

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES & EDUCATION
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 17, 1995 Hearing Room
Tapes 39 - 41

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Patti Milne, Chair
Rep. Terry Thompson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Mike Lehman
Rep. John Meek
Rep. Frank Shields
Rep. Lynn Snodgrass

MEMBER EXCUSED:

Rep. Dennis Luke, ex-officio

STAFF PRESENT:

Jan McComb, Committee Administrator
Shelley Jones, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

HB 2962 Work Session
HB 2892 Work Session
HB 2997 Work Session
HB 2998 Work Session
HB 3317 Work Session
HB 2701 Work Session

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statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation marks

report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents of the proceedings,
please refer to the tapes.

TAPE 39, SIDE A

005 CHAIR MILNE: Calls meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

HB 2701 WORK SESSION

010 CHAIR MILNE: Opens works session, and closes until Rep. Meek arrives.

020 HB 2962 WORK SESSION

MOTION: REP. MEEK: Moves HB 2962 to the full committee with a DO PASS
recommendation and with a subsequent referral to the Committee on Ways &
Means.

VOTE: In a roll call vote REP. LEHMAN, MEEK, SNODGRASS, MILNE, THOMPSON
vote AYE. REP. SHIELDS, LUKE are excused.

CHAIR: The motion CARRIES. REP. MEEK to carry to full committee.

HB 2892 WORK SESSION

CHAIR MILNE: Submits LC-2 amendments for committee review. (EXHIBIT A)

096 RICHARD MEINHARDT, PORTLAND: Testifies on HB 2892 and the amendments.
-Amendments came out of work group working on charter schools.
120 -Sponsorship is a problem, do not want to take away local control or
have promiscuous sponsorship of schools over the state.
190 -Optional credit check of sponsors of the charter application.
238 -In other states there are organizations that have formed that assist
and set up charter schools.
263 -Criminal background check language.

285 CANDY ARMSTRONG, SUPERINTENDENT, WASCO EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Comments on HB 2892, and the language added to clarify placement of special
students.

315 MILNE: Reviews the amendments.

331 GREG McMURDO, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Reviews the LC-2 amendments and comments.

350 -Problem with criminal background and finger print check language.

390 -Reviews the original bill with committee.

435 -Records need to comply with generally accepted accounting standards.

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055 -Page 2, lines 14-19 and reference to separation of church and state. The section does not state the requirements of ORS 327.092 and the authority of the Superintendent.

093 -Does not favor the language absolving boards of criminal or civil penalties.

134 -Problem with building sites, and if they are available or whether they are usable.

170 -Language needs to included that charter schools must have students to avoid problem of schools existing with computers and modems and no students

in the school.

200 MILNE: Reviews sections of the bill that were of concern.

245 MEINHARDT: Encourages committee to look at existing regulations and have the state board to have oversight.

273 -Local boards to be allowed to be creative in the delivery of services, and to look at charter schools as a form of public schools.

309 -In a sense, private contractors as educational providers, but in practice, they are public schools offering an educational service.

327 ARMSTRONG: Currently there is no incentive for many districts to do anything different. This will allow the latitude to be more creative.

345 SHIELDS: Submits and reviews list of concerns that he has about charter schools. (EXHIBIT B)

400 -Distribution of funding, special education students, use of public funds, discrimination issues.

460 BECKY BLACK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OREGON OUTREACH : Comments on charter application process and concerns about charter applications going through local school boards for approval.

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045 MEINHARDT: Would like to address the problem with "charter starters" having to go through the local board for approval.

065 BLACK: Having the local school district oversee the charter school, sets up an adverse relationship, consider accreditation through the state accreditation association.

110 LEHMAN: Comments about some concerns with charter schools and the language in this bill. Is this an unfunded mandate for local school boards

and administrators to oversee local charter schools. Sees even more liability for charter schools, and lack of dollars available for public schools being spread even thinner.

155 BLACK: Responds to the concerns and what her experience has been running an alternative school.

177 MEINHARDT: One source used was a national study that outlined nine key areas for successful charter schools.

220 SHIELDS: There is an immense idea here, but needs further study.

253 ROSS: Expresses concerns that there are limited dollars available for education. Existing districts are having financial impacts, and adding additional charter schools to the current system does not mean there is more funding available. Also concern that if charter schools are successful and they cream off the best and brightest and how that will impact public schools.

320 SNODGRASS: Asked about the funding or equity distribution and would it be a set amount or negotiated amount.

370 LEHMAN: Ask about administration cost and possible problem of

"administrative" districts being set up to just collect additional
administration revenue per charter school student.

440 MEINHARDT: Comments on the structure of safeguards that can be
established to ensure that administration services would not be abused.

460 MILNE: Comments that further work will be done on HB 2892 and it will
be brought back to committee.

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HB 2997 WORK SESSION

055 REP. STARR: Introduces and explains bill to committee.

107 -The issue of the separation of church and state is why some of these
documents are not being used.

110 MOTION: REP. MEEK: Moves HB 2997 to the full committee with a DO PASS
recommendation.

 VOTE: In a roll call vote REP. MEEK, SNODGRASS, MILNE vote AYE. REP.
LEHMAN, THOMPSON vote NAY. REP. SHIELDS, LUKE are excused.

 CHAIR MILNE: Not having received a majority vote of the committee, the
motion FAILS.

 MOTION: REP. MEEK: Moves to reconsider the previous vote.

 VOTE: Hearing one objection from REP. THOMPSON, the motion FAILS.

HB 2998 WORK SESSION

150 REP. STARR: Introduces bill to committee.

161 DENNIS TURRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION: Explains
the issues of HB 2998 and proposed amendments.

190 LEHMAN: Concern that a portfolio system may subject "home schoolers" to
stricter standards than the required testing.

270 MOTION: REP. SNODGRASS: Moves to suspend the rules and allow Rep.
Thompson to change his vote on HB 2962.

 VOTE: Hearing no objection, the motion CARRIES.

HB 2962 WORK SESSION

CHAIR MILNE: Re-opens the work session on HB 2962.

VOTE: REP. THOMPSON vote AYE on HB 2962.

HB 3317 WORK SESSION

285 MEEK: Introduces and explains HB 3317 to the committee and submits
LC-2. (EXHIBIT C)

340 THOMPSON: Comments on lesson plans and how HB 3565 is effecting
teaching methods and plans.

380 SNODGRASS: The objective is to address the human sexuality curriculum
and allow parents to review the curriculum prior to students being given
the information.

410 LEHMAN: Concern for parents who will not return the permission slip,
not active in their child's education, and the child not being able to
participate or receive the information.

454 -Real concern that other subjects would be subjected to these
regulations

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055 WILMA WELLS, CONFEDERATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS: Testifies about
concerns for groups that rent the school facilities and offer some type of
training or class on human sexuality or relationships.

085 SNODGRASS: Will bring back an amendment

HB 2701 WORK SESSION

100 MEEK: Introduces and explains the amendments to HB 2701. (EXHIBIT D)

120 GREG McMURDO: Comments on concerns with testing and testing companies
will not release this information. If this bill is introduces,
standardized test companies will not be able to test in Oregon.

170 SHIELDS: Agrees that the committee should proceed with caution, and
heed Mr. McMurdo's concerns.

180 LEHMAN: Also concerned with the language of the bill

200 MEEK: Will revise the bill and address some of the concerns.

220 CHAIR MILNE: Adjourns meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A- HB 2892, LC-2 amendments- Milne- 1 page
B- HB 2892, Testimony- Shields- 1 page
C- HB 3317, LC-1 amendments- Meek- 1 page
D- HB 2701, LC-1 amendments- Meek- 1 page