

**JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 1089C**

July 21, 1999 Hearing Room 343

9:30 a.m. Tapes 1

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. David Nelson, Chair

Rep. Jason Atkinson

Rep. Roger Beyer

Sen. John Lim

Sen. Rick Metsger

Rep. Terry Thompson

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marjorie Taylor, Administrator

Nancy Masee, Administrative Support

**MEASURE HEARD:** SB 1089C 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
<b>TAPE 1, A</b>		
004	Chair Nelson	Opens meeting at 9:30 a.m. and opens work session on SB 1089C.
<b><u>SB 1089C WORK SESSION</u></b>		
010	Sen. Lim	Comments that his concern is the fairness of the bill. Discusses fees for potential "pollution" paid by dry cleaning owners based on gross sales. Explains how big

		stores open substations and put small businesses out of business and that the payments should be based on the number of dry cleaning machines owned. Proposes \$250 per substation and dry store, and those stores with a gross income less than \$50,000 pay nothing.
068	Rep. Beyer	Responds that the dry cleaners pay a tax per gallon on the chemical, perchloroethylene (perc), and therefore the larger cleaners already pay more taxes. Disagrees that it is fair to tax the large dry cleaners on a substation.
088	Sen. Lim	Asks how much is paid by gallon for perc.
090	Roger Martin	Oregon Dry Cleaners Association and chair of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) advisory committee. Explains the base cost of perc is \$6 per gallon. Discusses the problem in establishing the fee structure and how enforcement has not been successful. Observes there is a black market on perc and some people do not pay at all. Explains the state Department of Revenue cannot share income information. Recognizes both committees in the Senate and House have done a good job on this bill and the gross receipts issue will be studied further during the interim. Emphasizes the penalty clause is needed and asks SB 1089 to be passed.
144	Sen. Lim	Responds that some drycleaners are moving to Washington to avoid payment in Oregon. Proposes a fee of \$250 year.
163	Chair Nelson	Suggests the Senate concur on SB 1089C and work on the issue during the interim.
166	Sen. Lim	Proposes changing to \$250.
168	Chair Nelson	Observes there is not time to change the bill at this late date in the session.
176	Rep. Beyer	Says he appreciates Sen. Lim's amendment but the House version needs to stay the same to pass. Emphasizes the penalty will help bring those who are not complying into compliance.
190	Sen. Lim	Says he disagrees.
193	Sen. Metsger	Says he respects Sen. Lim's idea and suggests it should be addressed during the interim. States he concurs with the bill at this time.
194	Sen. Nelson	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 1089C to the floor with the recommendation that the Senate concur in House amendments dated 7/13/99 and repass the Measure.</b>
195		<b>VOTE: 5-1</b>  <b>AYE: 5 - Atkinson, Beyer, Metsger, Thompson, Nelson</b>

		<b>NAY: 1 ñ Lim</b>
195	<b>Chair Nelson</b>	<b>The motion Carries.</b>  <b>SEN. NELSON will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
215	Chair Nelson	Adjourns meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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Administrative Support Administrator

#### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**No exhibit presented.**