

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY - CIVIL LAW

June 23, 1999 Hearing Room 357

3:00 p.m. Tape 195

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Shetterly, Chair

Rep. Uberbelau, Vice-Chair

Rep. Williams, Vice-Chair

Rep. Backlund

Rep. Walker

Rep. Wells

Rep. Witt

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Edwards

Rep. Lowe

STAFF PRESENT: Anne Tweedt, Counsel

Rachel Short, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 20 A Work Session

SJR 7 Public Hearing and 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 195, SIDE A		
004	Chair Shetterly	Calls meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

WORK SESSION ñ SB 20A

013	Counsel Tweedt	SB 20A denominates as violations all offenses that do not provide for term of imprisonment. Reminds committee of the amendments that have already been adopted.
020	Rep. Williams	MOTION: Moves SB 20A to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 7-0 AYE: 7 - Backlund, Uherbelau, Walker, Wells, Williams, Witt, Shetterly EXCUSED: 2 - Edwards, Lowe
	Chair Shetterly	The motion CARRIES. REP. SHETTERLY will lead discussion on the floor.

PUBLIC HEARING ñ SJR 7

033	Counsel Tweedt	SJR 7 A proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to require governor to fill vacancies in certain judicial offices by selecting someone from list submitted by judicial nominating commission.
045	Rep. Williams	Discusses the ñA7 amendments (EXHIBIT A), which would require a joint study of proposals for constitutional changes designed to increase legislative participation in the appointment of judges to fill vacancies in judicial offices. Discusses the idea of the courts belonging to the people of Oregon, not to the judges or lawyers.
090	Chair Shetterly	Sen. Bryant has seen the amendments and is willing to concur.
093	Rep. Uherbelau	Discusses Rep. Williams' comments on the courts belonging to the people. Discusses separation of powers. Discusses her approval of the amendments.

WORK SESSION ñ SJR 7

112	Rep. Witt	Discusses his feelings towards SJR 7 and his respect for Rep. Williams' comments. We don't want to politicize the court process.

123	Chair Shetterly	Discusses his approval toward the amendments.
133	Rep. Walker	I'm glad to see that we were not going to be sending out another issue to the voters. I will be supporting this bill with the amendments.
143	Rep. Williams	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SJR 7-A7 amendments dated 06/15/99.
		VOTE: 7-0
	Chair Shetterly	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
151	Rep. Williams	MOTION: Moves SJR 7 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 7-0 AYE: 7 - Backlund, Uherbelau, Walker, Wells, Williams, Witt, Shetterly EXCUSED: 2 - Edwards, Lowe
	Chair Shetterly	The motion CARRIES. REP. WILLIAMS will lead discussion on the floor.
161	Chair Shetterly	Adjourns meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Rachel Short, Sarah Watson,

Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - -A7 Proposed Amendments to A-Engrossed SJR 7, Rep. Williams, 1 pg.