

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS**

**June 9, 1997 Hearing Room D**

**8:30 AM Tapes 80 - 81**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Rep. Lynn Snodgrass, Chair**

**Rep. Peter Courtney, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Lee Beyer**

**Rep. Bill Markham**

**Rep. Ken Messerle**

**Rep. Jim Welsh**

**Rep. Kitty Piercy**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Janet Adkins, Policy Analyst**

**Cara Filsinger, Committee Administrator**

**Erik Deitz, Administrative Support**

**Kellie Shoemaker, Committee Clerk**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**SJM 4 Public Hearing and Work Session**

**SB 5 Public Hearing**

**SB 1117A Public Hearing**

**SB 931A Public Hearing**

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Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
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<b>TAPE 80, A</b>		
005	Chair Snodgrass	Calls meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., opens public hearing on SJM 4.
<b><u>SJM 4</u></b> <b><u>PUBLIC</u></b> <b><u>HEARING</u></b>		
010	Janet Adkins	Policy Analyst, explains SJM 4 to committee and audience.
011	Sen. Shirley Stull	District 4, testifies in favor of SJM 4. Commends underage veterans for serving in the United States military. Explains that this might encourage people to illegally enlist in the military but in that era things were different.
050	Rev. Liam Gerety	American Legion District Two, testifies in favor of SJM 4 ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ). Testifies that underage veterans should be allowed their retirement benefits. Explains that underage vets were discharged when their age was discovered.
100	Rev. Gerety	Explains how Charles Huey was in several different branches of the military when underage. Testifies about different wars Huey was in and the awards he received.
127	Charles Huey	Salem resident, testifies in favor of SJM 4. Explains that he wants to be recognized for service in the military. Wants organization to be recognized so the other people can come forward that are underage military veterans. Explains that he went into the service shortly after World War II. States if had not done what he had done he would not be married and have a great family.
177	Huey	Explains that several friends and family members served underage.
185	Steve Jolly	Salem resident, states that he was 14 years old when he enlisted in the military. Testifies in favor of SJM 4. Tells a story about his time in the military.
245	Jolly	States that he was never caught for manipulating his age but that he wants other people to be able to come forward and collect their benefits and be recognized for their service in the military. States that there are 1500 people nationwide that are underage veterans, three of them are here in the Salem area.
275	Huey	Explains that his group is fading out and that with computers young people today cannot enlist if they are underage.
288	Rep. Piercy	Thanks group for testifying. States that she was not going to support this bill but because of the testimony she is going to.
307	Jolly	Explains that with computers it is impossible to enlist underage.
312	Rep. Markham	Asks what kind of response the group has received from United States Congress or the Veterans Association.
325	Jolly	Responds.
332	Chair	Asks what date underage veterans were recognized by the government.

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340	Jolly	Responds 1991.
360	Chair Snodgrass	Closes public hearing on SJM 4, opens work session.
<b><u>SJM 4 WORK SESSION</u></b>		
370	<b>Rep. Markham</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves SJM 4 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.</b>
375		<b>VOTE: 5-0</b>  <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b>  <b>EXCUSED: 2 - Courtney, Beyer</b>
	<b>Chair Snodgrass</b>	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>  <b>REP. WELSH will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
376	Chair Snodgrass	Closes work session on SJM 4, opens public hearing on SB 5.
<b><u>SB 5 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
380	Cara Filsinger	Administrator, explains SB 5 and -1 amendments to committee and audience ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
<b><u>TAPE 81, A</u></b>		
005	David Hooper	Oregon State Lottery, testifies in favor of SB 5 ( <b>EXHIBIT C, D</b> ).
020	Rep. Markham	Asks how many audits are done each biennium.
030	Hooper	Responds one every two years.
033	Chair Snodgrass	Asks for Hooper to explain the -1 amendments.
057	Hooper	Explains the -1 amendments to committee.
066	Rep. Piercy	Asks what a professional representative is.
070	Hooper	Responds a person who would be qualified to take the Certified Public Accountant's exam. Explains some of the wording in the bill.
087	Chair Snodgrass	Closes public hearing on SB 5, opens public hearing on SB 1117.
<b><u>SB 1117 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
095	Filsinger	Explains SB 1117 to committee and audience.

107	Jessica Harris	Legislative Assistant for Sen. Hamby testifies in favor of SB 1117 <b>(EXHIBIT E)</b> .
123	Pam Ruona	Capitol Chapter of the Oregon's Woman's Political Caucus, testifies in favor of SB 1117 <b>(EXHIBIT F)</b> . Testifies about the importance of gender balance.
150	Jane Edwards	Oregon resident, testifies in favor of SB 1117.
179	Rep. Markham	Asks about percentages depending on how many people of each race in the state.
184	Ruona	Responds that it depends on how many people of color there are in each area of the state. Explains that there should be a minority on each commission.
210	Harris	Explains that if a minority does not apply for a commission one does not need to be appointed.
220	Rep. Markham	Asks if the Governor is doing a good job with ethnic diversity.
230	Harris	Responds that the Governor is doing a good job.
234	Rep. Messerle	Asks what exactly the bill does.
235	Harris	Responds.
240	Rep. Piercy	Explains that she is happy that this bill has been brought forward.
250	Rep. Markham	Asks about specific wording in the bill.
255	Edwards	Responds.
280	Chair Snodgrass	Asks if Ruona would like to see a quota.
291	Ruona	Responds no, but that she would like to see a variety of members.
299	Chair Snodgrass	Asks if diversity is not addressed, what is the punishment?
308	Ruona	Responds that there would be no punishment, it just brings equality issues to light.
324	Rep. Markham	Asks if the League of Women Voters was involved.
329	Ruona	Responds no.
332	Chair Snodgrass	Asks about specific wording in the bill.
338	Ruona	Responds that the Governor appoints most of the members of the commissions.
350	Chair Snodgrass	Explains that she worked in the personnel department at a private company. Explains that one year no minorities applied but the next year two applied and one was hired so a report would show a 100 percent

		increase, but it would be misleading.
385	Edwards	Responds that employment advertising has a lot to do with applicants.
395	Chair Snodgrass	Asks if there is going to be a fiscal impact.
408	Harris	Responds no.
412	Chair Snodgrass	Explains that percentages of minorities depends on how many people apply.
445	Edwards	States that she works on the Developmental Disability Commission and she would like to see more fathers on the board.
472	Edwards	Testifies that she served on the dentistry commission and that there were no women. So they decided to recruit women and this sort of thing needs to be done more often.
<b><u>TAPE 80, B</u></b>		
060	Rep. Messerle	Asks how recruitment is done and what exactly it entails.
070	Harris	Responds that appointments need diversity.
080	Edwards	Explains that a more diverse group of people need to apply. States that Sen. Shannon supports this bill.
095	Rep. Piercy	Suggests that during recruitment there needs to be a statement on applications that a diverse group of people are being looked for. States that Women's Rights Coalitions supports SB 1117.
116	Chair Snodgrass	Asks about line fifteen in the bill. Closes public hearing, opens public hearing on SB 931A.
<b><u>SB 931A PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
125	Adkins	Explains SB 931 to committee and audience.
135	Sen. Gary George	District 2, testifies in favor of SB 931. Explains that other public entities would be interested in operating state parks. States that this bill would be more economical than the current system.
166	Rep. Messerle	Asks about wording in the bill.
170	Sen. George	Responds that he would not like private entities to operate the parks and that the money comes back to the state.
180	Rep. Markham	Asks why there is maximum payment limit.
184	Sen. George	Responds.
187	Chair Snodgrass	Asks about the 66 percent limit.
191	Sen. George	Responds that there are costs involved even if the park is closed.

197	Chair Snodgrass	Asks about specific numbers in the bill.
200	Sen. George	Responds that some parks are expensive to maintain.
220	Nan Evans	Testifies in favor of SB 931, explains that State Parks can enter into a contract with other state agencies under current law.
270	Rep. Messerle	Asks if the authority is there now, why is SB 931 necessary?
276	Evans	Responds this is a tough decision and that States Parks are operating under tight fiscal restraints. The bill is there as a reflection of the tight fiscal restraints.
295	Chair Snodgrass	Asks if the limit at only 66 percent would hurt the state in bargaining agreements.
306	Evans	Responds yes.
310	Chair Snodgrass	States that she is concerned about parks closing.
324	Evans	Explains that it is a reflection of the fiscal restrictions that the parks are under.
337	Chair Snodgrass	Closes public hearing on SB 931, adjourns meeting at 9:59 a.m.

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - SB 5, -1 amendments, Janet Adkins, 1 p**

**B - SJM 4, written testimony, Rev. Liam Gerety, 2 pp**

**C - SB 5, written testimony, David Hooper, 2 pp**

**D - SB 5, written testimony, David Hooper, 1 p**

**E - SB 1117, written testimony, Norma Paulus, 1 p**

**F - SB 1117, written testimony, Pamela Ruona, 2 pp**