

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE RULES

Hearing Room
Tapes -35

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBER EXCUSED:

Rep. Patti Milne

STAFF PRESENT:

Cathryn Epley, Committee Administrator
Cynthia Charrey, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

HB 3218 - Public Hearing and Possible Work Session
HJR 14 - Public Hearing and Possible Work Session
HJR 34 - 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 34, Side A

003 CHAIR BAUM: Calls meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

OPENS PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 3218

Witnesses: Roger Martin, Lobbyist, Oregon Transit Authority
Joe Richards, Attorney for the Lane Transit District Board
Pat Hocken, Chairman of the Board Lane Transit District
Ron Heintzman, President, Amalgamated Transit Union
Susan Stoner, Legal Counsel Amalgamated Transit Union

024 ROGER MARTIN, LOBBYIST, OREGON TRANSIT AUTHORITY: Testifies on HB 3218.

050 JOE RICHARDS, ATTORNEY, BOARD OF LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT: Testifies in support of HB 3218. (Exhibit A)

084 JOE RICHARDS: Testimony continues on HB 3218.

116 REP. ROBERTS: If this went to court, because of the administrative rule portion of it the court would throw it out.

122 JOE RICHARDS: That would be our hope, yes.

151 REP. CORCORAN: Was this reviewed at a local level?

147 JOE RICHARDS: Yes.

164 REP. BEYER: Does this act affect the initiative on the ballot?

168 JOE RICHARDS: Even if it were voted upon it would be declared void.

175 PAT HOCKEN, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT: Testifies in support of HB 3218.

220 PAT HOCKEN: Testimony continues.

264 REP. CORCORAN: The issue of salary increases, has the general manager received salary increase since she took office?

270 PAT HOCKEN: Yes.

280 REP. CORCORAN: Would she resign if this passed?

268 PAT HOCKEN: I don't know.

278 REP. CORCORAN: Was one of the salary increases subsequent to the negotiations being concluded?

280 PAT HOCKEN: Yes.

281 REP. CORCORAN: Is the board appointed or elected?

285 PAT HOCKEN: It is appointed.

300 REP. CORCORAN: Who brought this matter to the Committee on General Government?

305 ROGER MARTIN: I am the one who brought this to the committee for action.

310 PAT HOCKEN: The initiative petition attacks only one transit district in the state.

332 REP. CORCORAN: This was promoted as a result of a specific initiative that was filed in a transit district. Why was it just limited to a transit district?

328 PAT HOCKEN: The general issue is whether government salaries, in general should be subject of an initiative or a referendum issue.

377 RON HEINTZMAN, PRESIDENT AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION: Testifies against
HB 3218.

400 RON HEINTZMAN: Testimony continues.

Tape 35, Side A

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051 SUSAN STONER, LEGAL COUNSEL AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION: Testifies
against HB 3218. The fact you're going to change this statute doesn't mean
much.

067 REP. ROBERTS: Are you telling me that one initiative covers statutory
implications and constitutional?

071 SUSAN STONER: Yes.

123 SUSAN STONER: Continues testimony against HB 3218.

150 SUSAN STONER: Testimony continues against HB 3218

168 SUSAN STONER: Addresses the case of Foster Vs Clark. Tells committee
it doesn't matter what they do here, the court will decide the issue.

196 REP. CORCORAN: Why don't you strike?

200 RON HEINTZMAN: We came close to it.

207 REP. CORCORAN: Questions raises given general manager as opposed to
the raises given general workers

216 RON HEINTZMAN: That's right.

CLOSES PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 3218

OPENS PUBLIC HEARING ON HJR 14

Witnesses: Jim Scherzinger, Legislative Fiscal Office
 Dexter Johnson, Legislative Counsel

250 JIM SCHERZINGER, LEGISLATIVE REVENUE OFFICE: Testifies on HJR 14.

280 JIM SCHERZINGER: Continues to testify on HJR 14.

312 JIM SCHERZINGER: Continues to testify on how HJR 14 would impact
revenues.

350 DEXTER JOHNSON, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL: Testifies on HJR 14.

CLOSES PUBLIC HEARING ON HJR 14

OPENS PUBLIC HEARING ON HJR 34

Witnesses: Jim Scherzinger, Legislative Revenue Office

370 REP. MARKHAM: Testifies in support of HJR 34.

397 Jim Scherzinger: Testifies on HJR 34. (Exhibit C)

Tape 34, Side B

007 JIM SCHERZINGER: Continues to testify on HJR 14, explaining budgetary impact of written testimony.

031 JIM SCHERZINGER: Testimony continues.

060 REP. ROBERTS: Your exhibit is not up to date to address this bill?

063 JIM SCHERZINGER: Responds to Rep. Roberts' question.

069 REP. ROBERTS: You're talking about a lot of work on this bill.

075 JIM SCHERZINGER: Technical parts of the bill can be laid out.

079 CHAIR BAUM: Sooner or later, we're going to have to fix this bill.

085 REP. CORCORAN: Raises his questions on the bill.

106 CHAIR BAUM: Someone this session or next will have to work on this bill.

120 REP. MARKHAM: We need something to hold down runaway spending.

135 REP. LIZ VANLEUWEN, DISTRICT 37: Testifies in support of HJR 34.

140 CHAIR BAUM: Adjourns the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Cynthia Charrey Cathryn Epley
Committee Assistant Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

- A - Testimony on HB 3218, Submitted by Joe B. Richards - 13 pages
- B - Testimony on HB 3218, Submitted by Ronald J. Heintzman - 12 pages
- C - Testimony on HJR 34, Submitted by Jim Scherzinger - 3 pages