

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SJR 34B

July 4, 1997 Hearing Room A

1:15 PM Tape 1

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Randy Miller, Chair

Sen. Gene Derfler

Rep. Lee Beyer

Rep. Ken Messerle

Rep. Lynn Snodgrass

MEMBER EXCUSED:

Sen. Thomas Wilde

STAFF PRESENT:

Jan Nordlund, Administrator

Paul Zolezzi, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

SJR 34B Work Session

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Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 1, A		
003	Chair Miller	Convenes meeting at 1:15 PM and opens work session on SJR 34B.
<u>SJR 34B WORK SESSION</u>		
006	Jan Nordlund	Committee Administrator submits handout contrasting SJR 34A to SJR 34B and House amendments dated 06/19/97 (EXHIBIT A).
008	Chair Miller	Contrasts SJR 34A to SJR 34 B. States willingness to concede to language on page 2, lines 2-3 of House Amendments dated 06/19/97. Discusses legislator salary issues.

010	Sen. Miller	MOTION: Moves to accept SJR 34B language on page 2, lines 2-3 of House Amendments dated 06/19/97.
		EXCUSED: 1 - Wilde
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
017	Chair Miller	Advocates referral date of May 1998 and provides reasons for doing so.
028	Rep. Beyer	States concern that voter turnout may be lower in May than in November.
031	Chair Miller	Contrasts dedication and interest levels of May voters to November voters. Reiterates support for May referral.
042	Rep. Messerle	States support for May referral and provides reasons for doing so.
043	Sen. Miller	MOTION: Moves to AMEND SJR 34B House amendments dated 06/19/97 on page 2, after line 5 by inserting language that states that measure will be referred to voters in May 1998.
		EXCUSED: 1 - Wilde
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
047	Rep. Snodgrass	Discusses language on page 1, section 10c (2) of House amendments. States support for even-numbered year sessions beginning in January instead of February and provides reasons for doing so.
055	Chair Miller	States support for even-numbered year sessions beginning in February and provides reasons for doing so. Provides anecdotal evidence in support of position.
090	Chair Miller	States support for even-numbered year sessions lasting not more than 45 days. Provides anecdotal evidence in support of position.
120	Sen. Derfler	States support for 45 day even-numbered year sessions.
127	Rep. Beyer	States support for language allowing flexibility regarding length of sessions.
141	Rep. Messerle	States concerns about 45 day session and provides reasons for doing so.
146	Chair Miller	Discusses staffing issues. Explains purpose of second session.
179	Sen. Miller	MOTION: Moves to AMEND SJR 34B House Amendments dated 06/19/97 on page 1, line 32 by changing "60" to "45".
		EXCUSED: 1 - Wilde
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
185	Chair Miller	Discusses page 1, section 10b of House amendments relating to organizational session and states support for deleting associated

		language.
200	Rep. Snodgrass	States support for organizational session and provides reasons for doing so.
223	Rep. Beyer	Provides anecdotal evidence in support of organizational session.
245	Sen. Derfler	States support for organizational session and provides reasons for doing so.
285	Chair Miller	Reiterates opposition to language on page 1, section 10b of House amendments. Discusses section 4 of amendments.
338	Sen. MILLER:	MOTION: Moves to AMEND SJR 34B House amendments dated 06/19/97 on page 1, line 7 by deleting "December" and restoring "January".
		EXCUSED: 1 - Wilde
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
010	Sen. Miller	MOTION: Moves to accept SJR 34B language on page 1, lines 27-29 of House Amendments dated 06/19/97.
		EXCUSED: 1 - Wilde
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
350	Sen. Miller	MOTION: Moves to AMEND SJR 34B House amendments dated 06/19/97 on page 1, by deleting lines 21-26.
		EXCUSED: 1 - Wilde
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
358	Nordlund	States that language on page 2, lines 2-3 of House amendments allow members to receive per diem during first extension of a regular session.
360	Rep. Snodgrass	Explains need for language on page 2, lines 2-3 of House amendments.
398	Nordlund	Explains language on page 2, lines 2-3 of House amendments.
408	Rep. Snodgrass	*MOTION: Moves SJR 34B AS AMENDED be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
410		EXCUSED: 1 - Wilde
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. MILLER and REP. SNODGRASS will lead discussion on the floors. * Adopted amendments later became SJR 34-B7 conference committee amendments dated 07/04/97 (EXHIBIT B).
420	Chair Miller	Closes work session and adjourns meeting at 2:10 PM.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Paul Zolezzi, Jan Nordlund,
Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SJR 34B overview handout and House amendments, staff, 2 pp.

B - SJR 34-B7 conference committee amendments, staff, 2 pp.