

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ELECTIONS

April 28, 1995 Hearing Room C
9:00 A.M. Tapes 57 -58

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Kristina McNitt, Committee Administrator
Gretchen Haber, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

Executive Appointees:

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION: Joan H. Smith

GOVERNMENT STANDARDS AND PRACTICES

COMMISSION: George F. Thompson Jr.

STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE TECHNICIANS: Chauncey E.
Farrell

Introduction of Committee Bills

SB 284: Public Hearing

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003 VICE CHAIR PHILLIPS: Calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ODens PUBLIC HEARING on EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS- OreEon Public Utilities Commission - Joan H. Smith

005 JOAN H. SMITH, Chair, Oregon Public Utilities Commission: -Test)ifies on her experience with the commission. -Discusses industry restructuring. ~ Discusses multipleprovider marketplace structures.

052 SEN. ADAMS: Notes pending measure in t e legislature that would transfer some duties from the PUC to the Oregon Department of Transportation.

055 SMITH: Responds with background information on the pending proposal.
Discusses
potential

 revenue impacts of the proposal.

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080 SEN. ADAMS: Asks if she would have difficulty in implementing the changes, should they become law.

085 SMITH: Responds that it would be her duty to implement the will of the legislature.

123 SEN. PHILLIPS: Asks what consituent groups may oppose her reappointment.

129 SMITH: Indicates her support from Bob Jenks, Executive Director, Citizen's Utility Board.

 Says some say they may not agree with her, however, indicate that she is fair and works hard.
She

says the motor carrier industries might be problematic, at the moment, due to her disagreement with their proposal for a diesel fuel tax.

Closes PUBLIC HEARING on EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS - Joan H. Smith
Opens WORK SESSION on EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS - Joan H. Smith

146 MOTION: SENATOR GOLD moves REAPPOINTMENT of JOAN H. SMITH to Public Utilities Commission.

-- She shares her positive experience with Smith. Notes her even-handedness.

163 VICE CHAIR PHILLIPS: Requests roll call vote.

Gretchen Haber, Committee Assistant:

Senators Adams aye
Gold aye
Springer aye
V. Chair Phillips aye
EXCUSED: SENATOR MILLER

VOTE: V. CHAIR PHILLIPS: Motion carries. Senator Gold will carry.

Closes WORK SESSION on EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS - Joan H. Smith
Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB 284.

Witnesses: Senator Bill Dwyer
Ronald J. Heintzman

167 SENATOR BILL DWYER: Testifies in favor of SB 284.

-Lane County would receive the opportunity to elect transit district positions

-Marion County currently elects similar positions

-Feels municipalities which tax the public should also be accountable to the public through elections

- Feels T sne County Transit District has "lost touch" with constituents. Cites examples.

210 - Refers to statement prepared by his city, which asks the committee to consider the measure.

227 SEN. PHILLIPS: Asks if the city of Springfield supports SB 284.

229 SEN. DWYER: Answers no. Notes that some members of the Springfield City Council support the measure.

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235 RONALD J. HEINTZMAN, Amalgamated Transit Union: Testifies in favor of SB 284.

Presents written testimony (EXHIBIT A).

250 SEN. PHILLIPS: Asks how he counters criticism about ATU having a better play in getting

people elected to the board, help them in all their negotiations, etc.

280 HEINTZMAN: Says the elected process offers the wider opportunity for people to express their

views and is much better than the general manager picking the board members.

295 CINDY ZEIL, Oregon Transit Association: Testifies against SB 284.

- Notes accountability of the board to the senate

- Discusses workability of an appointed board

-Refers to recent negotiations with labor unions

350 -Refers to support for the current system from the City of Springfield (EXHIBIT B) and

support from the Oregon Transit Association (EXHIBIT C).
400 SEN. PHILLIPS: Comments regarding her statements that the current system
working in
Lane

County; dealing with politics; that elected officials are less effective
than appointed officials;
we
should do what the citizens want, why don't the citizens elect their own
officials?

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010 SEN. ADAMS: Asks if she would be supportive of a bill to require all
transit boards to be elected.

015 ZEIL: Answers, yes.

051 GARY CONKLING testifies against SB 284.
- Refers to service on the Tri-Met Transit Board
- Feels it unlikely that qualified candidates would expend the resources to
conduct a campaign
- More qualified candidates would come forth if the position was appointed,
rather than elected

107 SEN. DWYER: Notes opposition from the City of Springfield Chamber of
Commerce.
Discusses

labor union negotiations.

Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB 284.

Opens PUBLIC HEARING on EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS - Government Standards and
Practices Commission - George ThomDson

139 GEORGE THOMPSON: Presents reasons he is seeking appointment.

160 SEN. PHILLIPS: Have you ever worked on a campaign in this area?

169 THOMPSON: Responds in the affirmative and explains it was not a
Legislative campaign.

177 SEN. PHILLIPS: Asks questions of Katy Coba, Assistant to the Governor
for Executive Appointments regarding this appointment.

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180 KATY COBA, Assistant to the Governor for Executive Appointments: Says
this appointment is a recommendation of the House Democrats. She explains
the House Democratic Office did a thorough job in investigation of all
candidates for this appointment.

Opens WORK SESSION on EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS - Government Standards and
Practices Commission - George ThomDson

196 MOTION: SEN. GOLD: Moves the committee recommend the appointment of
George Thompson to the Government Standards and Practices Commission.
VOTE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote AYE.
EXCUSED: SENATORS MILLER AND SPRINGER
MOTION CARRIES.

Closes WORK SESSION on EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS - George ThomDson

Opens PUBLIC HEARING on EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS - Board of Mass

Technicians - Chauncey Farrell

210 CHAUNCEY FARRELL: Discusses his last term of office and his contributions to the field of massage.

223 SEN. PHILLIPS: Questions if there is anything the members should be aware of regarding the board and his reappointment.

239 FARRELL: Discusses pending legislation that would increase the education required to become licensed as a massage technician.

255 SEN. PHILLIPS: Asks if the Governor is confident in the appointment controversy

272 SEN. PHILLIPS: Questions Katy Coba regarding any known controversy around this appointment.

274 KATY COBA: Responds, stating she knows of no controversy involved in this appointment.

Opens WORK SESSION on EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS - Board of Massage Technicians - Chauncey Farrell.

MOTION: SENATOR GOLD: Moves the committee recommend the appointment of Chauncey Farrell to the Board of Massage Technicians.

VOTE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote AYE. EXCUSED: SENATORS MILLER AND SPRINGER MOTION CARRIES. Carrier: Senator Adams

Submitted for the record: Letter in opposition to SB 284 - The Chamber - Jean DeYoung (EXHIBIT D)

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277 SEN. PHILLIPS: Adjourns the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Submitted by:	Reviewed by:
Gretchen Haber	Kristina McNitt
Committee Assistant	Committee Administrator
Assisted by:	
Dar' Woodrum	
Committee Assistant	
EXHIBIT LOG:	

A- Testimony on SB 284 -- Ronald J. Heintzman -- 8 pages

B- Letter of support (Springfield) on SB 284 -- Cindy Zeil -- 1 page (document missing)

C- Letter of support (Oregon Transit Assoc.) on SB 284 -- Cindy Zeil -- 1 page

D -- Letter in opposition (The Chamber) -- Jean DeYoung -- 1 page SB 2g~

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