

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ELECTIONS

Hearing Room
Tapes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBER EXCUSED:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Kristina McNitt, Committee Administrator
Gretchen Haber, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

Executive Reappointments for Department of Revenue and Oregon Racing
Commission

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 A

003 CHAIR MILLER calls the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Opens Public Hearing on Munn reappointment

015 RICHARD MUNN: Testifies that he has been in the position with the
Department of Revenue for over thirty years and served under seven
Governors.

CHAIR: Is any legislation pending which changes or improves the
Department?

MUNN: Refers to a measure which changes the appeals process.

CHAIR: Are there any measures dealing with the collections process?

MUNN: The budget had a bill to add additional auditors and collectors to
generate approximately \$21 more in revenue. It passed out of Ways and
Means and has already been through the legislative process.

Opens Public Hearing on Rankins reappointment

CHAIR: Notes that Mr. Rankins has been appointed Chairman of the
Association of Racing Commissioners International

048 GEORGE RANKINS: Talks about the international association.

SEN. SPRINGER: Are two terms the an unofficial limit on Boards and Commissions?

070 KATY COBA, Governor's Assistant for Executive Appointments: The Governor has adopted the policy of two four-year terms or eight years of service on various boards and commissions. There is flexibility for special situations and exceptions. Mr. Rankins situation warrants an exception to that policy.

> Don't think Mr. Rankins is interested in serving another complete four-year term on the Racing Commission.

Opens Public Hearing on Walters reappointment

WALTERS: The position being assumed by Commissioner Rankins is a prominent one in racing in the U.S. It is a great honor for Oregon to have one of it's commissioners assume this position.

102 CHAIR: Are you compensated for your work?

WALTERS: Receives \$30.00 for each day spent on Racing Commission business.

Paperwork to get the compensation is more trouble than it is worth. Commission meets once a month and there are various committee meetings.

CHAIR: What sort of business is typically conducted by the Commission at it's meetings?

WALTERS: Commission meetings are in two parts - quasi-judicial capacity in the morning and discuss a wide range of issues in the afternoon. Explains how he became involved with the Commission.

SEN. SPRINGER: What about the future of paramutual betting and racing in Oregon?

WALTERS: Paramutual wagering is subject to very intense pressures. Ability to simulcast races from other states has saved horse racing in Oregon. Race tracks need to have other revenue options in order to survive such as video poker machines. Racing is an agricultural industry.

191 SEN. SPRINGER: How have off-track betting opportunities benefited racing?

WALTERS: It has expanded opportunities for people outside the metropolitan area to participate in racing. It has increased the amount of money bet. Looking at ways to stabilize the simulcasting network.

> Talks about Bend Best Bet located in Bend, Oregon.

Work Session on the Reappointment of Rankins

226 MOTION: Chair moves to approve the reappointment and Senate confirmation of George Rankins.

MOTION PASSES: In a roll call vote, the motion carries with all members present voting AYE.

Excused: Senators Gold and Phillips.

Work Session on the Reappointment of Walters

MOTION: Chair moves to approve the reappointment and Senate confirmation

of Stephen S. Walters.

MOTION PASSES: In a roll call vote, the motion carries with all members present voting AYE.

Excused: Senators Gold and Phillips.

Work Session on Reappointment of Richard Munn

MOTION: Chair moves the reappointment and Senate confirmation of Richard A. Munn.

MOTION PASSES: In a roll call vote, the motion carries with all members present voting AYE.

Excused: Senators Gold and Phillips.

248 SEN. SPRINGER: Asks about scheduling of appointments to the Northwest Public Power Planning Council and any other appointments that are pending.

CHAIR: Reviews appointments that are pending.

Introduction of Committee Bills

MOTION: Chair moves to introduce the bills for introduction.

MOTION ADOPTED: There are no objections.

270 CHAIR: Adjourns the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Reviewed and completed by,

Carolynn Gillson
Committee Assistant

EXHIBIT SUMMARY
No exhibits