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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PARKS

May 8, 1997 Hearing Room 137

3:00 P.M. Tapes 46 - 47

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Gary George, Chair

Sen. Bill Dwyer, Vice-Chair

Sen. Joan Dukes

Sen. Verne Duncan

Sen. Veral Tarno

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Glen Stonebrink, Administrator

Linda Spaulding, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

HJR 23A Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 1022 Work Session

SB 908 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 46, A		
002	Chair George	Calls the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. Opens public hearing on HJR 23A.
<u>HJR 23A - PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
008	Chair George	Closes public hearing on HJR 23A. Opens work session on HJR 23A.
<u>HJR 23A - WORK SESSION</u>		
12	Sen. DUNCAN:	MOTION: Moves HJR 23A be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
		VOTE: 5-0
		AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
	Chair George	The motion CARRIES.
		SEN. DUNCAN will lead discussion on the floor.
027	Chair George	Closes work session on HJR 23A. Calls recess at 3:18 p.m.
036	Chair George	Reconvenes the meeting at 3:45 p.m. Opens work session on SB 1022.
<u>SB 1022 - WORK SESSION</u>		
037	Chair George	Presents proposed -5 amendments to SB 1022 (EXHIBIT A).
039	Sen. Tarno	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 1022-5 amendments dated 05/08/97.
		VOTE: 5-0
	Chair George	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
045	Sen. Tarno	MOTION: Moves SB 1022 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 5-0

		AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
	Chair George	The motion CARRIES. Sen. SHANNON will lead discussion on the floor.
067	Chair George	Closes work session on SB 1022. Calls committee to ease at 3:45. Opens public hearing on SB 908.
074	Chair George	Reconvenes the meeting at 3:59 p.m. Opens public hearing on SB 908.
<u>SB 908 - PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
078	Rep. Mike Fahey	State Representative, District 17 Supports proposed -3 amendments (EXHIBIT B).
092	Sen. Dwyer	Comments State Boxing and Wrestling Commission are paid travel and per diem.
093	Rep. Fahey	Agrees, saying director is paid, but gate receipts are inadequate to cover expenses.
105	Sen. Dwyer	Asks why Oregon is unable to provide wrestling and boxing events.
106	Rep. Fahey	Answers lack of incentive.
117	Sen. Dwyer	Asks the difference between proposed -3 amendments and HB 3578.
122	Rep. Fahey	Answers none. Adds amateur sports split 50-50 with Children's Trust Fund.
130	Sen. Dwyer	Responds.
136	Sen. Duncan	Asks why groups are not coming to Oregon.
140	Rep. Fahey	Suggests committee hear additional testimony.
166	Sen. Dwyer	Clarifies HB 3578 mirrors the -3 amendments except for references to Children's Trust Fund.
176	Sen. Tarno	Comments HB 3578 allows for two distinct commissions.
179	Rep. Fahey	Replies wrestling and boxing are different sports with different audiences.
198	Sen. Dwyer	Asks how one determines why events are not occurring in Oregon.
209	Rep. Fahey	Suggests asking Commissioner Anderson.
215	Chair George	States Mr. Anderson has offered open testimony in Sen. George's office.
220	Bruce Anderson	Director, Boxing and Wrestling Commission Opens questions to committee.

235	Sen. Dukes	Confirms Commission organization with Mr. Anderson as Executive Director.
241	Anderson	Agrees.
243	Sen. Dukes	Assumes he is paid.
243	Anderson	Answers affirmatively.
244	Sen. Dukes	Confirms that volunteer Commissioners receive travel and per diem expenses.
245	Anderson	Replies yes.
246	Sen. Dukes	Asks length of time Oregon has had a Box and Wrestling Commission.
247	Anderson	Answers ten years.
248	Sen. Dukes	Confirms Commission is housed with State Police.
248	Anderson	Answers yes, since 1993.
249	Sen. Dukes	Asks length of time language in Commission rules booklet has been in effect.
258	Anderson	Answers since 1993.
269	Sen. Dukes	Comments Commission has full authority for making rules.
274	Anderson	Agrees.
280	Sen. Dukes	Asks with respect to low gate receipts.
289	Anderson	Confirms few wrestling events account for low gate receipts.
293	Sen. Dukes	Asks number of wrestling events in 1996.
294	Anderson	Estimates two or three.
295	Sen. Dukes	Asks if this figure is typical in other states.
296	Anderson	Answers yes.
306	Sen. Dukes	Inquires regarding level of activity in other states.
312	Anderson	Remarks he is unfamiliar with activity in other states.
313	Sen. Dukes	Asks if Commission consults with similar entities in other states.
318	Anderson	Replies no; states Oregon needs a promoter.
322	Sen. Dukes	Confirms Oregon has no promoters.
323	Anderson	Answers one inactive licensed promoter resides in Eugene.
325	Sen. Dukes	Asks how State got three matches.
327	Anderson	Answers through Eugene promoter.
333	Sen. Dukes	Asks if Commission promotes the sport.
340	Anderson	Answers no.
351	Sen. Dukes	Comments Commission exists to regulate but does not promote the sport.
357	Anderson	Describes role of Commission.
363	Sen. Dukes	Asks the nature of his job.

377	Anderson	Replies.
400	Sen. Dukes	Asks for specific job description.
404	Anderson	Responds.
TAPE 47, A		
007	Sen. Duncan	Clarifies role of Commission in State government.
015	Sen. Dukes	Says she understands that Commission falls under State Police.
020	Sen. Duncan	Comments.
025	Sen. Dwyer	Comments State Police adopts administrative rules. Asks why Oregon does not attract World Wrestling Federation (WWF).
035	Anderson	Explains history of WWF in Oregon.
079	Anderson	States WWF's decision to avoid Portland Rose Garden was financially based; product is marketed through Pay-Per-View TV.
107	Chair George	Asks what regulated industry is referred to in Boxing and Wrestling Rules if no industry exists.
116	Anderson	Explains history of industry decline.
144	Chair George	Asks Rep. Fahey to explain one-night gates.
148	Rep. Fahey	Lists gate receipts for various national boxing/wrestling events.
167	Sen. Dwyer	Asks for response with regard to drug testing.
168	Rep. Fahey	Answers he cannot explain policy; is not opposed to HIV testing.
185	Chair George	Asks if Oregon has an industry that requires regulation.
187	Rep. Fahey	Answers no.
215	Anderson	Comments with respect to WWF in the Portland Rose Garden.
254	Chair George	Asks if WWF practices use of "blood" capsules.
255	Anderson	Answers yes.
262	Chair George	Asks if he would support proposed -1 amendment.
263	Anderson	Answers he supports banning commission and blood sports in Oregon.
265	Chair George	Says those are provisions of proposed -1 amendments.
266	Anderson	States he would support proposed -1 amendments.
270	Sen. Tarno	Asks how State would handle blood sports in Indian casinos.
273	Anderson	Explains.
278	Chair George	Comments Commission has no jurisdiction over Tribes.
283	Anderson	Refers to federal statute with respect to Tribes.
300	Chair George	Comments.
310	Anderson	Confirms statute would contain rules.
312	Chair George	Replies State Police would provide oversight.
313	Anderson	Answers Tribes could contract with State Police for regulatory oversight.

333	Chair George	Asks if Tribes would agree to come under Commission's jurisdiction.
340	Anderson	Answers federal law requires Tribal commission to adopt rules.
344	Chair George	Asks, given their own commission, if Tribes would promote events using rules book.
346	Anderson	Answers book does not prevent sports promotions.
351	Chair George	Comments.
350	Anderson	Response
363	Chair George	States citizen requests indicate desire for the industry.
376	Anderson	Response
382	Chair George	Comment
383	Anderson	Response
390	Sen. Dukes	Assumes there are good promoters.
394	Anderson	Comments boxing has a good promoter.
401	Sen. Dukes	Asks if there is only one promoter.
405	Anderson	Explains costs related to promoting a sports event.
437	Sen. Dukes	Confirms lack of interest discourages promoters.
441	Anderson	Concurs. Explains developing a fan base requires investment.
TAPE 46, B		
013	Sen. Dukes	Asks if Oregon is unique with respect to declining industry.
014	Anderson	Answers no.
028	Sen. Dwyer	Supports regulated boxing and wrestling.
083	Chair George	Asks how he relates comments to -1 amendments.
085	Sen. Dwyer	Explains.
098	Sen. Tarno	Asks Mr. Anderson's opinion of language in HB 3578 with respect to two separate commissions.
106	Sen. Duncan	Asks if response should come from Mr. Anderson personally or as representative of the Commission.
108	Sen. Tarno	Answers representing the Commission.
112	Anderson	Says Commission opposes all amendments.
159	Chair George	Asks for whom he was speaking in support of -1 amendments.
161	Anderson	Answers Commission favors abolishing Commission and all activities.
167	Chair George	Asks if a record exists of the meeting.
170	Anderson	States Commission opposes all amendments.
176	Chair George	Confirms he was stating personal opinion with respect to -1 amendments.
177	Anderson	Answers yes.

179	Sen. Dwyer	Asks what rules would govern two commissions in Rep. Fahey's bill.
198	Sen. Duncan	Requests testimony and recommendation from State Police.
200	Sen. Dukes	Asks if Commission met last evening.
201	Anderson	Answers no; states he polled the commissioners.
205	Sen. Dukes	Confirms commissioners met in April for purpose of discussing this issue.
206	Anderson	Answers yes.
210	Sen. Dukes	Requests a transcript of legislation discussed at that meeting.
211	Anderson	Replies he will provide transcript.
214	Rep. Fahey	Describes boxing history in Oregon; expresses ideas relating to industry decline.
305	Greg Willeford	Director, Oregon Department of State Police Gaming Enforcement (EXHIBIT C) Opposes proposed -3 amendments; explains conflicts with amendment.
373	Chair George	Asks him to work with Rep. Fahey to clarify concerns and develop appropriate language.
375	Chair George	Submits public testimony (EXHIBIT D) , (EXHIBIT E) , respectively. Closes public hearing on SB 908. Adjourns the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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Administrative Support Administrator

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SB 1022, proposed -5 amendments, staff, 2 pp

B - SB 908, proposed -3 amendments, staff, 17 pp

C - SB 908, written testimony, Greg Willeford, 1 p

D - SB 908, written testimony, staff, 3 pp

E - SB 908. written testimony, staff, 1 p
