

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS

May 8, 1997 Hearing Room 343

3:00 PM Tapes 57 - 58

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:

HB 3135 Public Hearing and Work Session

HJM 4 Public Hearing and Work Session

HJM 3 Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 2203 Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 3696 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 1199 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 57, A		
003	Chair Miller	Opens meeting at 3:06 p.m. and opens public hearing on HB 3135.
HB 3135		

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
010	Rep. Tony Corcoran	District 44. Supports HB 3135. Explains the reasons for HB 3135. Cites an example of an individual who is unable to sign their ballot.
024	Sen. Trow	Asks if the Elections Division is content that signature stamps could be used without difficulties.
025	Rep. Corcoran	States they have not stated any objections and there were no objections from the Elections Division in the House committee.
033	Sen. Derfler	Expresses surprise that a bill is necessary to allow this to occur.
039	Eugene Organ	Oregon Disability Commission. Presents testimony in support of HB 3135 (EXHIBIT A). States many groups have come together to support HB 3135. Explains some people are not allowed to vote because they cannot sign their ballot.
064	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on HB 3135 and opens work session on HB 3135.
<u>HB 3135 WORK SESSION</u>		
065	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves HB 3135A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. TROW will lead discussion on the floor.
070	Chair Miller	Closes work session on HB 3135 and opens public hearing on HJM 4.
<u>HJM 4 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
074	Sen. Leonard	Supports HJM 4. Describes Rick Harder's accomplishments and character.
122	Rep. Randall Edwards	District 15. Supports HJM 4. Explains other contributions of Harder to Oregon as a hero.
165	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on HJM 4 and opens work session on HJM 4.
<u>HJM 4 WORK SESSION</u>		
169	Sen. LEONARD:	MOTION: Moves HJM 4 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. LEONARD will lead discussion on the floor.
171	Chair Miller	Closes work session on HJM 4 and opens public hearing on HJM 3.

<u>HJM 3 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
175	Sen. Leonard	Supports HJM 3. Explains the circumstances for HJM 3. Describes the various accomplishments and assistance of the 10 Air Force members named in HJM 3.
231	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on HJM 3 and opens work session on HJM 3.
<u>HJM 3 WORK SESSION</u>		
232		Staff presents proposed -1 amendments to HJM 3 (EXHIBIT B).
234	Chair Miller	Comments on -1 amendments.
248	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HJM 3 -1 amendments dated 5/6/97.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
252	Chair MILLER:	MOTION: Moves HJM 3 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED recommendation.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. LEONARD will lead discussion on the floor.
250		Discussion of when HJM 3 will be before the Senate for a vote.
257	Chair Miller	Closes work session on HJM 3 and opens public hearing on HB 2203.
<u>HB 2203 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
264	Colleen Sealock	Director of Elections, Secretary of State's office. Presents testimony in support of HB 2203 (EXHIBIT C). Explains HB 2203.
294	Sen. Derfler	Asks how the percentage was chosen.
297	Sealock	Discusses the House committee and minor parties agreed on it.
311	Sen. Derfler	Asks if the Secretary of State would object if the percentage were changed.
312	Sealock	Explains the Secretary of State simply wants a constant number, but is not as concerned with which percentage it is.
324	Sen. Derfler	Comments on the percentage.
325	Sealock	Explains the current percentage would equal about 1,000 people.
340	Sen. Trow	Asks about the establishment of a minor party.
342	Sealock	Explains the process for setting the minor parties and the numbers of ballots.
369	Sen. Trow	Asks how many signatures are needed on ballots in order to establish a minor party.

373	Scott Tighe	Operations Manager, Elections Division, Secretary of State's office. Explains the threshold of registering for minor parties.
395		Discussion of registration numbers.
406	Tighe	Explains if the percentage were set then ever-changing voter registration would not need to be monitored.
415	Sealock	Comments on petitioning requirements.
423	Sen. Derfler	Asks what the costs are for getting minor parties into the voters' pamphlet.
430	Sealock	Explains the candidate fees. States the major parties get a full page and minor parties get a half page.
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001	Sealock	States figures for minor parties.
010	Sen. Derfler	Comments on the cost of the voters' pamphlet and the number of signatures needed.
016	Sealock	Explains the fees for pages in the pamphlet.
022	Sen. Trow	Asks how many minor parties there are currently.
024	Sealock	Describes the various parties.
035	Sen. Trow	Asks if the parties have problems meeting the requirements.
036	Sealock	Explains some parties have more difficulties than others.
040	Tighe	Explains some parties have lost party status due to loss of members.
047	Sen. Trow	Asks for clarification of numbers.
049		Discussion of set versus floating threshold.
068	Sen. Leonard	Asks about page 2, line 20, concerning percentages.
072		Discussion of the percentages.
090	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on HB 2203 and opens work session on HB 2203.
<u>HB 2203</u> <u>WORK</u> <u>SESSION</u>		
124	Sen. Derfler	MOTION: Moves to AMEND HB 2203A on page 2, line 20 delete ".05" and insert ".1".
		VOTE: 4-1 AYE: 4 - Bryant, Derfler, Leonard, Miller NAY: 1 - Trow
	Chair Miller	The motion CARRIES.
115	Sen. Derfler	MOTION: Moves HB 2203A to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

	Chair Miller	SEN. DERFLER will lead discussion on the floor.
	Chair Miller	Closes work session on HB 2203 and opens public hearing on HB 3696.
<u>HB 3696 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
118	Chair Miller	Explains HB 3696.
127	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on HB 3696 and opens work session on HB 3696.
<u>HB 3696 WORK SESSION</u>		
130	Sen. Trow	MOTION: Moves HB 3696 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. TROW will lead discussion on the floor.
135	Chair Miller	Closes work session on HB 3696 and opens public hearing on SB 1199.
<u>SB 1199 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
139		Staff presents proposed -2 amendments and public letters submitted prior to the meeting (EXHIBIT D).
140	Dave Cook	Director, Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). Presents testimony (EXHIBIT E). Explains SB 1199 and makes suggestions for changes.
185	Charlotte Lehan	Mayor, Wilsonville, Oregon. Presents and reads testimony in support of SB 1199 (EXHIBIT F). States SB 1199 would affect anyone who is interested in the expenditure of tax dollars.
230	Lehan	Comments on the Siting Authority. Discusses infrastructure needs.
280	Lehan	States there is not available water for the prison.
330	Lehan	Discusses expense problems.
352	Sen. Bryant	Asks if there are any problems with the DOC being connected with the sewer-water lines.
360	Lehan	Explains that is not a problem, but the water treatment plant would need to be paid for by DOC.
378		Discussion of the systems development.
403	Sen. Bryant	Comments on the Emergency Board and explains its procedures.
421	Lehan	Comments on the tremendous amount of money with very little oversight.
		Explains the Emergency Board may be an appropriate monitoring

428	Chair Miller	system.
442	Sen. Bryant	Comments on the Emergency Board not having time to consider the issues it faces in detail.
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001	Sen. Bryant	Explains the Emergency Board must rely on the advice of experts.
007	Lehan	States Wilsonville is extremely confident of their work and would like a system of oversight.
013	Sen. Trow	Asks about possible modifications with the DOC.
021	Lehan	States they would be willing to have their attorneys consider the issue.
030	Joanne Mills	Vice-President, Oregonians for Responsible Prison Siting, Wilsonville, Oregon. States the costs are not being considered before decisions are made. Comments on road improvement costs and the large infrastructure costs. Comments on a 40% contingency fee.
074	Chair Miller	Comments on the impact on taxes.
078	Mills	States this issue goes beyond Wilsonville and will affect all taxpayers.
083	Sen. Trow	Comments on additional prisons and difficulties of siting them.
093	Mills	States that the current siting in Oregon is not fast or expeditious. Comments the siting process should and could be improved.
115	Sarah Hackett	League of Oregon Cities. Presents testimony in support of SB 1199 (EXHIBIT G). Comments on SB 2112.
141	B.J. Smith	Government Relations Director for Clackamas County. Supports SB 1199. States the Board of County Commissioners supports SB 1199. Discusses allocating costs. Comments on local taxes for road improvements. States the legislature should set some standards for what is fair for the taxpayers.
173	Chair Miller	Closes public hearing on SB 1199 and opens work session on SB 1199.
<u>SB 1199</u> <u>WORK</u> <u>SESSION</u>		
177	Nordlund	Committee Administrator. Explains the -2 amendments to SB 1199.
190	Sen. Leonard	Asks if the Emergency Board will be considered further.
192	Chair Miller	States the language seems to include the Emergency Board as part of the Legislative Assembly.
200	Jefry Van Valkenburgh	Attorney, Department of Justice. Explains the Emergency Board needs to be listed in amendments.
206	Sen. Leonard	MOTION: Moves to AMEND SB 1199 -2 amendments dated 5/8/97 on page 1, in line 11, after "Assembly" insert ", or the E-board in the interim,".
	Chair Miller	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

235	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 1199 -2 amendments AS AMENDED dated 5/8/97.
		VOTE: 3-1 AYE: 3 - Derfler, Leonard, Miller NAY: 1 - Trow EXCUSED: 1 - Bryant
	Chair Miller	The motion CARRIES.
240	Chair Miller	MOTION: Moves SB 1199 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 3-1 AYE: 3 - Derfler, Leonard, Miller NAY: 1 - Trow EXCUSED: 1 - Bryant
	Chair Miller	The motion CARRIES. SEN. MILLER will lead discussion on the floor.
242	Chair Miller	Closes work session on SB 1199 and adjourns meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - HB 3135, written testimony, Eugene Organ, 1 p

B - HJM 3, proposed -1 amendments, staff, 1 p

C - HB 2203, written testimony, Colleen Sealock, 1 p

D - SB 1199, proposed -2 amendments and public letters submitted prior to meeting, staff, 5 pp

E - SB 1199, written testimony, David Cook, 2 pp

F - SB 1199, written testimony, articles, and charts, Charlotte Lehan, 11 pp

G - SB 1199, written testimony, Sarah Hackett, 1 p
