

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON POWER DEREGULATION

May 16, 1997 Hearing Room HR D

3:00 P.M. Tapes 161

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Jim Welsh, Chair

Rep. Cynthia Wooten, Vice-Chair

Rep. Randall Edwards

Rep. Patti Milne

Rep. Ken Strobeck

MEMBER EXCUSED:

Rep. Jim Hill

Rep. Lonnie Roberts

STAFF PRESENT:

John Larson, Administrator

Julie Neburka, Asst. Administrator

Lynda Sloan, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 2821 PUBLIC HEARING AND 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
Tape 161, A		
001	Chair Welsh	Opens meeting at 4: 12 p.m. Opens hearing on HB 2821.
<u>HB 2821 HEARING</u>		
016	Gary Conkling	Representing Oregon Energy Coalition, discusses proposal for deregulation legislation but does not provide written copies.
		Outlines proposal.

050	Conkling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * similar to legislation committee has been reviewing * contains date intended to protect interests of customer owned utilities * earlier beginning date for some constituents * earlier beginning date for public purpose programs and pilot programs * early beginning date for large customers * protection and benefit for all classes of rate payers * stranded costs, particularly regulatory assets * protection for cities regarding franchise fees * protections to ensure early access doesn't come at expense of customers * low income assistance provisions * includes mechanics for comparability, reciprocity * policy objectives that move towards competitive market and do not disadvantage any utility, allow some to go sooner, and look to day when everyone will have choice
100	Conkling	Continues discussion of proposal.
114	Rep. Wooten	Notes constituency of panel members.
124	Conkling	Says they have found common purpose, willing to make bill better. Everyone can help by making bill better. Offers continued assistance.
137	Chair Welsh	Says goal is to complete a bill to pass on to Senate. Wants agreement from voting members of work group. Notes time is short to finish work. Notes next scheduled meeting time and asks that information be made available prior to that time.
165	Rep. Strobeck	Offers support to Chair's comments.
169	Rep. Edwards	Asks how work will be done on proposed amendments and if work group is reaching conceptual or actual agreement.
177	Chair Welsh	Notes committee will have opportunities to discuss and amend bill.
		Explains they are not sharing proposal in writing at this time

188	Conkling	because, while they agree in concept, they are discussing actual bill language, and the amendment they will offer will be in form of substitute for current one.
204	Rep. Wooten	Comments that it would be work of committee that makes decisions on the actual bill.
214	Chair Welsh	Asks if anyone else wishes to speak. Adjourns meeting at 4:28 p.m.
Letter from Fergus Pilon offered without testimony by Rep. Wooten (EXHIBIT A) .		

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - HB 2821, letter, Rep. Wooten, 2 pp.