

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS

June 26, 1997 Hearing Room 343

10:00 AM Tapes 121 - 122

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Randy Miller, Chair

Sen. Gene Derfler, Vice-Chair

Sen. Neil Bryant

Sen. Randy Leonard

Sen. Cliff Trow

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jan Nordlund, Administrator

Dick Yates, Economist

Jennifer Peck, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Executive Appointments:

Oregon Racing Commission

State Marine Board

Tri-Met Board

Board of Commissioners of Oregon International Port of Coos Bay

HB 3734 Public Hearing and Work Session

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 121, A		
	Chair	Opens meeting at 10:05 a.m. and opens public

002	Miller	hearing on Oregon Racing Commission.
<u>EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT - OREGON RACING COMMISSION</u>		
015		Staff presents EXHIBIT A .
016	Buzz Ortiz	Explains reasons he should be considered for the commission. States he would be a good representative of a good section of the population.
030	Chair Miller	Asks about his experiences.
033	Ortiz	States he has no experience in racing.
047	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing.
056	Lynn Parton	Expresses the regrets of Peter Tarzian and Monica Hardy who were unable to attend today's meeting.
062	Chair Miller	Explains his plan for executive appointments.
066	Chair Miller	Recesses meeting at 10:11 a.m., until 1:45 p.m.
067	Chair Miller	Reconvenes meeting at 1:54 p.m. and opens public hearing on HB 3734.
<u>HB 3734 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
085	Ray Wilkeson	Oregon Forest Industries Council. Presents testimony in support of HB 3734 (EXHIBIT D). Explains the effects of HB 3734.
113	Sen. Leonard	Asks for comments on a letter from the Governor.
120	Wilkeson	Explains the current taxes.
129	Sen. Leonard	Asks if the historical analyses in the Governor's letter are correct.
134	Wilkeson	States they seem to be.
141	Sen. Leonard	Asks for comments on the Governor's proposal.
151	Wilkeson	Explains the effects of the proposal. States comparisons should be made between types of land, not industries.
174	Chair Miller	Asks for comments on the Governor's treatment of landowners.
178	Wilkeson	Comments on fixed tax rates.

187	Sen. Leonard	Refers to possible amendments on SB 1215.
202	Linc Cannon	Oregon Forest Industries Council. Comments on the bulk of taxes which are paid.
212	Tim Nesbitt	Oregon Public Employees Union. Presents testimony in opposition to HB 3734 (EXHIBIT E).
231	Sen. Leonard	Asks about savings which may occur.
239	Nesbitt	Comments on the implementation of Ballot Measure 50 affecting HB 3734. Discusses tax comparisons.
290	Nesbitt	Comments on further business taxes. States the tax system is full of inequities. Details further tax figures.
350	Jim Manary	Department of Revenue. Presents proposed -A14 amendments (EXHIBIT F). Explains the effects of the -A14 amendments. Comments on a tax system which would be easier to deal with.
420	Sen. Leonard	Asks about the current tax figures and what they are based on.
429	Manary	Explains the process for taxing the timber. States income tax is paid on the sold timber.
TAPE 122, A		
001	Sen. Leonard	Asks what the value of the land is based upon.
010	Manary	Explains how the value of the land is determined.
014		Discussion of how taxes are determined from the land value.
024	Sen. Leonard	Asks about comparisons to farm lands.
033	Manary	Explains taxes based upon assessed values for the land.
040		Discussion to clarify how varied properties would be taxed differently.
092	Chair Miller	Comments on timber harvesting. Closes public hearing on HB 3734 and recesses meeting at 2:27 p.m. until a quorum is present.
126	Chair Miller	Reconvenes meeting at 3:45 p.m. and opens work session on HB 3734.
HB 3734 WORK SESSION		
133	Chair Miller	Explains the -A14 amendments.
139	Sen.	Asks if there are time changes.

	Derfler	
140	Chair Miller	States there are.
144	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 3734-A14 amendments dated 6/26/97.
		VOTE: 5-0 AYE: 5 - Bryant, Derfler, Leonard, Trow, Miller
	Chair Miller	The motion CARRIES.
147	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves HB 3734 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 3-2 AYE: 3 - Bryant, Derfler, Miller NAY: 2 - Leonard, Trow
	Chair Miller	The motion CARRIES. SEN. BRYANT will lead discussion on the floor.
153	Sen. Leonard	Serves notice of filing a possible minority report.
155	Chair Miller	Closes work session on HB 3734 and opens public hearing on State Marine Board.
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS - STATE MARINE BOARD		
		Staff presents EXHIBIT B.
163	Chair Miller	Comments on the appointment of James Whitty. Closes public hearing and opens work session.
167	Sen. Leonard	MOTION: Moves the appointment of James Whitty to the State Marine Board to the floor with the recommendation that the appointment be confirmed.
		VOTE: 3-0 AYE: 3 - Bryant, Leonard, Miller EXCUSED: 2 - Derfler, Trow
	Chair Miller	The motion CARRIES. SEN. LEONARD will lead discussion on the floor.
172	Chair Miller	Closes work session and opens public hearing on Tri-Met Board.

<u>EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS - TRI-MET BOARD</u>		
		Staff presents EXHIBIT C.
173	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing and opens work session.
174	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves the appointment of George Passadore to the Tri-Met Board to the floor with the recommendation that the appointment be confirmed.
		VOTE: 3-0 AYE: 3 - Bryant, Leonard, Miller EXCUSED: 2 - Derfler, Trow
	Chair Miller	The motion CARRIES. SEN. MILLER will lead discussion on the floor.
178	Chair Miller	Closes work session and re-opens public hearing on the State Marine Board.
<u>EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS - STATE MARINE BOARD</u>		
		Staff presents EXHIBIT G.
180	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing and opens work session.
183	Sen. Bryant	MOTION: Moves the re-appointment of Nancy Hungerford to the State Marine Board to the floor with the recommendation that the appointment be confirmed.
		VOTE: 3-0 AYE: 3 - Bryant, Leonard, Miller EXCUSED: 2 - Derfler, Trow
	Chair Miller	The motion CARRIES. SEN. BRYANT will lead discussion on the floor.
185	Chair Miller	Closes work session and opens public hearing on Oregon Racing Commission.
<u>EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS - OREGON RACING COMMISSION</u>		
		Staff presents EXHIBIT H.
186	Chair	Closes public hearing and opens work session.

	Miller	
187	Sen. Leonard	MOTION: Moves the re-appointment of Laura Fine to the Oregon Racing Commission to the floor with the recommendation that the appointment be confirmed.
		VOTE: 3-0 AYE: 3 - Bryant, Leonard, Miller EXCUSED: 2 - Derfler, Trow
	Chair Miller	The motion CARRIES. SEN. LEONARD will lead discussion on the floor.
195	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves the appointment of Baltazar Ortiz to the Oregon Racing Commission to the floor with the recommendation that the appointment be confirmed.
		VOTE: 3-0 AYE: 3 - Bryant, Leonard, Miller EXCUSED: 2 - Derfler, Trow
	Chair Miller	The motion CARRIES. SEN. MILLER will lead discussion on the floor.
200	Chair Miller	Closes work session and opens public hearing on Board of Commissioners of the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay.
<u>EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE OREGON INTERNATIONAL PORT OF COOS BAY</u>		
		Staff presents EXHIBIT I, EXHIBIT J, and EXHIBIT K.
197	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing and opens work session.
205	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves the re-appointments of Kathleen Grossman and Mike Waldrop and the appointment of Gary Gregor to the Board of Commissioners of the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay to the floor with the recommendation that the appointments be confirmed en bloc.
		VOTE: 3-0

		AYE: 3 - Bryant, Leonard, Miller
		EXCUSED: 2 - Derfler, Trow
	Chair Miller	The motion CARRIES. SEN. MILLER will lead discussion on the floor.
217	Chair Miller	Closes work session and adjourns meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Oregon Racing Commission, executive appointment of Buzz Ortiz, staff, 6 pp

B - State Marine Board, executive appointment of James Whitty, staff, 14 pp

C - Tri-Met Board, executive appointment of George Passadore, staff, 14 pp

D - HB 3734, written testimony, Ray Wilkeson, 3 pp

E - HB 3734, written testimony, Tim Nesbitt, 4 pp

F - HB 3734, proposed -A14 amendments, Jim Manary, 1 p

G - State Marine Board, executive appointment of Nancy Hungerford, staff, 13 pp

H - Oregon Racing Commission, executive appointment of Laura Fine, staff, 11 pp

I - Oregon International Port of Coos Bay, executive appointment of Gary Gregor, staff, 16 pp

J - Oregon International Port of Coos Bay, executive appointment of Kathleen Grossman, staff, 8 pp

K - Oregon International Port of Coos Bay, executive appointment of Mike Waldrop, staff, 9 pp