

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE RULES

February 7, 1995 Hearing Room 50
4:00 p.m. Tapes 18-19

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Ray Baum, Chair
Rep. Lee Beyer, Vice-Chair
Rep. Tony Corcoran
Rep. Peter Courtney
Rep. Lynn Lundquist
Rep. Bill Markham
Rep. Patti Milne
Rep. Lonnie Roberts
Rep. John Watt

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Cathryn Epley, Committee Administrator
Cynthia Charrey, Committe Assistant

MEASURES HEARD: HB 2155 - Public Hearing and Possible Work Session

HB 2370 - Public Hearing and Possible Work Session
HB 2371 - Public Hearing and Possible Work Session
HB 2551 - Public Hearing and Possible Work Session

These minutes contain materials which paraphrase and/or summarize
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 18, Side A

003 CHAIR BAUM OPENS PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2155

005 OPENS WORK SESSION ON HB 2155

022 Clakamus county clerk: explains omission in -1 amendments.

035 REP. ROBERTS

040 COUNTY CLERK

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047 Rep Courtney moves amends to 2155 be accepted

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052 REP COURNTEY

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CLOSES WORK SESSION ON 2155

OPENS WORK SESSION ON 2370 & 2371

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092 Van leuwen testifies in favor of HB 2551.

112 REP MILNE:

115 REP. BEYER: Questions wht\ether or not supports other two bills

123 Vanl: No. I am absolutely opposed to any shorter time than 20 days for people to change their registration.

133 REP OAKLEY: Testifies in support of 2551.

160 BEYER; How about dropping the time change to election day?

166 OAKLEY

168 Roberts: Cites court case which may bring up conflicts in HB 2551

181 Oakley: Support only changing time line to 20 days.

188 COURNTEY: Sponsor of HB 2370. Testifies in support of two party system. If our research is correct, the voter turnout the last primary was the lowest in 38 years. Testifying in support of own bill.

242 COURTNEY CONTINUES TO TESTIFY ON HB 2370

269 Roberts: It's easier to open up the primary to independents.

279 COURNTEY: I agree. My bill would take it away from the party.

292 Roberts: I thought federal courts said we could not do that.

297 COURTNEY:

300 CORCORAN: Is there evidence of ballot stuffing in states you mentioned

312 COURTNEY: Cites example why open system is opposed and why his bill prevents that.

328 CORCORAN:

354 COURTNEY:

363 lundquist: Has this reduced number o independent voter:

376 COURNTHEY: I don't know

405 SECRETARY OF STATE: They could only vote on

Tape 19 Side A

012 SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE: Testifies in favor of what all 3 bills represent.

Suggests voters be allowed to maintain their independent status. Cites Senate bill introduced. All three bills are a step forward.

060 VICKIE ERVIN, DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS MULTNOMAH COUNTY: Offers amendments to HB 2551. and testifies against all three bills as written. Cites technical changes in HB 2370 & HB 2371.

95 CHAIR BAUM: But they have to change their party affiliation before they vote.

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106 BYER:

109 ERVIN: This doesn

114 BEYER: If you wanted to vote as anything

119 ERVIN: We would like to see the restrictions removed. There are several ways this can be accomplished. The goal is to remove that restriction

127 BEYER:

130 ERVIN: I don't believe I have anything in here which addresses the mechanics.

138 BEYRE: What problems do you see with Rep Courtney's bill:

143 ERVIN: It's a matter

149 ROBERTS: You advocate change of party up to election.

155 SECRETARY OF STATE' OFFICE:

158 Robert's We're still looking at the 20 day cutoff.

180 SOS:

168 ROBERTS: What you want now is

171 SOS: Responds. As a result of changes passed in the 93 legislation people can now change. the approach I advocate is what is the difference of changing your party affiliation. The logistical question about polling,

vote by mail, we can work out the mechanics.

194 ROBERTS: EXPRESSES concern that election costs will rise.

203 SOS: Cites figures on independent voters.

214 CHAIR BAUM: I would like to make sure we..

223 CORCORAN: Addresses question of vote by mail and consistency. We have the carriage before the horse on vote by

236 ROBERTS: If we did same day, under 2370, isn't there an economic impact?

242 ERVIN: 2370 would more difficult to track.

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250 Ervin: I haven't really looked at the options of that. It is possible it may cost a little bit more.

255 BAUM: Again questions terminology of Ms Ervin's proposed amendments.

262 ERVIN: What I would be suggesting in my amendments

270 BAUM: What happens to me if I don't change.

274 ERVIN:

283 COROCOARN: But it's only up to ...20 days might be problematic even for vote by mail.

300 ERVIN: There are currently provisions in regard to vote by mail and changes.

313 BEYER: Addresses the vote by mail.

CHARIR ADJOURNS MEETING AT 5PM