

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ELECTIONS

February 28, 1995 Hearing Room
3:30 p.m. Tapes 14-15

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Randy Miller, Chair
Sen. Brady Adams
Sen. Shirley Gold
Sen. Paul Phillips
Sen. Dick Springer

STAFF PRESENT:

Kristina McNitt, Committee Administrator
Gretchen Haber, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD: Introduction of Committee Bills
 SB 355 Public Hearing

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 14, SIDE A

Introduction of Committee Bills

003 CHAIR MILLER: Calls the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m

 Witness: Jason Krops, University of Oregon

013 CHAIR MILLER: Lists requests for bill introductions: LC drafts 3776, 3024, 1010, 3512, and 3669.

014 CHAIR MILLER: Hearing no objection, LC's 3776, 3024, 1010, 3512 and 3669 are introduced as committee bills.

015 SEN. GOLD: Introduces Jason Krops to speak to LC 3776.

016 JASON KROPS, law student, University of Oregon: testifies on LC 3776.

049 CHAIR MILLER: Refers to those who come forward in good faith to admit mistakes; asks if fines should be applied in those cases.

070 KROPS: LC 3776 would allow for certain mitigating factors.

080 KROPS: Stresses importance of uniform treatment under the election law.

088 Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB 335.

Witnesses: Jim Hill, Legislative Assistant, Senator Jeannette Hamby
 Sue Wilson, Legislative Administrator
 Kristi Canby, Manager, Computer Resource and Services
 Tom Clifford, Legislative Counsel
 Mike Freese, Oregon Online Steering Committee

Jim Scheppke, Oregon State Librarian
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090 JIM HILL, Legislative Assistant, Senator Hamby: Testifies in favor of SB 335. (EXHIBIT A)

130 HILL: Notes that Sen. Hamby has chosen to subscribe to the Internet and the cost to the office for this service is \$250 a year.

157 HILL: Speaks regarding Georgia's online system wherein there is a search capability for viewing large documents chapter by chapter.

190 SUE WILSON, Legislative Administrator: Testifies on SB 335.

215 WILSON: Shares concern about potential security issues with mainframe as it's currently used.

240 KRISTI CANBY, Manager, Computer Resource and Services: Testifies in favor of SB 335. (EXHIBIT B).

258 CANBY: Provides alternative language to the measure as outlined. (EXHIBIT C)

268 CANBY: Lists documents currently available through the gopher search options on the Internet (EXHIBIT D).

313 CANBY: Approximately 17 members have their own Internet accounts currently.

320 TOM CLIFFORD, Legislative Counsel: Testifies on SB 335. (EXHIBIT E)

368 CLIFFORD: Expresses concern about future impairment of revenues received from sale of the ORS. Discussed copyright protection.

390 CLIFFORD: Refers to ORS 171.200 -205 (EXHIBIT F).

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005 CHAIR MILLER: Notes current production of compact disks; asks what arrangements are made for them.

013 CLIFFORD: There is an initial payment, and royalties are received thereafter.

018 CHAIR MILLER: Asks if it is correct that in the current system, there are no charges assessed to users for the information they receive on the mainframe.

020 CLIFFORD: answers yes.

022 CHAIR MILLER: Asks if there are examples from other states available for review.

028 CLIFFORD: None

030 MIKE FREESE, Department of Administrative Services, Oregon Online Steering Committee: Testifies in support of SB 335. Presents overview on public access in state government. (EXHIBIT G&H)

114 MARK FRIBURG, Oregon Online Steering Committee: Testifies in favor of SB 335.

145 JIM SCHEPPKE, Oregon State Librarian: The Oregon State Library is in support of SB 335. (EXHIBIT I)

195 CHAIR MILLER: If online were available, would citizens no longer purchase the printed document or the CD's?

206 SCHEPPKE: It would affect the sale of these documents. The public should be able to access information freely; it should be considered a public policy issue rather than a cost issue.

222 CHAIR MILLER: How would you advise the replacement of the lost revenues?

231 SCHEPPKE: Feels that citizens should have free access to information. Notes that commercial providers could add convenience, by creating advanced searching programs. Explains that advanced search programs would not need to be provided free of charge to the public; however, the basic documents, and a simple search program, should be provided.

241 CHAIR MILLER: Tom Clifford noted the cost of producing the ORS at 1.5 million dollars. What would be the cost to provide the access for free?

251 SCHEPPKE: It would not be nearly that costly.

260 SCHEPPKE: It may become more cost effective to provide the information for free, than if the state charges for the information.

277 HILL: The cost to produce the ORS would be greatly reduced. I do not know what the profit margins are; but it is a consideration.

297 Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB 335

310 CHAIR MILLER: Adjourns the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

- A - Testimony on SB 335, Senator Jeannette Hamby 1 page
- B -- Testimony on SB 335, Kristi Canby, 2 pages
- C - Testimony on SB 335, Kristi Canby, 3 pages
- D - Testimony on SB 335, Kristi Canby, 3 pages
- E - Testimony on SB 335, Tom Clifford, 1 page
- F - Testimony on SB 335, Tom Clifford, 3 pages
- G - Testimony on SB 335, Mike Freese, 1 page
- H - Testimony on SB 335, Mike Freese, 4 pages
- I - Testimony on SB 335, Jim Schepke, 1 page
- J - Testimony on SB 335, Pat Ehrlih, 1 page