

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

April 22, 1997 Hearing Room 343

1:00PM Tapes 56 - 57

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. John Lim, Chair

Sen. Joan Dukes, Vice-Chair

Sen. Bill Fisher

Sen. Gary George

Sen. Avel Gordly

Sen. Veral Tarno

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jim Stembridge, Administrator

Julie Havel, Administrative Support

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

SCR 4 Work Session

SB 980 Work Session

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Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 56, A		
007	Chair Lim	Calls meeting to order and opens work session on SCR 4.
SCR 4 - WORK SESSION		
010	Jim Stembridge	Committee Administrator, explains provisions of and most recent revisions

		to SCR 4 (EXHIBIT A).
023	Sen. Dukes	Asks for and receives clarification that despite the new language, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) is still referred to as "peace loving peoples."
033	Stembridge	Continues outlining revisions.
060	Sen. Gordly	Asks Sen. Dukes for response to her question regarding the issue of DPRK being populated by "peace loving peoples."
069	Sen. Dukes	Clarifies she was simply making note that the meaning hasn't really changed with the new wording.
076	Sen. Fisher	Asks for clarification between "Korea" and "Democratic People's Republic of Korea." States if they are going to talk about this, he wants to see them all referred to the same way and together.
088	Chair Lim	Suggests they eliminate line 6 altogether.
090	Sen. Fisher	Clarifies that is not the issue--he wants to keep it the same all the way through the resolution.
103	Stembridge	Explains it is North Korea that this resolution is aimed at, but they attempted to mention the Republic of Korea when that country is directly involved. Explains the delicate dynamics between the two countries has prompted the wording.
134	Sen. Dukes	States that is why they shouldn't be doing this, but asks for clarification on which "Korea" is being referred to in section e, page 2.
147	Stembridge	States they can easily add the DPRK into that wording.
150	Sen. Dukes	Asks what the intent was.
160		Discussion continues regarding adding the words "with the DPRK" on line 12 of the clean copy of the most recent revisions.
171	Sen. Dukes	Asks if it is appropriate for them to direct the President and Congress to ensure that all four of these countries work together, and states her concerns about the issue.
184		Discussion continues on proposed changes to line 9 regarding the deletion of the words in subsection e.
203	Stembridge	Explains if they want to delete that, they should consider deleting e in its entirety.
215	Chair Lim	States the four party peace conference has already met once and plans to meet again, but clarifies it does not include Japan.
229	Chair Lim	States he does not believe this language infringes on the rights of other counties, it is just asking them to work together with each other.
249	Sen. Dukes	Re-states her opposition to North Korea violating the peace agreement and states she will be voting against the entire measure anyway, unless they put in the part about searching for the Prisoners Of War (POWs).
		States they have the same problem in lines 24 through 26 on page one,

276	Sen. Fisher	where they list all these other "things," and that's the only time they are brought up in the resolution.
287	Chair Lim	Asks if there is any objection to him removing line six on page one.
289	Chair Lim	MOTION: Moves to AMEND SCR 4 on page 1, in line 6, before "Whereas," delete "Whereas Oregon and Korea are productive lands populated by peace loving peoples; and".
	Chair Lim	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
282	Sen. Dukes	Asks for clarification in lines seven and eight, and states she did not know that the two countries were "dependent upon each other for the maintenance of Pacific Rim peace and prosperity." States she would like to know what information that was based on.
300	Chair Lim	Explains the state of Oregon is part of the United States, so eventually, we will all become dependent on each other.
302	Sen. Dukes	States she had always thought of us as more dependent upon Japan, than upon North Korea.
304	Chair Lim	States it is the entire region we are dependent upon, not just a particular country.
305	Sen. Dukes	States then she would like to see the language say that.
308	Sen. Fisher	Suggests they just take the word "peace" out, and leave it at "prosperity."
310	Sen. George	States he doesn't even know if that is true, because we did fine when they were completely separate and would have nothing to do with the west.
320	Sen. Dukes	Asks if we currently do any trade with DPRK.
322	Chair Lim	States no, we do not currently.
325	Sen. Dukes	Asks if it is accurate, then, to state that we depend upon them for trade.
327	Chair Lim	States we are dependent upon each other for peace and prosperity in the future, and if they go to war, then we should be involved, because we have 40,000 soldiers stationed in Korea.
336	Chair Lim	States if they talk about every piece of language they will find a flaw in it.
336	Sen. Fisher	States he thinks they can work on this. Suggests turning it around to say the peoples of the state of Oregon and the DPRK "have the ability to increase each other's prosperity..." and that we can mutually benefit each other economically.
342	Sen. George	Suggests inserting the words "have a mutual interest in..."
352		Discussion continues on proposed changes to language.
369	Sen. Fisher	Suggests putting lines 10, 11, and 12, before line seven, and re-word line seven.
398	Sen. Gordly	Suggests they work through this line by line until everyone is comfortable with the revisions. States she likes the changes proposed by Sen. Fisher so far, and would like to continue on and try to work their way through this.
TAPE 57, A		

022	Sen. Fisher	Suggests re-arranging the location of lines 10-17 to help the resolution flow more smoothly.
040	Chair Lim	Asks if anyone has any objections to Sen. Fisher's suggestions.
039	Sen. Dukes	States lines 13 and 14 should speak to the issue of American POWs War. States she is basing her comments on Korean War veteran Chuck Ponder's testimony before the committee on April 10, 1997 (SEE EXHIBIT B OF MINUTES DATED 4/10/97).
058	Chair Lim	States they do not know for sure if there are POWs in North Korea, and there is no official documentation of this.
066	Sen. Gordly	Refers to paper regarding U.S. policy toward North Korea.
074	Stembridge	States based on his work, there are only various opinions to go on, but there are rumors that people who may be POWs have been sighted in North Korea, but not officially. Explains if they want to make a statement about that possibility of Americans who are prisoners of the Korean War who are still unaccounted for, they will need to craft a different statement than what is currently in here.
095	Sen. Dukes	Refers to Ponder's testimony and summarizes language on page four regarding POWs.
111		Discussion continues on issue of retrieving any POWs that might be in DPRK.
151	Sen. Gordly	Suggests they work with staff and Legislative Counsel to come up with language everyone is comfortable with.
160	Sen. Dukes	Asks what is meant by the nuclear program of the DPRK is in "hiatus" in line 20, page one.
166	Sen. Gordly	States the language is problematic for her as well.
175		Discussion held on issue of creating better language for that section, and whether the line is needed in the resolution at all.
210	Sen. Dukes	Suggests they delete line 20, and receives no objections.
216	Sen. Dukes	Asks if they have done anything about the language in line 24, page one.
224	Chair Lim	Asks how they would like to re-word it.
225	Sen. Dukes	Asks for and receives clarification that it is accurate to say they are all indeed working "together" to develop policies in cooperation with DPRK.
257	Sen. George	Suggests they change line 25 to read "have an interest in developing," instead of an "obligation to develop." Suggests they re-word line 26 to read "by inviting eventual integration," instead of "by inviting full integration."
279	Stembridge	Asks if Chair would like to return to the issue of POWs.
285	Chair Lim	Suggests he work that wording out with Sen. Dukes.
303	Sen. Dukes	Asks what is meant by the term "energy supplies," on line five of page two.
308	Chair Lim	Explains he thinks the United States already supplies some oil to North

		Korea.
300	Stembridge	Explains one of the principles of the 1994 Agreed Framework is the DPRK is suspending its nuclear program, which it has maintained is an "energy production" program, in exchange for the United States and others supplying other forms of energy designed to replace their interests in developing nuclear energy.
315		Discussion held on impact of fuel costs, and whether this language is asking this country to increase the amounts we are currently sending them.
333	Sen. Dukes	Suggests they take lines 5 and 6 out on page two subsection c and leave in subsection e.
345	Stembridge	Explains the contexts in the two sentences are different, because c addresses the relationship between the United States and the DPRK, and e addresses the four party participation.
363	Sen. Dukes	Asks if it matters that the United States is part of that "four parties," or if section e was enough to cover c as well.
364	Chair Lim	States the U.S. is the important part of this.
380	Chair Lim	Suggests they take out subsection c, lines 5 and 6 on page two, and notes no objections.
383	Sen. George	Suggests new wording inserting "human rights" into section e page two line 10 after "concerning issues such as."
TAPE 56, B		
002	Sen. Gordly	Suggests rearranging wording of sentence.
006	Chair Lim	States that sounds good to him.
014	Sen. Dukes	States she is assuming that the same language they work out for lines 13 and 14 on page one as it relates to POWs, would fit into lines seven and eight on page two, and wants to know if that is a correct assumption.
015	Stembridge	States they would work some statement on prisoners of war into the present statement regarding the soldiers who are missing in action, and on the first page, they would add a "whereas" on the first page that corresponds to it.
021	Chair Lim	States he is okay with putting it in, but states he thinks it would be prudent to call the Federal Government and see what the POW issues are, and states if they don't acknowledge any POWs, asks how can we address that issue here in this document? States his concerns about conflicting policies.
024	Sen. Dukes	Re-states her desire for them to share with us information about possible POWs that they might have, and if they do, they would have an obligation to turn that over to United States. States she represents a very large number of veterans, many of whom have served in the Korean War, and who believe there are POWs over there. States she understands the Chair's desire not to inflame the situation in the DPRK, but she must take her constituents' concerns into consideration.
028		Discussion continues about proper way to word POW issue.

046	Sen. George	Suggests line seven, page two, after DPRK, to read "for a full accounting for all POWs or MIAs, or any other living former American citizens or allies still living in the DPRK."
064	Chair Lim	Shares his concerns that with that sentence, we are assuming the "fact" without having the "facts."
064	Sen. Gordly	States she will support the language Sen. George has proposed, and she believes this resolution should reflect the veterans' sentiments. States she believes this needs to be debated on the floor.
083		Discussion continues on issue and the need for some new updated information from the State Department regarding its policy on POWs and MIAs.
098	Chair Lim	Asks Stenbridge to try to obtain more recent information on the issue.
101	Stenbridge	States it would be consistent with the information they have from the Department of Defense if they referred to the POWs as "possible POWs." States he will try to get more up-to-date information from the Federal Government.
127	Sen. Fisher	Suggests taking out the word "coordination" in line nine, and replacing it with the word "cooperation."
140	Sen. Fisher	States he has cut and pasted another version that has been distributed to the members that changes the flow of the resolution.
155	Sen. Gordly	Asks for confirmation about Friday's deadline regarding the hearing of committee bills.
163	Sen. Gordly	States we are part of an international community, and we have an obligation to debate this issue as an educational tool, and to try to move toward peace, and she appreciates the opportunity to work on the bill.
182	Chair Lim	Closes work session on SCR 4.
184	Sen. Fisher	Asks about proposed changes.
186	Chair Lim	States he plans to bring the bill back Thursday, and opens work session on SB 980.
<u>SB 980 - WORK SESSION</u>		
200	Jim Stenbridge	Committee Administrator, explains provisions of SB 980.
217	Sen. Fisher	Asks if they ever got a definition of environmental remediation and preservation in line 17, page four.
228	Stenbridge	Explains that would be one of the duties of the Global Applied Technology, and it could probably say "environmental services" instead.
244	Chair Lim	Asks if it could say "environmental technology."
252	Stenbridge	States he believes that would get the same point across.

271	Chair Lim	Asks if there are any questions about sections 1-4.
278	Stembridge	Explains section four discusses the 19 members total who would serve on the commission, with the governor's appointee being the commission chair.
296	Chair Lim	Asks how long a typical board or commission member serves.
302	Stembridge	Explains it is typically a four year term.
323	Sen. Fisher	Asks about apparent conflict in duration of term lengths.
329	Chair Lim	States they are doing it that way for the first time so they can stagger the term ending dates, so they don't lose everyone all at once.
316	Sen. Dukes	Suggests changing the bill to emphasize more international trade by taking the existing advisory committee to the Oregon Economic Development Commission, and making it a stand-alone committee, with authority over international trade.
361		Discussion held on suggestion.
395	Sen. Gordly	Asks if she is suggesting an amended bill, or a budget note regarding the OEDD's budget?
403	Sen. Dukes	States it would be an amended bill.
410	Sen. Gordly	States she would like to hear from the OEDD folks who are here today.
TAPE 57, B		
007	Warren Banks	Manager of International Division, OEDD, explains it is a good concept, but they do not want to be a managing board, rather a board-of-directors board.
023	Chair Lim	Asks if anyone else in the audience would like to comment.
027	Tom Nyland	Director, Small Business International Trade Program, states he supports Sen. Dukes' proposition, because they have to "reinvent the wheel" every biennium, and they keep changing, with no mission or philosophy with regard to international trade, and this would allow them to establish that vision to continue moving forward.
055	Sen. George	Asks if Nyland agrees with Bank's statement.
060	Nyland	States he does.
064	Sen. Gordly	States the importance to her of having all the partners at the table, while implementing these ideas, and asking themselves the question "is there someone else who needs to be here participating in this?"
082	Nyland	States he agrees and there is much more that they can do in the arena of International Trade.
086	Sen. Fisher	States his concerns with nine people being appointed by governor, who then appoints the chair, and giving the governor "absolute control" over the commission, and suggests changes to avert this problem.
116	Sen. Duke	States her proposal takes an existing international Advisory Committee and making them a commission, so the problem would already be addressed.

128		Discussion held on who appoints committee members and whether they are subject to senate confirmation.
130	Banks	Clarifies and explains there are a total of 11 members, two ex-officio members who do not vote, and nine appointed by the governor who must represent different facets, and one must be member of OEDD, and not confirmed by Senate.
199	Sen. Dukes	States her proposal would substantially reduce this bill and states she agrees this is very ambitious of her to suggest this, and she is not sure they are ready for this.
218	Chair Lim	States her proposal is well-timed, but they are running out of time, but they can address Sen. Fisher's concerns about the governor having sole power to appoint all the members.
232	Sen. Fisher	Asks what the appointed term is for those members.
238	Banks	Explains the terms are staggered so there can be continuity.
244	Chair Lim	States his intent to bring this issue back on Thursday.
255	Chair Lim	Closes work session on SB 980 and adjourns meeting at 2:56pm.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SCR 4, most recent proposed revision, staff, 2pp.
