

SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
RULES AND ELECTIONS

March 2, 1995 Hearing Room  
p.m. Tapes 6 - 17

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Paul Phillips

STAFF PRESENT:

Kristina McNitt, Committee Administrator  
Gretchen Haber, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

Proposed Senate Rules  
Introduction of Committee Bills

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.

005 CHAIR MILLER: Calls the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Opens discussion on Proposed Senate Rules

Witnesses:

SENATOR JOAN DUKES, District 1  
JENNIFER WEBBER, Senate Democratic Office  
LAURIE WIMMER, Oregon Commission for Women

024 CHAIR MILLER: Refers to flow charts outlining the process in responding to improper conduct (EXHIBIT A & B).

044 KRISTINA MCNITT, Committee Administrator: Refers to flow charts. Outlines process by which a complaint is filed. Notes both formal and informal approaches.

062 MCNITT: Notes steps an intermediary would take. Stresses importance of steps being driven by the complainant with assistance from the intermediary.

074 MCNITT: Outlines process for members both in leadership and outside leadership roles.

080 CHAIR MILLER: Who is meant by leadership?

082 MCNITT: The President of the Senate, and Majority and Minority Leaders.

085 CHAIR MILLER: Can complainants go outside these processes?

087 MCNITT: Yes, there are many options.

Opens discussion on introduction of Committee Bills

091 CHAIR MILLER: Lists requests for bill introductions: LC drafts 3467, 3470, 3520, 3521 and 3522.

110 CHAIR MILLER: Hearing no objection, LC's 3467, 3470, 3520, 3521 and 3522 are introduced as committee bills.

Reopens discussion on Proposed Senate Rules

120 SEN. JOAN DUKES: Testifies on proposed senate rules.

130 JENNIFER WEBBER: Testifies on proposed senate rules. (EXHIBIT C ).

210 SEN. DUKES: Eager to have a policy that would protect victims of harassment as well as victims of frivolous claims. Asks for clarification of behavior that would "discredit the integrity of the Senate."

300 CHAIR MILLER: Prefers to allow each particular body to determine if and when it is discredited, rather than prescribing by rules an interpretation for all future assemblies.

329 SEN. DUKES: Discusses nebulous nature of terms and conditions of employment. Suggests need to define language.

361 CHAIR MILLER: Notes legal interpretation.

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012 SEN. DUKES: Has objections to LC's rules. Calls for one process rather than two.

050 SEN. DUKES: Believes the key is to invest in an outside investigator when there is a serious complaint.

111 SEN. DUKES: Wants to protect everyone's rights through the process. Notes including definition of "malicious claims."

142 CHAIR MILLER: Notes the committee will be reviewing and revisiting the proposed senate rules.

144 LAURIE WIMMER, Oregon Commission for Women. Has proposed amendments for the senate rules.

152 CHAIR MILLER: Asks for copies of the amendments.

157 WIMMER: Provides testimony on amendments.

204 CHAIR MILLER: Adjourns the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Gretchen Haber  
Committee Assistant

Kristina McNitt  
Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT LOG:

- A - Testimony on Proposed Senate Rules, staff, 1 page
- B - Testimony on Proposed Senate Rules, staff, 1 page
- C - Testimony on Proposed Senate Rules, Jennifer Webber, 4 pages
- D - Proposed Senate Rules, staff, 8 pages
- E - Proposed amendments to the Temporary Senate Rules, staff, 3 pages