

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, ELECTIONS, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

June 11, 1999 Hearing Room D

3:30 p.m. Tapes 90 - 91

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Mark Simmons, Chair

Rep. Richard Devlin, Vice-Chair

Rep. Bruce Starr, Vice-Chair

Rep. Roger Beyer

Rep. Dan Gardner

Rep. Kevin Mannix

Rep. Kitty Piercy

Rep. Jim Welsh

Rep. Max Williams

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Jason Atkinson

Rep. Chris Beck

Rep. Randall Edwards

STAFF PRESENT: Cletus B. Moore, Jr., Administrator

Janet Adkins, Administrator

Cara Filsinger, Administrator

Susan M. Pettey, Administrative Support

MEASURES HEARD: HCR 11 Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 2335 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 831A Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 487A Public Hearing and Work Session

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 90, A		
004	Chair Simmons	Opens the meeting at 3:20 p.m., and opens the public hearing on HCR 11.
<u>HCR 11 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
011	Rep. Terry Thompson	House District 4. Summarizes provisions of HCR 11. Explains that this resolution commends former State Rep. Gordon L. MacPherson, 1936-1999.
038	Ed Patterson	Private citizen. Discusses his professional and personal relationship with former state Rep. Gordon MacPherson.
050	Patterson	Comments on Rep. MacPherson's accomplishments as a state representative.
069	Chair Simmons	Closes public hearing on HCR 11, and opens work session.
<u>HCR 11 WORK SESSION</u>		
076	Rep. Mannix	MOTION: Moves HCR 11 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
		VOTE: 7-0 EXCUSED: 5 - Atkinson, Beck, Edwards, Welsh, Williams
Chair Simmons		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. THOMPSON will lead discussion on the floor.
082	Chair Simmons	Closes public hearing on HCR 11, and opens public hearing on HB 2335.
<u>HB 2335 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
090	Janet Adkins	Committee Administrator. Summarizes provisions of HB 2335.

141	Helen Liere	Executive Director, Alliance for Community Traffic Safety (ACTS) in Oregon. Speaks in support of HB 2335. Submits and summarizes written testimony (EXHIBIT A). Explains that HB 2335 redefines the phrase "when children are present" for purposes of school speed zone laws.
182	Liere	Supports the ñ4 amendments.
204	Liere	Explains reasons for opposition to HB 2335ñ3 amendments.
233	Tricia Smith	Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA). Speaks in support of HB 2335. Indicates support of ñ4 amendments because "when children are present" is more clearly defined.
275	Chair Simmons	Ask for questions. Closes public hearing on HB 2335, and opens work session.
<u>HB 2335 WORK SESSION</u>		
283	Chair Simmons	Discussion among members regarding HB 2335 amendments.
320	Rep. Devlin	Suggests two options: Move HB 2335 out of committee with the chairís amendment, or consider rescheduling this bill to allow more time to study the issues.
335	Rep. Mannix	Asks if the committee supports the ñ4 amendments.
340	Rep. Beyer	Expresses opposition to the ñ4 amendments. Addresses the ñ8 amendments (EXHIBIT B). Asks if signs are posted where school zones end.
351	Liere	Responds "not consistently."
358	Rep. Beyer	Indicates this may cause confusion for drivers relative to the speed limit.
370	Rep. Starr	Recommends the committee act promptly on this bill.
376	Rep. Beyer	Points out that the primary complaint received from constituents in his district is the school speed zone issue. Describes unique circumstances in school zones in rural areas of Oregon. Explains his support of the -3 amendments. Disputes the fiscal impact statement.
419	Rep. Devlin	Opposes deletion of the basic speed rule in school zones. Discusses traffic safety in general.
460	Rep. Devlin	Opposes the ñ3 amendment. Suggests passage of HB 2335 with the Chairís

		amendment.
492	Chair Simmons	Suggests formation of a work group.
TAPE 91, A		
004	Rep. Mannix	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2335-8 amendments dated 6/10/99.
		VOTE: 8-1 AYE: 8 - Devlin, Gardner, Mannix, Piercy, Starr, Welsh, Williams, Simmons NAY: 1 - Beyer EXCUSED: 3 - Atkinson, Beck, Edwards
	Chair Simmons	The motion CARRIES.
020	Rep. Mannix	MOTION: Moves HB 2335 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 8-1 AYE: 8 - Devlin, Gardner, Mannix, Piercy, Starr, Welsh, Williams, Simmons NAY: 1 - Beyer EXCUSED: 3 - Atkinson, Beck, Edwards
	Chair Simmons	The motion CARRIES. REP. SIMMONS will lead discussion on the floor.
033	Chair Simmons	Closes work session on HB 2335, and opens public hearing on SB 831A.
<u>SB 831A PUBLIC HEARING</u>		

040	Cara Filsinger	Committee Administrator. Summarizes provisions of SB 831A.
046	Jack Magnuson	Spokesman, United Veterans Groups of Oregon; Legislative Chairman, American Legion Department of Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 831A.
069	Wayne Harvey	Veteran. Speaks in support of SB 831A. Submits and summarizes written testimony (EXHIBIT C).
077	Chair Simmons	Closes public hearing on SB 831A, and opens work session.
<u>SB 831A WORK SESSION</u>		
080	Rep. Gardner	MOTION: Moves SB 831A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 9-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 3 - Atkinson, Beck, Edwards
	Chair Simmons	The motion CARRIES. REP. WELSH will lead discussion on the floor.
103	Chair Simmons	Closes work session on SB 831A, and opens public hearing on SB 487A.
<u>SB 487A PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
123	Adkins	Summarizes provisions of SB 487A. Explains that SB 487A requires proof of school attendance or other educational progress before a driver's license is issued to a person under 18 years of age. Explains the effects of the -3, -4, and -5 amendments (EXHIBITS D, E, and F).
147	Chair Simmons	Closes public hearing on SB 487A, and opens work session.
<u>SB 487A WORK SESSION</u>		
150	Rep. Mannix	Supports -4 amendment because it incorporates school attendance policy in statute.

157	Rep. Mannix	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 487A-4 amendments dated 5/25/99.
171	Sen. Peter Courtney	District 17. Indicates support of SB 487A-4 amendments.
194	Rep. Beyer	Addresses similar legislation. Indicates opposition to this bill.
220	Chair Simmons	Comments on the responsibility of driving.
228	Rep. Starr	Asks if this is a truancy bill.
233	Sen. Courtney	Responds affirmatively.
238	Rep. Starr	Suggests that the current truancy laws be enforced.
252	Sen. Courtney	Discusses the high dropout and truancy rates in high schools statewide. Emphasizes the importance of a high school education, or the equivalency thereof. Believes that truancy laws alone cannot address the problem.
297	Chair Simmons	Asks members for suggestions to improve SB 487A.
316	Rep. Williams	Suggests that members set aside potential no-votes in committee today since absent members are in favor of this bill.
330	Rep. Welsh	Prefers that all members are present for the vote.
342	Rep. Beyer	Describes the Molalla School District dropout problem. Discusses methods developed to solve this problem.
361	Rep. Mannix	Explains the advantage of additional tools to address the truancy issue. States that school districts have weak policies regarding attendance.
419	Rep. Mannix	Explains reasons for supporting the ñ4 amendments.
428	Rep. Williams	Indicates his support of SB 487A.
441	Rep. Starr	Supports SB 487A. Expresses concern that existing truancy laws are not enforced.
468	Rep. Piercy	Comments that there are many considerations that keep young people in school.

TAPE 90, B

050		<p>VOTE: 9-0</p> <p>EXCUSED: 3 - Atkinson, Beck, Edwards</p>
	Chair Simmons	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
055	Rep. Mannix	Explains effects of the ñ5 amendments.
061	Rep. Mannix	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 487A-5 amendments dated 5/25/99.
068	Joan Robinson	Deputy Legislative Counsel. Indicates that the effects of the ñ5 amendments were accurately conveyed by Rep. Mannix.
084	Rep. Williams	Comments that this is a "may" issue, not a "shall" issue. Points out that truancy laws apply to public and private schools.
096		<p>VOTE: 9-0</p> <p>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</p> <p>EXCUSED: 3 - Atkinson, Beck, Edwards</p>
	Chair Simmons	The motion CARRIES.
107	Rep. Mannix	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 487A-3 amendments dated 5/25/99.
111	Robinson	Clarifies the language in SB 487A-3 amendments.
129	Sen. Courtney	Believes the passage of SB 487A will bring about parental involvement. Remarks that a license to drive cannot be revoked for lack of school attendance.
152	Rep. Beyer	Describes the results of various polls. Suggests SB 487A be drafted more specifically to revoke the parents' license for lack of their children's attendance at school.

162		VOTE: 9-0 EXCUSED: 3 - Atkinson, Beck, Edwards
	Chair Simmons	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED .
170	Chair Simmons	Closes work session on SB 487A. Adjourns the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ HB 2335, written testimony, Helen Liere, 2 pp.

B ñ HB 2335, -8 amendments, Staff, 1 p.

C ñ SB 831A, written testimony, Wayne Harvey, 2 pp.

D ñ SB 487A, -3 amendments, Staff, 1 p.

E ñ SB 487A, -4 amendments, Staff, 1 p.

F ñ SB 487A, -5 amendments, Staff, 1 p.