

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 1168

July 20, 1999 Hearing Room C

4:00 p.m Tape 1

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Bryant, Chair

Sen. Courtney

Sen. Dukes

Rep. Starr

Rep. Simmons

Rep. Schrader

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Taylor, Committee Counsel

Judith Minnich, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 1168 Work Session

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 1, A		
003	Chair Bryant	Calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
<u>SB 1168 WORK SESSION</u>		
007	Rep. Starr	We would like to insert on page one, line nine of the B-engrossed bill, the word "wild" before "feline" and "canine". Following "species" insert "or the hybrid thereof".
012	Rep. Starr	MOTION: Moves to AMEND SB 1168B on page one, in line nine, before "feline" insert "wild", and before "canine" insert "wild" and after "species", insert "or the hybrid thereof".

016	Sen. Dukes	Indicates she has a constituent who raises wolves for resale as pets. Does this bill effect him?
020	Sen. Courtney	This bill is only for domestic animals.
032	Rep. Simmons	What other individuals would we be precluding if we left the language as it is?
036	Virginia Vanderbilt	Legislative Council Indicates the purpose of the bill is to prohibit commerce in fur of domestic dogs and cats. I believe that is the only purpose. The constituent who raises wolves for resale is not affected by this bill.
061	Sen. Dukes	Is it okay to skin feral cats? Are they considered wild cats?
063	Rep. Schrader	I don't think they would be classified as wild. They are still domestic cats.
067	Counsel Taylor	Indicates that wolves are an endangered species so you could not have a coat of wolf fur.
079	Sen. Courtney	I thought we were removing that endangered species language.
081	Counsel Taylor	The language is still in the B-engrossed version of the bill.
082	Rep. Simmons	We want that language in the bill.
085	Counsel Taylor	Discusses possible language changes.
090	Chair Bryant	What was the purpose of the endangered species language?
094	Rep. Simmons	I want assurance that this won't be applied to lawful commerce such as coyotes, lynx, fox and other animals raised for fur.
103	Rep. Schrader	Is domestic cat and dog defined in statute?
104	Counsel Taylor	I don't know. But I don't think it includes wolf or fox.
106	Rep. Schrader	If a definition already exists in statute that satisfies the concerns, then we can be comfortable with this.

108	Vanderbilt	I believe I found only one reference to domestic cats and dogs. But I don't know whether this would apply here.
124	Rep. Schrader	I do know people who have had pet bobcats and other such animals. It is of concern to me.
126	Vanderbilt	I think the fact that someone may have a wild animal as a pet doesn't make them a domestic dog or cat. We have laws on the books to cover these types of pets.
139	Rep. Simmons	I thought we were agreed with the Humane Society on the language in the B engrossed version of SB 1168?
151	Chair Bryant	Discusses definitions of domestic animals in the statutes.
158	Counsel Taylor	Reads ORS 167.310 which is a definition of domestic animals. Perhaps we could just cite the Latin names.
168	Sen. Courtney	Is the language in the amendment offered by Rep. Starr not acceptable?
173	Chair Bryant	We were just looking for a simpler way to do it with a definition already in statute.
177	Counsel Taylor	For the record, wild feline or wild canine does not include a feral animal.
203		VOTE: 6-0
	Chair Bryant	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
206	Counsel Taylor	Why don't we just delete the remainder of the bill beginning at section 3 as a conceptual amendment?
210	Rep. Starr	MOTION: Moves to AMEND SB 1168B on page one, beginning at line 14, delete "Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7."
		VOTE: 6-0
	Chair Bryant	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

211	Sen. Courtney	MOTION: Moves SB 1168B to the floor with the recommendation that the Senate concur in House amendments dated 7/13/99 and that the bill be further amended by the conceptual amendments specified and the measure be repassed.
219	Sen. Courtney	Discusses the deletion of Section 2 of the A-engrossed version.
245	Chair Bryant	The ORS section 161.685 covers non-payment of fines. So, it is the same action that would be taken without this in the bill. It is redundant.
275	Vanderbilt	I'm not sure. I don't remember why this section was in or why it came out. It does appear that it is unnecessary on its face.
300		VOTE: 6-0
	Chair Bryant	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. COURTNEY and REP. STARR will lead discussion on the floors.
306	Chair Bryant	Adjourns the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

No exhibits.