

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

March 15, 1999 Hearing Room B

3:00 p.m. Tapes 34 - 35

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. John Lim, Chair

Sen. Avel Gordly, Vice-Chair

Sen. Verne Duncan

Sen. Tony Corcoran

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Sen. Bill Fisher

**STAFF PRESENT:** Carol Rives, Administrator

Gary Roulier, Administrative Support

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:** SJR 6 Public Hearing

HB 2521 Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 2246 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 34, A		
003	Chair Lim	Opens meeting at 3:16 p.m. and opens a public hearing on SJR 6.
<b><u>SJR 6 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
013	Carol Rives	Administrator. Summarizes SJR 6 which establishes the position of Lieutenant Governor in Oregon. Presents <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> and <b>(EXHIBIT B)</b> and discusses the specific duties of the Lieutenant Governor in Washington.

055	Rives	Summarizes background research regarding SJR 6.
071	Chair Lim	Notes that the Lieutenant Governors of Nevada and California also serve as President of the State Senate.
081	Rives	Adds that the Lieutenant Governor of Colorado works specifically with the International Trade Office.
113	Chair Lim	Remarks that the Lieutenant Governor of California is responsible for enacting legislation when the Governor is absent. Discusses various duties of Lieutenant Governors from the different states.
165	Vice-Chair Gordly	Asks what Governor Kitzhaber's position is on SJR 6.
173	Rives	Responds that Governor Kitzhaber is remaining neutral. Adds that there will be an amendment request to clarify Section 19 of SJR 6 which outlines the duties of the Lieutenant Governor.
196	Vice-Chair Gordly	Asks if the recommended changes are coming from the Governor or from the committee.

212	Rives	Responds that the suggestions have come from the committee.
259	Chair Lim	Welcomes Lieutenant Governor Lorraine Hunt of Nevada and introduces committee members. Outlines SJR 6 and the efforts to create the position of Lieutenant Governor in Oregon.
311	Lorraine Hunt	Lieutenant Governor, State of Nevada. Outlines her specific duties which include sitting as the President of the Senate. Adds that she is a member of the State Board of Transportation and chairs the Nevada Commissions on Tourism and Economic Development.
348	Lt. Gov. Hunt	Remarks that the Lieutenant Governor assumes the duties of the Governor when the Governor is absent. Notes that the Commission on Economic Development has an annual budget of approximately \$4 million dollars. Adds that the Commission on Tourism budget is approximately \$10 million and is funded by the hotel room tax. Explains that the budget for the Lieutenant Governor's office is \$400,000 per year.
383	Sen. Duncan	Asks if the salary is for a part-time position.
407	Lt. Gov. Hunt	Responds that the position is full-time but considered part-time by the legislature.

409	Sen. Duncan	Asks if the Lieutenant Governor presides over the Senate full-time.
412	Lt. Gov. Hunt	Responds that the Lieutenant Governor presides over the Senate full-time but votes only in the event of a tie.

**TAPE 35, A**

004	Chair Lim	Inquires about any problems with separation of powers when presiding over the Senate.
005	Lt. Gov. Hunt	Answers that legislation was proposed that would have removed the duty from the Lieutenant Governor but was defeated by the voters. Adds that the position is largely ceremonial since the Lieutenant Governor only votes in the event of a tie.
007	Vice-Chair Gordly	Asks about the role in increasing international markets for the state.
011	Lt. Gov. Hunt	Responds that the Lieutenant Governor will be working in the international arena in the present administration. Notes that she worked in the private sector to recruit companies to Southern Nevada. Adds that Nevada has tourism offices in Korea, Japan and Germany. Summarizes other activities to increase international trade in Nevada.
042	Chair Lim	Asks when the position of Lieutenant Governor was created in Nevada.
044	Lt. Gov. Hunt	Responds that she does not know the year the position was established.
048	Chair Lim	Asks about the situation of having a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of different parties.
053	Lt. Gov. Hunt	Responds that there is proposed legislation to require the Governor and Lieutenant Governor be of the same party and run for office as a team.
066	Lt. Gov. Hunt	Concludes that the position of Lieutenant Governor is critical for Nevada because of the importance of tourism and economic development. Adds that the position can be effective in furthering economic development if the job description is written correctly.
075	Chair Lim	Asks if the Governor has adequate time to meet with foreign dignitaries.
080	Lt. Gov. Hunt	Responds that the Lieutenant Governor has the prime responsibility to meet with visiting dignitaries.

082	Vice-Chair Gordly	Asks how foreign dignitaries were received in the previous administration.
088	Lt. Gov. Hunt	Answers that dignitaries were greeted by the Governor.
099	Rives	Asks how trade missions are split between the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.
104	Lt. Gov. Hunt	Responds that the Governor has asked her to handle trade missions.
130	Chair Lim	Closes the public hearing and opens a public hearing on HB 2521.

**HB 2521 PUBLIC HEARING**

140	Ken Armstrong	Oregon Public Ports Association. Presents ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ) and testifies in support of HB 2521 which increases the promissory note limitation for public ports.
178	Vice-Chair Gordly	Notes that the bill was approved in the House 56 to 0.
186	Chair Lim	Asks if each port has a commission.
192	Armstrong	Responds that all of the 23 ports in Oregon have elected commissions except Portland and Coos Bay which are appointed by the Governor.
195	Chair Lim	Asks why the promissory note authority is not given to the port commissions rather than the president and treasurer of the port.
197	Armstrong	Answers that the action should require an ordinance or resolution by the port commission prior to execution by the port president.
206	Mike Burton	Assistant Director, Oregon Economic Development Department. Responds that any action would need to be approved by the port commission.
220	Chair Lim	Asks if the current statute requires the oversight of the port commission.
222	Burton	Responds that the requirement already exists within the operating procedures of each port.
228	Armstrong	Adds that the procedure would be similar to the port executing a bond issue.
230	Sen. Duncan	Notes that the procedure is similar to a school board action.
231	Chair Lim	Asks for the specific language in the statute.

239	Burton	Responds that the statute specifically states that the port may act only upon proper adoption of a resolution by the port commission.
254	Chair Lim	Closes public hearing and opens a work session on HB 2521.

**HB 2521 WORK SESSION**

260	Sen. Gordly	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 2521 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
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**VOTE: 4-0**

**AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.**

**EXCUSED: 1 - Fisher**

**Chair**

**The motion CARRIES.**

**SEN. GORDLY will lead discussion on the floor.**

273	Chair Lim	Closes work session and opens a public hearing on HB 2246.
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**HB 2246 PUBLIC HEARING**

283	Rives	Discusses the provisions of HB 2246 which grants permanent authority for the annual transfer of funds from interest earnings of the Oregon Port Revolving Fund to the Port Planning and Marketing Fund to finance grant programs for ports by repealing the current sunset date of July 1, 1999.
306	Burton	Testifies in support of HB 2246.
320	Chair Lim	States that he is not comfortable with a permanent elimination of the sunset date and suggests a new sunset date of 2003.
352	Vice-Chair Gordly	Asks if the committee can vote on a conceptual amendment to define a new sunset date in the bill.
372	Rives	Responds that the committee could move on the conceptual amendment.

388	Sen. Corcoran	Suggests the bill be hand-engrossed to reflect a new sunset date of 2003.
417	Chair Lim	Discusses the committee's options and decides to submit an amendment request to change the sunset date. Closes the public hearing and adjourns meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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Administrative Support Administrator

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A - SJR 6, letter submitted prior to meeting, staff, 2 pp**
- B - SJR 6, letter submitted prior to meeting, staff, 1 pp**
- C- HB 2521, written testimony, Ken Armstrong, 1 pp**