

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS

March 23, 1999 Hearing Room B

4:30 p.m. Tape 30

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Charles Starr, Chair

Sen. Randy Miller, Vice-Chair

Sen. Lee Beyer

Sen. Kate Brown

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Neil Bryant

STAFF PRESENT: Brian E. Smith, Administrator

Rachel E. Halupowski, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Drafting and Measure Introduction Requests

Executive Appointments

Oregon Board of Dentistry

Oregon Liquor Control Commission

HB 2921 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 830 Public Hearing

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 30, A		
000	Chair Starr	Opens meeting at 4:30 p.m. and opens work session on drafting and measure introduction requests.
<u>DRAFTING AND MEASURE INTRODUCTION REQUESTS</u>		

007	Sen. Beyer	MOTION: Moves the drafting and introduction requests from Senate Rules & Elections and Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources BE APPROVED.
		VOTE: 4-0 EXCUSED: 1 - Bryant
	Chair Starr	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
027	Brian E. Smith	Committee Administrator. Explains the Senate Rules and Elections draft request would allow remote controlled water ski boats to be operated in Oregon. Explains the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources draft is a Joint Resolution to Congress with two requests: \$1 million appropriation to continue work on goose depredation issues and \$14 million appropriation fund to increase seeding of existing bird sanctuaries.
032	Chair Starr	Closes work session and opens public hearing on the Oregon Board of Dentistry.
<u>EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS n OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY</u>		
033		Staff presents (EXHIBIT A) .
035	Chair Starr	Closes public hearing and opens work session.
036	Sen. Beyer	MOTION: Moves the reappointment of Eugene Kelley to the Oregon Board of Dentistry to the floor with the recommendation that the appointment be confirmed.
		VOTE: 4-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 n Bryant
	Chair Starr	The motion CARRIES. SEN. STARR will lead discussion on the floor.
042	Chair Starr	Closes work session and opens public hearing on the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS n OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

044		Staff presents (EXHIBIT B).
045	Chair Starr	Closes public hearing and opens work session.
047	Sen. Beyer	MOTION: Moves the reappointment of Robert Puentes to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to the floor with the recommendation that the appointment be confirmed.
		VOTE: 4-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 n Bryant
	Chair Starr	The motion CARRIES. SEN. STARR will lead discussion on the floor.
064	Chair Starr	Closes work session and opens public hearing on HB 2921.
<u>HB 2921 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
066	Dave Henderson	Legislative Administrator. Explains HB 2921 will allow members to receive per diem payments on a monthly basis with their payroll check, as opposed to a weekly basis, as is currently required by statute. States HB 2921 will save \$7,000 to \$12,000 in processing weekly per diem checks, per session. States that members who need to receive a check on a weekly basis would be able to draw against their per diem.
076	Sen. Brown	States the per diems cannot be electronically deposited. Asks if HB 2921 would allow for electronic deposit of per diem checks at the first of the month along with salary checks.
079	Henderson	Replies it would.
081	Sen. Beyer	Asks if "Öthis would allow them to be segregated for taxable and non-taxable issues."
083	Henderson	States, yes, because they are currently segregated for that purpose.

087	Chair Starr	Closes public hearing and opens work session on HB 2921.
<u>HB 2921 WORK SESSION</u>		
089	Sen. Beyer	MOTION: Moves HB 2921 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 4-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 n Bryant
	Chair Starr	The motion CARRIES. SEN. BROWN will lead discussion on the floor.
097	Chair Starr	Closes work session and opens public hearing on SB 830.
<u>SB 830 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
111	Al Davidson	Marion County Clerk. States he neither supports nor opposes SB 830. States SB 830 will require that if a phone number is provided to the county clerk, that phone number will be contained on a list provided to the political parties along with the voter history of the registered voters. States that many counties do not enter the phone number in the computer when voter registration cards are received. States the phone number is not required and is not recorded on a regular basis in the Marion County Clerk's office computer system. States one of the reasons the county clerk's office stopped entering phone numbers, even though they were provided, was because of the concern expressed by senior citizens. States that senior citizens may be targets for telemarketers by making the phone number public information along with the date-of-birth of the voter.
161	Davidson	States, in his county, voter history is formatted on non-printable fields installed for searching the fields. States if SB 830 passes there would be a fiscal impact for computer reprogramming.
174	Sen. Beyer	Asks if the information is available in magnetic/electronic form.
176	Davidson	States that when the political parties are asked for the list it comes on disk format.
187	Darryl Howard	Executive Director, Oregon Republican Party. States a voter phone number match is often done through outside vendors. States if the information can be

		requested for voters' registration cards, new voters would be more easily accessible. Believes there is a possibility of fraud for voters to register in multiple counties under multiple names. States that not all counties provide information to all candidates, nor do all counties keep all voters' phone numbers. States it would be helpful if the committee put forth recommendations based on what the county clerks and interested parties would like to see on this issue.
240	Chair Starr	States in other committees he has had the opportunity to speak with the Secretary of State for the potential to centralize the voter file. Asks Davidson if he sees anything happening toward centralization in the immediate future.
249	Davidson	States the question would lie with the Ways and Means Committee. States the Association of County Clerks has supported centralization since 1990. States centralization is a \$6 million issue. Supports statewide voter registration. States that whether or not voter history would be maintained on a statewide level or whether information would be maintained on that system is still undetermined. States that what is to be determined in phase two of the study will produce the results Oregon would like to see for the new system.
278	Sen. Beyer	Asks if all 36 counties "Ömust keep voter history some place in order to order to be able to do their purge."
282	Davidson	States all counties keep voter histories, but not all of the counties maintain the history electronically.
295	Howard	Believes that the date-of-birth should be included on voters' registration cards. Explains that many states have made it difficult for anyone outside of a political entity to have access to the voter file. States that voter history is often lost when voters move from county to county.
330	Chair Starr	States he is not comfortable with this issue to move to a work session today. Closes public hearing and adjourns meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ Executive Appointments, interest form, staff, 4 pp

B ñ Executive Appointments, interest form, staff, 8 pp