

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

**January 13, 1999 Hearing Room C**

**1:00 p.m. Tape 1**

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

**Sen. Lee Beyer, Vice-Chair**

**Sen. Rick Metsger**

**Sen. Randy Miller**

**Sen. Charles Starr**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT: Y. Sherry Sheng, Administrator**

**Nancy Masee, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**Adoption of Committee Rules**

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 1:05 p.m. Welcomes committee members. Introduces staff.
022	Chair Nelson	Asks if there are any comments on the committee rules. Hearing none, asks for motion to adopt rules as presented. <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b>
025	Sen. Metsger	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules dated 1/13/99.</b>
026		<b>VOTE: 5-0</b>

027	Chair Nelson	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
027	Chair Nelson	<p>States the purpose of this meeting is to discuss work of the committee. The meeting on Friday will start with a panel speaking on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economy in general internationally, the U.S., and Oregon</li> <li>• Euro vs dollars and the economy in Europe</li> <li>• Oregon's economy and business climate</li> </ul> <p>Someone from the state economist's office will also speak on Friday.</p>
050	Sherry Sheng	Committee Administrator, explains the speakers' backgrounds for the panel on Friday.
060	Chair Nelson	Explains the need for telecommunications' infrastructures throughout the state to support needs of business. Explains SB 142 and SB 143. States funding of the infrastructure will be addressed. States siting of prisons may be heard by this committee with an evening meeting after January 27. Informs members this committee will be handling the second largest number of committee bills.
070	Chair Nelson	Asks for comments. States January 22 will be the first meeting on telecommunications. Discusses the large budget requested in public services and how government funding needs a strong economy for support. States the economic base for funding telecommunications improvement and expansion in Oregon will be the thrust of this committee. Says he is looking for discussion and solutions to these issues.
126	Sen. Miller	Asks if the usual work schedule is from 1:00 p.m. until shortly before 3:00 p.m.
132	Chair Nelson	States this committee will meet from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., promptly. The room is scheduled at 3:00 p.m. for another committee.
140	Sen. Miller	Suggests bills that will not exceed the two-hour block would be good choices in order to keep the meeting commitments of members.
154	Chair Nelson	Comments on future meetings. Says some meetings will be videotaped.
160	Sen. Miller	Asks if insurance issues will be heard.
162	Chair Nelson	Responds, they will and electrical deregulation and minimum wage bills may possibly be discussed. Asks for more comments or suggestions from the committee. Asks if anyone in the audience would like to comment. Adjourns the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Nancy Masee, Y. Sherry Sheng,  
Administrative Support Administrator

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A ñ Committee rules, staff, 2 pp**