

SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
RULES AND ELECTIONS

April 25, 1995 Hearing Room C  
9:00 A.M. Tapes 54 - 55

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Randy Miller, Chair  
Sen. Paul Phillips, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Brady Adams  
Sen. Dick Springer

MEMBER EXCUSED:

Sen. Shirley Gold

STAFF PRESENT:

Kristina McNitt, Committee Administrator  
Gretchen Haber, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

SCR 10: Public Hearing and Work Session  
HB 2118: Public Hearing and Work Session  
SB 926: Public Hearing

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TAPE 54, A

003 CHAIR MILLER called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Reviews agenda  
013 Opens public hearing on SCR 10.

016 CHAIR: explains the resolution.

034 Closes public hearing on SCR 10.

036 Opens public hearing on HB 2118.

Witnesses: Associated Oregon Industries: David Moss  
Oregon Taxpayers United: Bill Sizemore  
Sierra Club: Liz Frenkel

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040 DAVID MOSS, ASSOCIATED OREGON INDUSTRIES, test)ifies in favor of HB 2118.  
Presents written testimony (EXHIBIT A).

--Encourages a comparison of state standards with federal regulation  
--Department of Environmental Quality is already voluntarily complying, and  
therefore is not  
specified in the bill

075 CHAIR: asks if DEQ supports the measure.

078 MOSS: answers that they have not opposed the measure. Notes that DEQ  
would not want the  
measure to be retroactive. Discusses.

088 SEN. SPRINGER: asks if, aside from the timber issue, there are examples  
of industry that is  
"hobbled" by regulation.

096 MOSS: answers that generally, trouble is experienced by small business.  
Discusses.

111 LIZ FRENKEL, SIERRA CLUB, test)ifies on HB 2118. States that the Sierra  
Club neither

supports nor opposes the measure.  
--Refers to testimony heard on the bill by the House of Representatives  
--Notes that many citizens come to Oregon for its "protective" environment

135 Closes public hearing on HB 2118.

139 CHAIR: recesses committee.

140 Opens work session on SCR 10.

141 MOTION: CHAIR MILLER: Moves SCR 10 be sent to the Floor with a DO PASS

recommendation.

VOTE: In a roll call vote, SEN. ADAMS, SEN. PHILLIPS, AND CHAIR MILLER vote AYE. SEN. SPRINGER votes NO. SEN. GOLD is EXCUSED.

CHAIR MILLER: The motion CARRIES.  
CHAIR MILLER will lead discussion on the Floor.

147 Closes work session on SCR 10.

149 Opens work session on HB 2118.

MOTION: SEN. PHILLIPS: Moves HB 2118 be sent to the Floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

VOTE: In a roll call vote, SEN. ADAMS, SEN. PHILLIPS, and CHAIR MILLER vote AYE. SEN. SPRINGER votes NO. SEN. GOLD is EXCUSED.

CHAIR MILLER: The motion CARRIES.

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SENATE RULES AND ELECTIONS April 25, 1995 - Page 3 SEN. ADAMS will lead discussion on the Floor.

154 Closes work session on HB 2118.

157 Opens public hearing on HB 926.

Witnesses: Oregon Taxpayers United: Bill Sizemore  
Colleen Sealock, Director, Elections Division, Office of the  
Secretary of State  
Lynn Rosik, Assistant Attorney General  
Tom Clifford, Legislative Counsel

160 BILL SIZEMORE, OREGON TAXPAYERS UNITED, testifies in favor of SB 926. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT B). --Feels it is a top priority for Oregonians --Notes complexity of language used in ballot measure questions --Finds many voters do not vote their intended way, due to confusion at the polls

232 SIZEMORE: discusses results of opinion poll on confusion at the ballot box (EXHIBIT C).

299 SIZEMORE: notes that the most important question in a ballot initiative campaign is the wording of the ballot title.

320 SEN. SPRINGER: asks if amendments have been prepared.

325 CHAIR: answers that amendments are being prepared.

330 SIZEMORE: discusses amendments.

351 SEN. SPRINGER: states his support for the general concept of the amendments. Notes desire to review the amendments.

360 SIZEMORE: continues discussion on amendments.

369 SIZEMORE: refers to SB 170. Suggests inclusion of yes/no language into the voters'

pamphlet.

380 COLLEEN SEALOCK, DIRECTOR, ELECTIONS DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE testifies on SB 926.

--Substitutes a "yes and no" section on many varied elections

--Notes that there may be a desire to narrow the scope to pertain just to the initiative process

005 CHAIR: suggests that Mr. Sizemore and other proponents meet with Ms. Sealock to discuss the scope of the measure.

008 LYNN ROSIK, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL test)files on SB 926. -Supports transfer of duties of review to Legislative Counsel

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SENATE RULES AND ELECTIONS April 25, 1995 - Page 4 --Supports repeal of readability standard

046 ROSIK: feels that it is inherent to the process to include as much explanatory language as possible.

053 TOM CLIFFORD, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL test)files on SB 926. --High numbers of initiatives are submitted for the ballot --Staffing limitations make it nearly impossible to accommodate work on initiatives as well as current responsibilities to the legislature

095 CLIFFORD: discusses objectivity in the review process.  
105 Closes public hearing on SB 926.  
115 CHAIR: discusses remaining portions of the agenda.  
125 CHAIR: adjourns meeting at 9:55 a.m.

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Committee Assistant       Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - Testimony on HB 2118 - D. Moss - 3 pages  
B - Letter on SB 926 - B. Sizemore -1 page  
C - Newspaper article on SB 926 - B. Sizemore -1 page

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