

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ELECTIONS

Hearing Room
Tapes - 25

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Shirley Gold
Sen. Paul Phillips, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Kristina McNitt, Committee Administrator
Gretchen Haber, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

Introduction of Committee Bills
SB 176: Public Hearing and Work Session
SB 335: Public Hearing and Work Session
SJM3: Public Hearing and Work Session
SJM4: Public Hearing and 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.

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003 CHAIR MILLER: called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Reviews agenda.

005 Opens public hearing on SB 335.

Witnesses: Mike Greenfield, Deputy Secretary of State, testifies in favor.
Jim Hill, Legislative Assistant to Sen. Hamby, testifies in favor.

028 JIM HILL, Legislative Assistant to Senator Hamby, testifies in favor of
SB 335. Refers to proposed amendments (EXHIBIT A).

045 HILL: proposes changes with regards to electronic mail.

050 MIKE GREENFIELD, Deputy Secretary of State, testifies in favor of SB
335. Refers to past success in offering the voters pamphlet
electronically.

061 GREENFIELD: stresses importance for strong standards by which
information is chosen for electronic access. States it is important to set

high standards at the outset.

083 Closes public hearing on SB 335.

084 Opens public hearing on SJM3.

086 SEN. HAMBY testifies in favor of SJM3.

099 BARBARA GREGU, and BRIDGET SMITH, Publisher, Historical Gazette. Presents OREGON HISTORY magazine (EXHIBIT B), 75th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage brochure (EXHIBIT C) and HISTORICAL GAZETTE (EXHIBIT D).

107 GREGU: testifies that the measure is an important event in American history. Lists other events in connection with the anniversary of women's suffrage.

124 GREGU: states that the suffrage amendment was passed under difficult circumstances. Notes that supporters demonstrated great effort to ensure its passage. Notes that opponents lured decision-makers in an attempt to stop the suffrage movement.

138 GREGU: states that the House of Representatives passed the suffrage amendment with precisely a two-thirds amendment.

156 GREGU: invites all Oregon citizens to contribute stories of women's suffrage history to the state archives.

161 SMITH: reminds committee of the history of Abigail Scott Duniway, an Oregon woman who worked to support the suffrage movement.

186 Closes public hearing on SJM3.

187 Opens work session on SJM3.

188 MOTION: SEN. ADAMS: Moves SJM3 be referred to the Floor with a DO
PASS recommendation.

191 VOTE: CHAIR MILLER: Hearing no objection the motion CARRIES. SEN.
GOLD and SEN. PHILLIPS are EXCUSED.

193 SEN. HAMBY will lead discussion on the Floor.

196 Opens work session on SB 335.

200 SEN. SPRINGER: asks if there has been a fiscal impact presented. Notes
that the measure would likely be referred subsequently to the Ways and
Means Committee.

216 HILL: answers, citing the largest impact estimated at 1.1 million.
States that the assessment includes the cost to provide electronic mail
addresses to all members. Explains fiscal impact.

230 HILL: continues testimony.

250 SEN. SPRINGER: explains his concern that the assembly does not provide
computers to its members yet; asks how the e-mail address would be helpful
when computers are not yet provided.

258 HILL: answers that many members opt to bring in their own equipment.

265 SEN. SPRINGER: asks about public disclosure laws, and the potential
legal questions regarding the protection of privacy.

268 HILL: answers that the issue is addressed in the measure.

287 KRISTINA MCNITT, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: answers that she spoke with
Tom Clifford in Legislative Counsel. Explains that e-mail would legally be
considered as public record. Discusses.

298 SUE WILSON, Legislative Administrator: Answers, stating that she
assumes it falls under the same public disclosure requirements as does
phone messages today. Discusses e-mail subscription services as compared

to telephone services.

300 SEN. SPRINGER: asks about process by which e-mail would be set up. Recognizes a problem in the requirement of e-mail set up to be paid for by members.

325 SEN. ADAMS: asks what the subscription rates would be.

326 WILSON: answers that the average rate is about \$250. per year.

337 Closes work session on SB 335.

340 Opens public hearing on SJM4.

345 SEN. ADAMS, testifies in favor of SJM4.

350 ADAMS: notes that the bill honors a special Oregonian: a member of his district and one that has touched the lives of many Oregonians. States that Barks was the original creator of the Donald Duck character.

354 ADAMS: states that should the committee choose to move forward, some amendments will be proposed at the request of Mr. Barks' family.

367 Closes public hearing on SJM4.

370 Opens work session on SJM4.

372 SEN. ADAMS: reads amendments for the adoption of the committee. Amendments fall on Lines 6,7,11,15 and 16.

390 MOTION: SEN. ADAMS: Moves to ADOPT the amendments read.

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006 VOTE: CHAIR MILLER: Hearing no objection the amendments are ADOPTED.

007 MOTION: SEN. ADAMS: Moves the adoption of SJM4, AS AMENDED, be sent to the Floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

012 VOTE: CHAIR MILLER: Hearing no objection the motion CARRIES. SEN. GOLD and SEN. PHILLIPS are excused.

016 SEN. ADAMS will lead discussion on the Floor.

018 Closes work session on SJM4.

019 CHAIR: Reviews requests before the committee on drafting services (EXHIBIT H).

020 CHAIR: Hearing no objection, the requests are introduced.

025 Opens work session on SB 176.

028 JOHN POWELL refers to -2 amendments (EXHIBIT F). Submits letter regarding election costs written by Jane Ard at the Dept. of Justice (EXHIBIT E).

030 POWELL: states that now, the districts would pick up the costs for the elections. Explains that Soil and Water Conservation Districts receive limited funds each biennium. Notes that elections costs would consume about one-half of the total budgets of the districts. Explains that in some cases, a deficit would be incurred.

063 POWELL: continues, noting that dollars are now used for flat grants.

067 POWELL: testifies that the proposed amendments continue the status quo and reinstate the county as fiscally responsible for the elections.

075 POWELL: refers to Section Four of the amendments. Requests that this

not apply due to the potential costs.

090 CHAIR: asks about input from the League of Oregon Counties.

092 MCNITT: answers that the committee has not received any.

109 MOTION: SEN. ADAMS: Moves to ADOPT the SB 176 -2 amendments dated 3-16-95.

114 VOTE: CHAIR MILLER: Hearing no objection the amendments are ADOPTED. SEN. GOLD and SEN. PHILLIPS are EXCUSED.

116 MOTION: SEN. ADAMS: Moves SB 176, AS AMENDED, be sent to the Floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

119 VOTE: CHAIR MILLER: Hearing no objection, the motion CARRIES. SEN. GOLD and SEN. PHILLIPS are excused.

122 CHAIR MILLER will lead discussion on the Floor.

124 CHAIR: Adjourns meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

- A - Amendments to SB 335 - staff - 2 pages
- B - OREGON HISTORY magazine - B. Gregu - 32 pages
- C - Brochure on Woman's Suffrage - B. Gregu - 2 pages
- D - HISTORICAL GAZETTE newspaper - B. Smith - 2 pages
- E - Letter from Dept. of Justice - J. Powell - 2 pages
- F - Amendments to SB 176 - staff - 2 pages
- H - Requests for bill introduction - staff - 1 page