HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS

June 6, 1997 Hearing Room D

8:30 AM Tapes 78 - 79

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Lynn Snodgrass, Chair

Rep. Peter Courtney, Vice-Chair

Rep. Lee Beyer

Rep. Jim Welsh

Rep. Ken Messerle

Rep. Kitty Piercy

Rep. Bill Markham

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Janet Adkins, Policy Analyst

Erik Deitz, Administrative Support

Kellie Shoemaker, Committee Clerk

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

SJR 40 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 86 Work Session

SB 224 Public Hearing

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. <u>Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words.</u> For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 78, A		
005	Chair Snodgrass	Calls meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., opens public hearing on SJR 40.

SJR 40 PUBLIC HEARING		
010	Janet Adkins	Policy Analyst, explains SJR 40 to committee and audience.
030	Sen. Randy Miller	District 13, testifies in favor of SJR 40, explains the importance of term limits, twelve years life time. The twelve years can be served in either chamber. Explains that California has a similar term limit plan.
080	Sen. Miller	States that a bill passed in the Senate that would allow an earlier application date for legislators.
090	Chair Snodgrass	Closes public hearing on SJR 40, opens work hearing on SJR 40.
SJR 40 WORK SESSION		
100	**Rep. Beyer**	**MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SJR 40 -A2 amendments dated 05/13/97 (EXHIBIT C).**
	Chair Snodgrass	**Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**
121	Chair Snodgrass	Closes work session on SJR 40, opens public hearing on SB 224.
SB 224 PUBLIC HEARING		
135	Adkins	Explains SB 224A and the -3 amendments to committee and audience **(EXHIBIT B)**.
180	Chair Snodgrass	Explains that the amendments are "gut and stuff." Asks Colleen Sealock for insight on SB 224.
205	Colleen Sealock	Director of Elections, Secretary of State's Office, testifies on SB 224A -3. Explains that the main concern of the bill's drafter was the way arguments were looked at in the voters pamphlet.
255	Sealock	Explains that her office has thirty days to look over arguments before the pamphlets has to go to press. Explains that arguments must refer to the ballot measure. States that the burden falls on to the Secretary of State's Office.
290	Chair Snodgrass	Asks if she wants the work to be done after the fact.
300	Sealock	Responds yes.
303	Rep. Beyer	Asks about specific wording of the bill.
315	Sealock	Responds that the same information still goes out but in a better time frame.
345	Rep. Beyer	Asks about the -3 amendments.
352	Sealock	Responds.

357	Rep. Piercy	Asks how many arguments were not in reference to the measure.
366	Sealock	Responds a few and gives some examples. Explains about a couple in Portland in the 1970's that filed arguments and filed as candidates but did not have anything to do with the ballot measure.
TAPE 79, A		
010	Al Davidson	Marion County Clerk, testifies in favor of some of the SB 224A -3 provisions, explains that county clerks may stop being published if there are too many problems.
025	Chair Snodgrass	Asks what can be put into the voter pamphlet.
030	Sealock	Responds that there are no restrictions in regard to wording that is allowed in the voter pamphlet.
037	Chair Snodgrass	Asks about the wording in SB 224.
043	Sealock	Responds that Chair Snodgrass has hit right on the reason for SB 224. Explains that current law allows for anybody to challenge advertisements in the pamphlet.
062	Chair Snodgrass	Asks to see the Ballot Measure 50 example.
067	Sealock	Shows committee how advertisements in the pamphlet that do not relate to Ballot Measure 50.
095	Sealock	Explains that the Secretary of State's office has no problems with the rest of the -3 amendments.
106	Davidson	Testifies in favor of the absentee ballot portions of the -3 amendments.
112	Sealock	Explains how SB 224A -3 relates to absentee voters.
130	Davidson	Explains how absentee ballots are handled.
140	Chair Snodgrass	Asks if SB 224A -3 would help manage labor.
145	Davidson	Responds that there will still be labor issues but that SB 224 will help.
160	Chair Snodgrass	Asks for any further suggestions. States that lowering the number of polling places is not included in the bill.
174	Davidson	Responds.
177	Sealock	Explains about language included in the League of Women Voters' arguments in the voters' pamphlet.
188	Chair Snodgrass	Closes public hearing on SB 224, recesses meeting at 9:24 am.
200	Chair Snodgrass	Re-opens meeting at 9:30 am, opens work session on SB 86.
SB 86 WORK SESSION		

205	Adkins	Explains SB 86 to committee and audience and -7 amendments **(EXHIBIT A)**.
215	Chair Snodgrass	Explains changes in SB 86 A.
220	**Rep. Beyer**	**MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 86B-7 amendments dated 06/05/97.**
225		**VOTE: 6-1** **AYE: 6 - Beyer, Markham, Messerle, Welsh, Piercy, Snodgrass** **NAY: 1 - Courtney**
230	**Chair Snodgrass**	**The motion CARRIES.**
235	**Rep. Beyer**	**MOTION: Moves SB 86B to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.**
240		**VOTE: 5-2** **AYE: 5 - Beyer, Markham, Messerle, Welsh, Snodgrass** **NAY: 2 - Courtney, Piercy**
	Chair Snodgrass	**The motion CARRIES.** **REP. MARKHAM will lead discussion on the floor.**
270	Vice-Chair Courtney	Gives notice of possible minority report.
275	Rep. Markham	Asks what the minority report might say.
280	Vice-Chair Courtney	Responds that he supports the original provisions prohibiting legislators from lobbying for a year.
281	Chair Snodgrass	Thanks Vice-Chair Courtney for letting the committee know that he would like a minority report.
292	Vice-Chair Courtney	Explains why he voted nay on SB 86.
312	Rep. Markham	Asks if there has been a problem in the past.
318	Vice-Chair Courtney	Responds that he can't think of anything but it opens the door for possible lawsuits.
332	Chair Snodgrass	Adjourns meeting at 9:39 am.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SB 86 B, -7 amendments, Staff, 1 p

B - SB 224, -3 amendments, Staff, 5 pp

C - SJR 40 A, -2 amendments, Staff, 1 p