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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON
HB 3196

June 6, 1995 Hearing Room H 174
11:45 AM Tape 1

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. John Meek, Chair
Sen. Ken Baker
Rep. Kate Brown
Sen. Neil Bryant
Rep. Bill Fisher
Sen. Peter Sorenson

STAFF PRESENT:

Tom Mann, Administrator
Pamela Berger, Assistant

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Work Session - HB 3196

001 CHAIR MEEK: Calls the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Staff submits HB 3196-B9 proposed amendments (EXHIBIT A)

CHAIR MEEK: Explains proposed amendments

MOTION: FISHER MOVES ADOPTION OF THE HB 3196-B9 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
(EXHIBIT A)

BRYANT: States reasons the Senate liked ceremonial language
-facilitated ending of divorce
-providing the ceremony is optional
-asks what are the objections since it is only a pilot project

MEEK: Felt that it wasn't a role for the court, nothing preventing them from doing this anyway
-to have the state incur obligation wasn't amenable to the house committee

BAKER: Can the county courts do this now?

MEEK: Yes, the courts can do it now, they don't need any direction from us

BROWN: Carl Myers can comment on courts ability

045 CARL MYERS, Family Law Task Force: We have been told by the State Court

Administrator that they feel uncomfortable in allowing their courts to establish any kind of program unless there is a statutory base for it

-this is the legislation simply to enable them to do that

-pilot projects

BRYANT: For the record for the Court Administrator and Circuit Courts: Although deleting Section 8, the committee feels that the courts still have

the authority to do these volunteer programs if they choose

Members agree

VOTE: NO OBJECTIONS

MOTION: BAKER MOVES TO RE-PASS HB 3196

VOTE: HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR MEEK: Adjourns the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Pamela Berger Thomas Mann
Committee Assistant Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - HB 3196-B9 proposed amendments - staff - 1 p