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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SJR4

5/19/95 Room 137
10:00 A.M. Tapes 1- 2

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Neil Bryant, Chair
Rep. Tom Brian
Sen. Bill Dwyer
Rep. Lynn Lundquist
Rep. Terry Thompson
Sen. Eugene Timms

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Max Williams, Counsel
Diane Dussler, Assistant

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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 1, A

001 CHAIR BRYANT: Calls the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

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003 CHAIR BRYANT: We have two proposals.
- refers to map [EXHIBITS A & B]

005 MAX WILLIAMS: Explains SJR-4.

020 REP. LUNDQUIST: Explains House plan was to devise districts with
similar resources and philosophies.

081 CHAIR BRYANT: What are the chances of success for voter approval when
you compare the two plans?

082 REP. LUNDQUIST: Congressional district plan has a better chance of
passing as it is better known but it encourages division between east and
west of the state.

090 SEN. DWYER: There is no data base to count the voters based on this
configuration.

110 - bill was not designed to protect cultural interest but a broad base of
support from all over the state

123 REP. BRIAN: Prefers the house plan as it groups common areas of

interest.

- 150 - house plan should cost less
- 172 - plan has logical boundaries

174 SEN. TIMMS: Express problem when legislation is changed by other side.
180 - believes congressional plan has a chance
190 - suggests House plan should be done on another bill

203 REP. THOMPSON: On the coast we never see a petitioner.
207 - under House plan we have an opportunity to participate

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230 WILLIAMS: Suggest Mr. Tighe discuss House proposal on counties
verification of signatures.

238 SCOTT TIGHE, Elections Manager, Secretary of State's Office: We can
verify signature with either plan.
250 - in congressional district plan the burden is placed on petitioners
263 - in house version the burden would be on the county clerks
270 - minimum number for signature verification is 4,000
273 - house version would require more verification

286 TIGHE: Responds to Sen. Bryant's question on cost for signature
verification on either proposal at \$47,500 each per initiative; it is
\$19,800 under current system.
311 - explains process of what clerks are required to do in small counties
in response to Mr. Willilliams' question
337 - explains we have 15 days to verify signatures in response to Mr.
Williams' inquiry
240 - explains there are 10 to 12 counties that are not automated in
response to Rep. Thompson's question
352 - explains we had 18 initiative petitions that made it to the ballot in
the last election and currently we have 37 in response to Sen. Timms'
question

360 SEN. TIMMS: Under the county program the smaller counties are still
shoved out of the system.

391 TIGHE: Responds to Sen. Bryant's inquiry that 5 of the 37 files
initiatives are gathering signatures.
394 - responds to Chair Bryant's inquiry that the dead line is July 5, 1996
403 - responds to Rep. Thompson's inquiry that we had 73 initiative
petitions filed last cycle

423 SEN. DWYER: Gives numbers for past years

435 CHAIR BRYANT: Discusses what would be the effect if this initiative
went on the ballot in March and gives three alternatives.

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469 WILLIAMS: Explains he has given out material from Mr. Tighe in
initiative petitions [EXHIBIT E].

472 TIGHT: Responds to Rep. Thompson's inquiry on the number of petitions
filed but didn't make it as one.

TAPE 2, A

029 TED REUTLINGER, Legislative Counsel: Responds to Chair Bryant's
question on if there is a problem to any of the three alternatives.

057 - responds to Sen. Dwyer's question on water laws

060 WILLIAMS: Asks for explanation of SJR4 B-1 amendment [EXHIBIT D].

061 CHAIR BRYANT: This is a compromise position from the chair.

071 REUTLINGER: Explains the SJR4 B-1 amendment

095 - responds to Rep. Brian's inquiry on raising the number of signatures

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122 REUTLINGER: Responds to Chair Bryant's inquiry on the one man one vote
issue that it comes out of equal protection clause.

135 - house version raises issue that applies to elections for candidates

150 - explains how small districts with small population could thwart
initiative process

165 - responds to Sen. Dwyer's inquiry that it may take a year to resolve
these conflicts

190 SEN. DWYER: Explains his concerns with the bill.

206 CHAIR BRYANT: Explains what he would do if he were opposed to the
bill.

240 REUTLINGER: In response to Rep. Brian's inquiry he explains if the
districts are proportional the problem goes away.

249 - expresses concern with districts of unequal population

260 - responds we didn't find any case laws on this issue to Rep.
Brian's inquiry

282 - responds to Sen. Timms inquiry on redistricting as it
wouldn't affect it, as numbers can fluctuate in the House
version

302 REP. LUNDQUIST: It doesn't appear as a clear cut situation.

310 SEN. DWYER: There is a difference between making law and passing law.
We need to decide what we want to do.

Closes WORK SESSION on SJR4

340 CHAIR BRYANT: Adjourns meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

- A - Testimony on SRJ 4 - Rep. Lundquist - 1 page
- B - Testimony on SRJ 4 - Rep. Luindquist - 1 page
- C - Proposed Amendments on SRJ 4 - Sen. Bryant -1 page
- D - Proposed Amendments on SRJ 4 - - 1 page

E - Testimony on SRJ 4 - Scott Tighe - 13 page