

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS

March 12, 1997 Hearing Room E

4:00 P.M. Tapes 19 - 20

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Lynn Snodgrass, Chair

Rep. Peter Courtney, Vice-Chair

Rep. Bill Markham

Rep. Ken Messerle

Rep. Bob Montgomery

Rep. Kitty Piercy

MEMBER EXCUSED:

Rep. Lee Beyer

STAFF PRESENT:

Judy Edstrom, Administrator

Valerie Luhr, Administrative Support

Kellie Shoemaker, Committee Clerk

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 2548 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 19, A		
005	Chair Snodgrass	Calls the meeting to order at 4: 06 p.m. Rep. Beyer is excused. Opens the public hearing on HB 2548.
<u>HB 2548 - PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
011	Judy Edstrom	Committee Administrator, reviews provisions of the measure.

017	David Buchanan	Executive Director, Oregon Common Cause. Previous testimony has run far afield of what the bill does. Oregon Common Cause's experience with campaign finance reform. Does not think the repeal of the portion of Ballot Measure 9 would be an improvement. * Agrees with Dave Moss as far as willing to live with portion that is left.
072	Buchanan	* We have drafted a bill hoping to send to this committee, which is currently being re-drafted. * Incorporating current tax credit. * Limits placed on campaign spending and fundraising. * Emphasis on individual contributions--smaller contributions. * Campaign spending, fundraising and contribution issues.
0104	Rep. Markham	Are you testifying on HB 2548? Are you passing or killing it?
0104	Buchanan	Does not favor deleting portions of Ballot Measure 9 that are still viable. Favors enhanced electronic filing; disagrees with portions that would repeal ballot measure 9.
0115	Rep. Markham	I haven't read the bill. Asks what the bill does.
	Chair Snodgrass	It does repeal all of Measure 9 and adds back electronic filing possibilities.
0119	Vice-Chair Courtney	Are you preparing something to go to the voters?
120	Buchanan	Says they are, and that Rep. Piercy has agreed to sponsor the measure.
128	Chair Snodgrass	How much money would be appropriate to run a house race?
129	Buchanan	They picked an amount higher than average but lower than the maximum.
147	Chair Snodgrass	Asks that if in the bill with which Rep. Piercy is helping, there is a number, is that how the number in Ballot Measure 9 came up.
	Buchanan	Explains how Ballot Measure 9 number was arrived.
	Rep. Markham	Asks what the numbers were.
160	Buchanan	\$20,000 for primary house race. \$40,000 for general senate.
	Rep. Markham	Would you index those?
	Buchanan	Yes.
162	Rep.	Why do we single out legislators, but didn't touch city councils and

	Montgomery	ballot measures?
	Buchanan	Supreme Court decided that Ballot Measure spending can't be limited. Local and district governments were not included because size of legislation. Precursor to Ballot Measure 9 was SB 416 in 1993 legislative session. When drafted, provisions were included that dealt with counties and districts. It was a seven page initiative.
191	Rep. Markham	Would you object if it were amended in the bill?
	Buchanan	No, that would be appropriate.
213	Rep. Messerle	Districts vary in size and is a major cost concern.
	Buchanan	That is appropriate. Square mileage of a district and add in increments. Would not tax the ingenuity of people who come up with the funding schemes. Get a basis by choosing large districts to see if spending is higher average and make a basis.
233	Chair Snodgrass	We are talking about the spending, not the expenses. Have any studies been done on the expenses of doing things.
	Buchanan	Talks about factors that have increased in the districts. Particular spending analysis could be done by looking at each candidate's spending report. Variations not as great for an open seat or an incumbent race.
265	Chair Snodgrass	Says it would be a good area to look into further.
	Buchanan	Comments on correlating of factors.
	Chair Snodgrass	\$20,000 amount for a house race? How many years did you go back to get the average of \$20,000?
	Buchanan	I don't remember, but probably a good number of years, I didn't do this calculation.
300	Chair Snodgrass	\$20,000 is not enough to get word out. Suggests Rep. Piercy keep that in mind.
	Rep. Markham	Was this bill written after the court threw it out?
	Chair Snodgrass	We decided to hear the bill to get conversation going about campaign finance reform.
		<p>Attorney, Portland, does not have prepared testimony.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Supports section 7 of this bill. * Political campaigns should spend money on reaching voters, not unnecessary paperwork. * Suggests a deadline of January 1, 1998, and after that, can be made electronically.

313	Dan Meek	<p>* Subsection 2 indicates that statements of contribution and expenditures filed electronically with the Secretary of State under this section, shall be made by Secretary of State for electronic access by the public, no later than 3 business days after the deadline for filing the statements.</p> <p>* Use of the Internet.</p> <p>* Only statements of contribution and expenditures filed electronically would be made available to public.</p> <p>* Supports Section 6 which requires weekly statements for candidates.</p> <p>Opposes provisions of a bill that repeal Measure 9, Oregon Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional solely on basis of Oregon Constitution, not the federal.</p>
TAPE 20, A		
004	Rep. Markham	The court repealed didn't they?
005	Meek	No, just invalidated certain provisions of Measure 9 based upon reading of Oregon Constitution. They can be amended. And is suggesting not to repeal them.
012	Rep. Markham	Is Bill Sizemore part of your group?
	Meek	He has attended some of our meetings. Does not have official membership.
	Rep. Markham	What about McIntire?
	Meek	McIntire is. Coalition for Initiative Rights doesn't have a formal membership.
026	Chuck Huntting	<p>Chair, Reform Party of Oregon.</p> <p>* Supports repeal of limits.</p> <p>* Supports electronic filing.</p>
047	Chair Snodgrass	Closes the public hearing on HB 2548. Declares the meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

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