Schnitzer Steel. Testifies on SB 485 (Exhibit G) . Wants 14 days to deny. Remove garnishment. Looks to the source of the problem.
280	Lisa Ellingson	Workers' Compensation Administrator, Coca Cola. Disagrees with accepting preexisting conditions conveyed in SB 485. Encourages return to work in modifying conditions.
TAPE 18, B		
030	Joe Gilliam	Oregon Grocery Industry Association. Notes that they have taken no position on SB 485 and are offering suggestions (EXHIBIT H) .
190	Bruce Bishop	Kaiser Permanente. Concerns with Section 14 and 16 (EXHIBIT I) .
240	John Powell	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oregon. Wants clarification on subjugations as it pertains to SB 485.
267	Ken Hector	Supervisor of Workers' Compensation, C & F Companies. Expresses the system is not broke, but could use some fixing. Describing administrative problems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garnishments • Solutions needed • Statistics and analysis of costs • IME
TAPE 19, A		
030	Hector	Continues his discourse on SB 485.
100	Hasina Squires	Special Districts Association of Oregon. Presents testimony in opposition to SB 485 (EXHIBIT J) .
120	Chair Beyer	Closes public hearing.
130	Chair Beyer	Adjourns meeting at 5:15

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – SB 485, written testimony, Richard Townsend, 2 pp.**
- B – SB 485, written testimony, James Johnson, 5pp.**
- C – SB 485, written material, Diana Godwin, 7 pp.**
- D – SB 485, written testimony, Jim Egan, 3 pp.**
- E – SB 485, written material, Jim Anderson, 3 pp.**
- F – SB 485, written testimony, Chris Davie, 5 pp.**
- G – SB 485, written material, Rosie Keisz, 4 pp.**
- H – SB 485, written material, Joe Gilliam, 3 pp.**
- I – SB 485, written testimony, Bruce Bishop, 4 pp.**
- J – SB 485, written material, Hasina Squires, 13 pp.**