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SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS

March 6, 1997 Hearing Room 343

3:00 P.M. Tapes 16 - 17

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Randy Miller, Chair

Sen. Gene Derfler, Vice-Chair

Sen. Randy Leonard

Sen. Cliff Trow

MEMBER EXCUSED:

Sen. Neil Bryant

STAFF PRESENT:

Jan Nordlund, Administrator

Jennifer Peck, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

SB 453 Public Hearing

SB 454 Public Hearing

SB 444 Public Hearing

Introduction and Approval of Committee Bills

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 16, A		
002	Chair Miller	Opens meeting at 3:09 p.m. Opens public hearing on SB 453.
<u>SB 453 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
020	Sen. Ginny Burdick	Senate District 6. Presents (EXHIBIT A) in support of SB 453.
044	Sen. Trow	Comments on vote-by-mail.
053	Sen. Burdick	Explains her support of vote-by-mail and that SB 453 is a backup in case vote-by-mail does not take place.
058	Sen. Derfler	Comments on ballot counting in vote-by-mail.
065	Sen. Burdick	Explains there could be constructive changes for ballot counting.
071	Al Davidson	Marion County Clerk, supports SB 453.
079	Sen. Trow	Asks when ballots are sent out.
080	Davidson	Explains overseas ballots are sent 45 days before elections, out-of-state ballots are sent 30 days before, and local ballots are sent between the 20th and 15th day before an election. States there is no law requiring when clerks send out ballots, except for the overseas ballots.
094	Sen. Derfler	Restates the effect of SB 453.
098	Sen. Burdick	Comments on the proposed-1 amendments.
103	Davidson	Explains the amendments.
114	Dianna McCoy	Oregon American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Presents (EXHIBIT B) in support of SB 453.
131	Sen.	Acting chair, closes public hearing on SB 453 and opens public

	Leonard	hearing on SB 454.
<u>SB 454 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
139	Sen. Ginny Burdick	Senate District 6. Presents (EXHIBIT C) in support of SB 454.
165	Colleen Sealock	Director of Elections, Secretary of State's office. Supports SB 454 and the amendments. Explains the amendments. Explains SB 454 allows flexibility to attain the best distribution.
229	Chair Miller	Asks about the effects of SB 454.
232	Sealock	Responds that other amendments could be beneficial.
261	Chair Miller	Asks if people lacked information in the last election.
263	Sen. Burdick	Responds.
265	Chair Miller	Comments on costs to distribute voters' pamphlets.
293	Sealock	Discusses costs and explains citizens' use of the voters' pamphlet.
325	Sen. Trow	Asks if the law requires voters' pamphlets be sent.
326	Sealock	Explains if a pamphlet is produced then it must be sent to every household in Oregon.
337	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on SB 454 and opens public hearing on SB 444.
<u>SB 444 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
351	Sen. Ted Ferrioli	Senate District 28. Supports and explains SB 444.
378	Steve Bogart	Baker County Judge. Presents (EXHIBIT D) in support of SB 444. Describes current confusion over titles of "judge" and "court." Comments that statute allows structural change, but not just a name change.
<u>TAPE 17, A</u>		
001	Bogart	Describes titles compared to positions and duties.
049	Paul Snider	Association of Oregon Counties. Presents (EXHIBIT E) in support of SB 444 and explains the amendments.
074	Chair Miller	Asks about the number of commissioners.
084	Bogart	Explains that three commissioners are required.
096	Sen. Derfler	Comments on counties' decisions.

102	Sen. Ferrioli	Explains SB 444 provides an opportunity, but not a mandate.
112	Sen. Trow	Asks if other counties could make other choices.
115	Snider	Responds that would be possible.
119	Sen. Ferrioli	Comments on the possibility of adopting a home rule charter.
130	Sen. Trow	Asks about procedures.
138	Scott Corwin	Legislative Director for Speaker Lynn Lundquist. Testifies in support of SB 444.
151	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on SB 444 and opens work session for introduction of measures for approval.
<u>INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS</u>		
160	Jan Nordlund	Committee Administrator. Lists the LCs and drafting requests submitted for committee approval.
178	Sen. Miller	MOTION: Moves LCs 1559 dated 1/8/97, 2351 dated 2/18/97, and 2351-1 dated 2/21/97 BE INTRODUCED as committee bills and moves LCs 3916 dated 2/28/97 and 3968 dated 2/28/97 BE INTRODUCED and that drafting and introduction requests relating to Oregon Lottery Commission and drafting and introduction requests relating to Nike World Master's Games BE APPROVED.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. (LC 1559 is introduced as SB 1137, LC 2351 is introduced as SJR 38, and LC 2351-1 is introduced as SB 1138.)
188	Chair Miller	Closes work session and adjourns meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SB 453, written testimony and proposed amendments, Sen. Ginny Burdick, 3 pp

B - SB 453, written testimony, Dianna McCoy, 1 p

C - SB 454, written testimony and proposed amendments, Sen. Ginny Burdick, 2 pp

D - SB 444, written testimony, Steve Bogart, 2 pp

E - SB 444, proposed amendments, Paul Snider, 2 pp
