

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS

March 19, 1997 Hearing Room E

4:00 P.M. Tapes 23 - 24

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Lynn Snodgrass, Chair

Rep. Peter Courtney, Vice-Chair

Rep. Lee Beyer

Rep. Bill Markham

Rep. Ken Messerle

Rep. Bob Montgomery

Rep. Kitty Piercy

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Rosemary Wood, Administrator

Valerie Luhr, Administrative Support

Kellie Shoemaker, Committee Clerk

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 2690 Public Hearing

HB 2001 Public Hearing

HJR 41 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 23, A		
	Chair	Calls the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Announces the House is convening a floor session, and the committee will be in recess until the floor session adjourns. The chair announces she will stay until all

004	Snodgrass	public testimony is heard. Recesses the meeting at 4:02 p.m.
015	Chair Snodgrass	Reconvenes the meeting at 4:51 p.m. as a subcommittee. They do not have a quorum. Announces the changes in the agenda. Opens the public hearing on HJR 41.
<u>HJR 41 - PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
024	Rosemary Wood	Committee Administrator, reviews provisions of the measure.
026	Rep. Charles Starr	House District 3, rural Washington County, submits and presents testimony [EXHIBIT A] in support of HJR 41.
059	Chair Snodgrass	Announces there are several who have signed up to testify who are all in favor of HJR 41.
067	Faith Gabrielson	Citizen, says she wants to honor Oregon's history and explains her involvement in the formation of Christian Heritage Month organization.
117	Gabrielson	Continues presentation. Encourages the committee to approve HJR 41.
157	Cheryl Munsell	Citizen, submits and presents testimony [EXHIBIT B] in favor of HJR 41.
207	Munsell	Continues testimony.
257	Munsell	Continues testimony.
307	Munsell	Continues testimony.
357	Munsell	Continues testimony.
390	Melanie Mansell	Attorney from Sheridan, Oregon summarizes the information in her letter she submitted [EXHIBIT C] in support of HJR 41.
TAPE 24, A		
001	Mansell	Continues testimony.
043	Chair Snodgrass	Says she is aware of the memorandum to which Ms. Mansell refers, and says that Ms. Mansell may be asked to come before the committee again if they have a work session on the measure.
050	Ron LaDuke	Citizen, comments in support of HJR 41.
086	Joe Bitz	Mulino, Oregon, comments in support of HJR 41. Comments on an attorney general's opinion in opposition to Christian Heritage Month.
126	Chair Snodgrass	Asks Mr. Bitz to keep his remarks to HJR 41.
128	Bitz	Continues his comments on rights for homosexuals.
150	Rep. Montgomery	States his objections to Mr. Bitz's comments that are not related to the bill.

156	Chair Snodgrass	Reminds Mr. Bitz that there are five other people signed up to testify on the bill.
160	Bitz	Continues his testimony.
190	Lou Beres	Executive Director, Christian Coalition of Oregon, comments in support of HJR 41.
227	Tex Stevens	Amity, Yamhill County, comments in support of HJR 41. Encourages the committee's support of the bill.
240	Vance Day	Constitutional attorney, Salem, comments in support of HJR 41. Refers to memorandum from David Schuman, Assistant Attorney General to Larry Harvey which indicates that HJR 41 would violate Oregon and federal constitutions, and states he does not believe the measure is unconstitutional.
262	Vaughn Longanecker	Beaverton, Oregon, comments in support of HJR 41.
311	Longanecker	Continues testimony.
360	Longanecker	Continues testimony.
380	Rep. Ron Sunseri	District 22, comments in support of HJR 41. This measure is simply a request for a large number of the citizens of the state to have a time where they can remember what actually took place.
TAPE 23, B		
011	Chair Snodgrass	Closes public hearing on HJR 41; opens public hearing on HB 2001.
<u>HB 2001 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
021	John Beatty	Oregon Initiative Committee, submits and summarizes testimony [EXHIBIT D] on HB 2001.
071	Beatty	The measure seeks to provide a method of providing more information on the initiative process. Continues testimony.
101	Beatty	Reviews withdrawal and replacement provisions. Continues testimony.
123	Beatty	Reviews value, structure, compensation, and term of service of review committee. Continues testimony.
179	Chair Snodgrass	Closes public hearing on HB 2001; notes will carry over all other bills on the agenda with the exception of HB 2690; opens public hearing on HB 2690.
<u>HB 2690 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
188	Rep. Courtney	Submits and presents testimony [EXHIBIT E] in support of HB 2690.
216	Rep. Courtney	References the newspaper articles he has submitted [EXHIBIT F] .

		Continues testimony.
226	Chair Snodgrass	Hopes that definition of paid signature gatherer would include individuals who work for an organization and therefore went out on the part of the organization and circulated petitions as opposed to a person who goes out on their own and is paid for the number of signatures.
	Rep. Courtney	Believes that individuals working for an organization should be included in the definition of a paid signature gatherer.
239	Chair Snodgrass	Would you consider a definition of that in your bill as an amendment?
	Rep. Courtney	Yes
274	Chair Snodgrass	It disturbs me that someone can work for an organization in the morning, be off and not be working for the organization, but can be collecting signatures for a petition as a volunteer that happens to relate to the organization.
297	Chair Snodgrass	Closes public hearing on HB 2096 and adjourns the meeting.
		(EXHIBIT G) from State Treasurer Jim Hill added to the meeting exhibits.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Valerie H. Luhr Rosemary Wood

Administrative Support Specialist Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - HJR 41, written testimony, Rep. Charles Starr, 2 pp

B - HJR 41, written testimony, Cheryl Munsell, 5 pp

C - HJR 41, written testimony, Melanie Mansell, 2 pp

D - HB 2001, written testimony, John Beatty, 8 pp

E - HB 2690, written testimony, Rep. Peter Courtney, 2 pp

F - HB 2690, written materials, Rep. Peter Courtney, 8 pp

G - HB 2001, written testimony, Jim Hill, 2 pp