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SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS

April 29, 1997 Hearing Room 343

3:00 PM Tapes 50 - 51

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

Jennifer Peck, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

SCR 16 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 1184 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 707 Work Session

Introduction of Committee Bills

SB 825 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 50, A		
003	Chair Miller	Opens meeting at 3:11 p.m. and opens public hearing on SCR 16.
<u>SCR 16 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
013	Sen. Susan Castillo	Senate District 20. Presents and reads testimony in support of SCR 16 (EXHIBIT A). Discusses benefits for legal immigrants.
030	Sen. Avel Gordly	Senate District 10. Presents and reads testimony in support of SCR 16 (EXHIBIT B). Comments on legal immigrant benefits.
069	Gary Weeks	Director, Department of Human Resources. Supports SCR 16. Explains that in August, legal immigrants will no longer receive benefits. States the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) process takes months.
126	Sen. Trow	Comments on federal assistance for funding.
135	Sen. Gordly	Asks what resources the legal immigrants could rely on.
151	Weeks	Discusses examples of citizens being wary of using programs when they think INS is involved. States it is cost effective to spend money now on health programs.
190	Sen. Gordly	Comments that these 11,700 immigrants are Oregon's responsibility.
207	Patricia Sauers	Albany, Oregon. Presents testimony in support of SCR 16 (EXHIBIT C). Explains her experience as a Canadian-born child adopted by American citizens and recently trying to become a citizen. States she first realized she was not a U.S. citizen in March of 1997.
260	Sauers	Concludes her testimony.
280	Chuck Sheketoff	Oregon Law Center. Supports SCR 16. Comments on many seniors who may have difficulty becoming citizens.
299	Ramon Ramirez	President, Northwest Treeplanters and Farmworkers United. Presents testimony in support of SCR 16 (EXHIBIT D). States hard-working people are under attack. Comments on the Spanish-speaking community having tremendous fear of what will happen to them.

348	Ramirez	Comments on the oversupply of farmworkers. States it is important to respect the principles this country was based on.
380	Roberto Barraza	Coordinator, A Causa 98. Supports SCR 16. Comments on defending the rights of immigrants.
420	Barraza	States a sense of community has been encouraged among various races.
TAPE 51, A		
001	Barraza	Comments that the immigrants pay taxes and therefore deserve some of the benefits. States the immigration law is discriminatory.
030	Crystal Riley	Indo-Chinese Psychiatric Program, Oregon Health Sciences University. Supports SCR 16. Explains the August deadline is causing extreme stress for immigrants and the current system is unfair and cruel. Comments on the food, medicine, and housing problems which will arise in August for the Indo-Chinese immigrants. Cites examples of people who are negatively affected by the changes.
080	Riley	Comments on the 6-9 months it will take to get through the INS process. Reads a letter which is to Sen. Wyden from Laotians who need the benefits of Supplemental Social Security Income.
130	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on SCR 16 and opens work session on SCR 16.
<u>SCR 16 WORK SESSION</u>		
135	Sen. TROW:	MOTION: Moves SCR 16 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. CASTILLO will lead discussion on the floor.
137	Chair Miller	Closes work session on SCR 16 and opens public hearing on SB 1184.
<u>SB 1184 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
140	Sen. Lenn Hannon	Senate District 26. Supports SB 1184. Explains the idea of SB 1184.
153	Lisa Howard	Executive Director of Executive Appointments, Governor's office. Speaks on behalf of Katy Coba and presents a letter (EXHIBIT F) on her behalf in support of SB 1184.
169	Alan Willis	Port of Portland. Presents proposed -1 amendments to SB 1184 (EXHIBIT E) in support of SB 1184. Explains the -1 amendments.
180	Sen.	Supports the -1 amendments.

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184	Willis	Explains the amendments.
192	Sen. Leonard	Asks if there are other port commissions that should be included in SB 1184.
196	Willis	Responds most commissioners are elected locally.
203	Sen. Hannon	Explains the products which are shipped in different areas of Oregon.
216	Sen. Leonard	Asks how many members are currently on the board.
219	Sen. Hannon	States there are nine members, three of which could be from outside the Tri-County area.
221	Sen. Derfler	Asks about general obligation bonds.
223	Willis	Explains the amendments concerning general obligation bonds.
232	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on SB 1184 and opens work session on SB 1184.
<u>SB 1184 WORK SESSION</u>		
234	Sen. Leonard	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 1184 -1 amendments dated 4/17/97.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
237	Sen. Leonard	MOTION: Moves SB 1184 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
240	Sen. Trow	Comments on the relating clause.
242	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. HANNON will lead discussion on the floor.
247	Chair Miller	Closes work session on SB 1184 and opens work session on SB 707.
<u>SB 707 WORK SESSION</u>		
255	Jan Nordlund	Committee Administrator. Explains the effects of SB 707.
270	Chair Miller	Recesses work session on SB 707 and opens work session for introduction of measures for approval.
<u>INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS</u>		
277	Nordlund	Lists the measures for possible introduction.

290	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves draft and introduction requests concerning the Employment Relations Board and draft and introduction requests from the American Forest and Paper Association be approved.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
	Chair Miller	Closes work session and opens work session on SB 707.
<u>SB 707 WORK SESSION</u>		
306	Sen. Thomas Wilde	Senate District 8. Supports SB 707. Presents the proposed -4 amendments to SB 707 (EXHIBIT G). Discusses the -4 amendments.
327	Sen. Trow	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 707-4 amendments dated 4/7/97.
330	Sen. Derfler	Asks if amendments make SB 707 retroactive.
332	Sen. Wilde	States it would not be retroactive.
340	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
344	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves SB 707 be sent to the floor with DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
347	Sen. Bryant	Comments that the city commissioners should be replaced if they are the root of the problem and he will oppose SB 707.
359	Sen. Trow	States he may vote against the bill on the floor.
370		VOTE: 3-2 AYE: 3 - Derfler, Trow, Miller NAY: 2 - Bryant, Leonard
	Chair Miller	The motion CARRIES. SEN. WILDE will lead discussion on the floor.
392	Chair Miller	Closes work session on SB 707 and opens public hearing on SB 825.
<u>SB 825 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
401	Sandie Hoback	Administrator, Adult Family Services Division. Presents testimony in support of SB 825 (EXHIBIT H). Explains the proposed amendments are to correct drafting errors.

TAPE 50, B		
001	Hoback	Details the proposed amendments to SB 825.
044	Chair Miller	Asks about page 4, section 10. Asks what evidence the public needs to provide in order to have access to records.
057	Jim Nealy	Deputy Administrator, Adult and Family Services. Comments that the statement of the officer is relied upon.
066	Chuck Sheketoff	Oregon Law Center. Supports SB 825 with some changes. Comments on changes to the proposed amendments.
130	Sheketoff	Suggests other changes to the proposed amendments.
180	Sheketoff	Makes further comments on the proposed amendments.
206	Hoback	States the objective is to give latitude for good case management.
233	Chair Miller	States the committee could give the witnesses time to consolidate their amendments then return to the committee.
234	Sen. Trow	Comments on the protection of confidentiality.
240	Hoback	States a goal is to share information among agencies.
262	Sen. Trow	Comments on balance of providing information while retaining confidentiality.
270	Hoback	States there may be a point at which the committee will need to choose between options offered by both sides.
274	Chair Miller	States these witnesses will be asked to return.
282	David Fidanque	Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon. States that confidentiality laws already conform to federal law.
293	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on SB 825 and adjourns meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SCR 16, written testimony, letter and news excerpt, Sen. Castillo, 3 pp

B - SCR 16, written testimony, Sen. Gordly, 1 p

C - SCR 16, written testimony and news articles, Patricia Sauers, 4 pp

D - SCR 16, document, Ramon Ramirez, 2 pp

E - SB 1184, proposed -1 amendments, Allen Willis, 1 p

F - SB 1184, letter, Lisa Howard, 1 p

G - SB 707, proposed -4 amendments, Sen. Wilde, 1 p

H - SB 825, written testimony and proposed amendments, Sandie Hoback, 6 pp
