

Public Hearing: Proposals To Limit Or Reduce Property Value
Public Hearing: HJR 16, 26, 22, 5
Tapes 67 & 68 A & B
HOUSE STATE AND SCHOOL FINANCE
COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 16, 1995 8:30 AM HEARING ROOM A
STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Members Present: Rep. John Schoon, Chair
Rep. Ron Adams
Rep. Lee Beyer
Rep. Tim Josi
Rep. Tony Federici Vice Chair (8:35 am late arrival)
Rep. Jane Lokan
Rep. Anita Rasmussen
Rep. Ken Strobeck
Rep. Jim Welsh (8:44 am late arrival)

Witnesses Present: Rep. Lundquist, District 59
Bill Schneider, Crook County
Ruth Regnier, Crook County
John Welch, Crook County
Pat Tucker, Small business owner, Crook County
Orrin Gerke, Crook County
Frank Forfily, Prineville Commissioner, Crook

County

Shirley Blanchard, Crook County
Patsy Owens, Real Estate Broker, Crook County
Vivian Zimmerlee, Crook County
Hosting Bicerri, Auto Mechanic, Crook County

Staff: James Scherzinger, Legislative Revenue Officer
Steve Meyer, Legislative Revenue Office
Rhonda Wehler, Committee Assistant

TAPE 67 SIDE A

007 Chair Schoon calls the meeting to order at 8:30
011 Steve Meyer -explains Homestead Exemption Examples, Exhibit A
037 Rep Beyer -clarifies homestead exemption is only for owner occupied
residences
061 Meyer -summarizes growth limits, exemption dependent on value of house
(lower value means higher exemption)
168 -refers to Exhibit B, State Property Tax Relief Programs for
Homeowners and Renters
216 Rep. Lundquist -introduces Crook County constituents

These minutes paraphrase and/or summarize SB amendments made during # meeting.

T - d enclosed herewith reports the speakers words. For complete
context and procedure, please refer to the tape recording.

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238 Bill Schneider -presents petition with 400 signatures of constituents
concerned about

property tax, must have forum to be heard for equitable assessments
-reviews great cost of Tax Court if assessor hearing is without
satisfaction

342 Chair Schoon -relays bill to be referred to State School and Finance
Committee

creates Magistrate Court, which would be cheaper than Tax Court

355 Schneider -supports cap since his land values increased 58% in one year

TAPE 68 SIDE A

020 Ruth Regnier says her house assessment went up \$34,000 in three years due
to golf

course nearby

049 John Welch -relays built new 2 bedroom home on 3 acres of his property
and must

pay taxes of \$200/month

058 Pat Tucker -expresses approval of cap on spending and property taxes and willingness to use initiative system

094 Orrin Gerke -expresses approval of California-type cap (2-3% increase reasonable)

-notes significant differences between commercial, industrial and residential appraisals

133 Frank Porfily -explains local lumber company appealed and won tax appraisal, which meant rest oftaxpayers had to make up the difference

-says many residents retired and are being taxed out of houses, don't want to defer taxes for others to pay, support cap

187 Shirley Blanchard -asks for cap as well as roll back

216 forfily -stresses need to equalize properties as cap is put on

227 Patsy Owens explains older residences being taxed in comparison with new homes

257 Vivian Zimmerlee-says her home valuation increased \$52,190 in 3 years

289 Hosting Bicerra -discusses large increase in house assessment and taxes

323 Bill Schneider -expresses concern over assessments, hearings process

393 All -introductions

TAPE 67 SIDE B

128 All -questions and discussion

328 Gerke -asks consideration of assessment based on purchase price of house until it sells

352 Bill Sizemore -reaffirms assessment situation must be changed to provide relief

-relays initiative will be implemented if legislature doesn't deal with assessments

TAPE 68 SIDE B

038 Schneider -notes apparent systematic shifting of burden from blanket assessment increase to under-assessed properties

058 Chair Schoon -explains legislature tried to generate funds for staffing by charging \$20

072 for every real estate filing, so inequities could be addressed -adjourns meeting at 10:03 am

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Kimberly Taylo-mes, Office Manager

Exhibit Summary

A. HRJ 5, Meyer, Homestead Exemption Examples, 2/15/95

B. HJR 5, Meyer, State Property Tsx ReliefPrograms for Homeowners and Renters

C. HJR 5, Meyer, Revenue Impact, 2/3/95