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SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS

February 11, 1997 Hearing Room 343

3:00 P.M. Tapes 5 - 7

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

Ed Rose, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

SB 138 Public Hearing

SB 219 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 222 Public Hearing

LC 140 Introduction of Committee Bill

LC 2246-1 Introduction of Committee Bill

LC 2246-2 Introduction of Committee Bill

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 5, A		
010	Chair Miller	Opens meeting at 3:05 p.m.
<u>SB 138 - PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
013	Chair Miller	Opens public hearing on SB 138
016	Katy Coba	Governor's Office, provides background and testifies in favor of SB 138
		Discusses:
		(Overview of current senate confirmation requirements
		(Proposes amendment which would add the State Veterinary Medical Examining Board to the listing for removal from the requirement for senate confirmation
043	Sen. Derfler	Comments that this bill will generate less workload on the committee and less expenditure for the government
060	Sen. Trow	Discusses:
		(Criteria used to choose the appointments which would not require senate confirmation
		(Previous efforts by governors to eliminate senate confirmation requirements
99	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on SB 138
<u>SB 219 - PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
100	Chair Miller	Opens public hearing on SB 219

104	Phil Keisling	Secretary of State, provides an overview and testifies in support of SB 219 (EXHIBIT A)
122	Sen. Bryant	Questions if this could be accomplished by rule
131	Randy Tucker	Environmental Advocate, Oregon State Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG). Testifies for SB 219 (EXHIBIT B)
		Discusses:
		(Provides history and introduces OSPIRG
		(Amendments to the Oregon Constitution
		(Provision requiring that the letter "L" be added to legislative referrals
181	David Buchanan	Executive Director, Oregon Common Cause. Reads written testimony in support for SB 219. (EXHIBIT C)
206	Kappy Eaton	Government Chair, League of Women Voters of Oregon, submits written testimony in support of SB 219. (EXHIBIT D)
210	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on SB 219
<u>SB 219 - WORK SESSION</u>		
211	Chair Miller	Opens work session on SB 219
212	Sen. Leonard	MOTION: Moves SB 219 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. LEONARD will lead discussion on the floor.
219	Chair Miller	Closes work session on SB 219.
<u>SB 222 - PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
220	Chair Miller	Opens public hearing on SB 222
225	Phil Kiesling	Secretary of State, provides an overview and testifies in support of SB 222 (EXHIBIT E)
		Discusses:
		(Improvements to voter s' pamphlet
		(Cost to distribute voters' pamphlet
		(Proposed layout of voters' pamphlet

		(Quality of voters' pamphlet
341	Sen. Leonard	Discusses:
		(Possible amendment to include a list of supporters/opponents for measures
		(Limiting space for arguments
TAPE 6, A		
019	Chair Miller	Discusses:
		(Cost of previous voters' pamphlet
		(Total cost recouped from previous pamphlet production
		(Amendments offered by Keisling
		(Maintain \$500 fee for submitting argument
		(Incorporate explicit authority to provide for a special election voters' pamphlet
		(Number of voters' pamphlets produced
		(Distribution of voters' pamphlets
053	Colleen Sealock	Secretary of State's Office, Election Director, provides additional information on the distribution of pamphlets
094	Sen. Leonard	Discusses layout for the pages of arguments
106	Sen. Trow	Discusses importance of publishing a voters' pamphlet
155	Sandra Bishop	League of Women Voters of Oregon, Representative
	Kappy Eaton	League of Women Voters of Oregon, Government Chair, provides background and testifies in support of SB 222 (EXHIBIT F)
165	Eaton	Discusses:
		(Oregon election laws
		(Reformatting voters' pamphlet
		(Reducing the number of arguments
		(California and Montana voters' pamphlets
		(Using the voters' pamphlet as an educational tool
259	Chair Miller	Discusses:
		(Ballot measures
		(Misleading statements and nonfactual information
		(Cost effectiveness
390	Bishop	Discusses:

		(Nonpartisanship of the Oregon League of Womens Voters
		(Usefulness of voters' pamphlet
TAPE 5, B		
019	Sen. Leonard	Discusses:
		(Pages purchased by private individuals not associated with a political committee
		(Increasing the fee to submit an argument
061	Laurie Wimmer	Government Relations Consultant, Oregon Education Association, Oregon Association of Classified Employees. Summarizes written testimony in opposition to SB 222 (EXHIBIT G)
094	Chair Miller	Discusses:
		(Amount of information provided to make decisions
		(Fee to submit an argument in voters' pamphlet
		(Power of Secretary of State to select authors of opposition argument
117	Sen. Leonard	Comments on proposed amendments
139	Dave Fidanque	Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), addresses concerns and testifies against SB 222
181	Sen. Bryant	Inquires on the number of people using the petition method to qualify signatures
189	Bill Lindon	Representative, Public Affairs Council. Provides background of Public Affairs Council and expresses opposition to SB 222
249	Dave Moss	Representing Associated Oregon Industries, neutral on SB 222
		Expresses concerns:
		(Pamphlet becoming less user-friendly
		(Reorganizing the presentation of the voters' pamphlet
		(Price for the 1.2 million distribution
318	Sen. Derfler	Discusses the influence of the voters' pamphlet
344	Chair Miller	Discusses the role of the pamphlet in the election process
365	Anne Hill	Oregon Public Employees Union. Reads written testimony in opposition to SB 222 (EXHIBIT H)
386	Dianna McCoy	Oregon American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). Reads written testimony in opposition to SB 222 (EXHIBIT I)

404	Chair Miller	Discusses Oregon AFSCME proposal to raise the fee
TAPE 6, B		
019	Al Mobley	Cooper Hollow president, discusses the initiative petition process and personal opinions in opposition to SB 222
072	Sen. Derfler	Discusses the legislative process and initiative process
169	Sen. Leonard	Discusses the confusing messages the legislature gets from the public with respect to the initiative process and provides comments on the voters' pamphlet
220	Al Mobley	Discusses the reasoning for the initiative process
229	Sen. Derfler	Comments on whether people know what they are signing when signing a petition
263	Sen. Leonard	Discusses citizens' knowledge of ramifications of a ballot measure
309	Randy Tucker	Environmental Advocate, Oregon State Public Interest Research Group. Reads written testimony in opposition to SB 222 (EXHIBIT B)
		Comments:
		(Pamphlet provides only low budget means to reach all people
		(Opposition to Secretary of State deciding who will write opposition argument
		(Cost shouldn't be primary concern
382	David Buchanan	Executive Director, Oregon Common Cause. Reads written testimony in opposition to SB 222 (EXHIBIT C)
450	Buchanan	Agrees with the Secretary of State's proposal to include a summary at the beginning to exemplify the reference aspect of the pamphlet
TAPE 7, A		
046	Gregory Kafore	Vice-Chair, Coalition for Initiative Rights. Testifies in opposition to SB 222.
		Discusses:
		(History of initiative measures
		(Distrust of Secretary of State's authority to select authors
144	Sen. Leonard	Discusses:
		(Allowing no arguments in the voters' pamphlet
		(Eliminating emotional arguments in pamphlet
236	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on SB 222

<u>INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS</u>		
241	Chair Miller	Introduces LC 140.
253	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves LC 140 dated 7-23-96 BE INTRODUCED as a committee bill.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. LC 140 is introduced as SJR 14.
256	Chair Miller	Introduces LC 2246-1.
263	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves LC 2246-1 dated 1-28-97 BE INTRODUCED as a committee bill.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. LC 2246-1 is introduced as SB 485.
265	Chair Miller	Introduces LC 2246-2.
	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves LC 2246-2 dated 1-22-97 BE INTRODUCED as a committee bill.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. LC 2246-2 is introduced as SB 486.
272	Chair Miller	Adjourns meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Ed Rose, Jan Nordlund,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SB 219, Written testimony, Phil Keisling, Secretary of State, 9 pp.

B - SB 219 and SB 222, Written testimony, Randy Tucker, Oregon State Public Interest Research Group, 2 pp.

C - SB 219 and SB 222, Written testimony, David Buchanan, Oregon Common Cause, 1 p.

D - SB 219, Written testimony, Kappy Eaton, League of Women Voters of Oregon, 1 p.

E - SB 222, Written testimony, Phil Keisling, Secretary of State, 28 pp.

F - SB 222, Written testimony, Kappy Eaton, League of Women Voters of Oregon, 47 pp.

G - SB 222, Written testimony, Laurie Wimmer, Oregon Education Association-Oregon Association of Classified Employees, 2 pp.

H - SB 222, Written testimony, Anne Hill, Oregon Public Employees Union, 1 p.

I - SB 222, Written testimony, Dianna McCoy, Oregon AFSCME, 1 p.
