

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT Subcommittee on Transportation

April 19, 1993 Hearing Room 357 8:30 a.m. Tapes 40 - 41

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Chuck Norris, Chair Rep. Ken Baker Rep. Carl Hosticka Rep. Lonnie Roberts

VISITING MEMBERS: Rep. Markham

STAFF PRESENT: Janet Adkins, Committee Administrator Rick Gaupo, Committee Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 2509 HB 2507 HB 3275 HJM12 HB 3443 HB 2598

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TAPE 40, SIDE A

Chair Norris calls the hearing to order at 8:40 a.m.

WORK SESSION ON HB 2509

013 Administrator Adkins summarizes the bill utilizing the expanded agenda (Exhibit A)

060 MOTION: Rep. Roberts moves HB 2509 to the full committee with a DO PASS recommendation

VOTE: In a roll call vote all members are present and vote AYE and the motion CARRIES

WORK SESSION ON HB 2507

097 Administrator Adkins summarizes the bill utilizing the expanded agenda (see exhibit A) and submits fiscal impact statement and amendments

(Exhibit B)

122 Members discuss the need to fence in overpasses > Chair Norris cites the latest incident of objects being throw from

an overpass > Rep. Roberts states that this money needs to be provided because of

the extreme hazard > Rep. Baker proposes to amend the HB 2507-1 amendments in the

following way: In Section 2: Delete "and continuing until all overpasses have been fenced," and "at least 10 " and per year" Insert after shall "within 4 years" and after on "all" and after existing

"freeway" Thus Section 2 will read: "Beginning in the fiscal year that starts on July 1, 1993, the department shall within 4 years construct fences on all existing freeway overpasses 194 > Rep. Roberts: This is something we must have and to allow 4 years for completion is very generous 216 > Chair Norris: What about all the other threats we have out there that will cost a lot of money > Rep. Roberts states that the cost for this project has been identified and relatively speaking it is not that much money

MOTION: Rep. Roberts moves that the aforementioned amendments BE ADOPTED

VOTE: Hearing no objection the motion CARRIES

MOTION: Rep. Roberts moves HB 2507, as amended, to the full committee with a DO PASS recommendation

VOTE: In a roll call vote all members are present and vote AYE and the motion CARRIES

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 3275

260 Administrator Adkins summarizes the bill utilizing the expanded agenda (see exhibit A) and submits Metric Conversion of the Highway Program

(Exhibit C)

306 Rep. Markham: We should call the federal's bluff and not change our signs > Rep. Roberts expresses his support

344 Ruth Kahn-Treadwell explains the reasons for changing the mileage post signs to metric signs. She is not opposing HB 3275 but explains that

there is a need for the metric system

TAPE 41, SIDE A 014 Dwayne Hofstetter, State Traffic Engineer, submits and summarizes prepared statement (Exhibit D)

059 Bob Clour, Federal Highway Administration: Congress has decided that the federal government will operate in metrics > Answers members' questions > Rep. Roberts: Why does this great nation have to capitulate to the rest of the world > Chair Norris: Will Oregon be mandated to have a speed limit listed in metrics? Bob Clour responds that yes he believes that to be the case > Rep. Markham asks what happened 12 years ago when similar legislation was passed. Bob Clour: Public outcry dismissed the legislation

WORK SESSION ON HB 3275

144 MOTION: Rep. Roberts moves HB 3275 to the full committee with a DO PASS recommendation

Discussion: Administrator Adkins refers to fiscal statement and asks if federal money will pay for the new signs. Chair Norris states that it is far enough in the future we can worry about that later

VOTE: In a roll call vote all members are present and vote AYE and the

motion CARRIES

PUBLIC HEARING ON HJM12

Administrator Adkins summarizes the bill utilizing the expanded agenda  
(see exhibit A)

163 Chair Norris advocates that the U.S. Congress avoid any  
mandate to transfer over to the metric system

Ruth Kohn-Treadwell states reasons why we should look into the metric  
system

WORK SESSION ON HJM12

MOTION: Rep. Roberts moves HJM 12, as amended, to the full  
committee with a DO PASS recommendation

Discussion: Rep. Hosticka, politely disagreeing with the chair, states  
that for business reasons the United States needs to capitulate to the  
rest of the world on this issue

VOTE: In a roll call vote Rep. Baker, Roberts and Norris vote AYE, Rep.  
Hosticka votes NO, and the motion CARRIES

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 3443

304 Administrator Adkins summarizes the bill utilizing the expanded  
agenda (see exhibit A) and submits a fiscal impact statement (Exhibit E)

330 Rep. Roberts asks if mopeds are affected by this bill. No

360 Stan Porter, Traffic Safety ODOT, testifying in support of the  
bill, submits and summarizes prepared statement (Exhibit F)

TAPE 40, SIDE B

Mike Unger, ODOT, testifying in support of the bill, submits and  
summarizes prepared statement (Exhibit G)

040 Don Lawson, BikePAC of Oregon, testifying in support of the  
bill, submits and summarizes prepared statement (Exhibit H) > Chair  
Norris asks why there are fewer riders out there. Don Lawson

blames it on the helmet law

Steve Garets, Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program, submits written  
testimony for the record (Exhibit I)

Rep. Walden submits written testimony for the record (Exhibit J)

WORK SESSION ON HB 3443

098 MOTION: Rep. Baker moves HB 3443, as amended, to the full

committee with a DO PASS recommendation

VOTE: In a roll call vote all members are present and vote AYE and the motion CARRIES

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2598

117 Administrator Adkins and submits amendments (Exhibit K)

137 Chair Norris explains the history of the bill

156 Steve Johnson, ODOT, submits and summarizes prepared statement (Exhibit L) > Answers members' questions > Answering Chair Norris, explains that the weight deals with axle weight and not total weight > The change in highway standards is mandated for the federal level > Rep. Roberts asks whether we can give any exemptions. Steve Johnson states that this law affects only trucks on the federal highways > Answering Rep. Hosticka, states that log trucks and dump truck generally fit into the wheel base pattern > Answering Rep. Roberts, Johnson states that Oregon law gives incentive to add axles

349 > Mike Meredith, Oregon Trucking Associations, testifies in opposition to the intent of the bill > Chair Norris asks what changes would have to be made to trucks > Rep. Hosticka clarifies that this bill would not make trucks obsolete, but would charge an \$8 per year exemption fee

WORK SESSION ON HB 2598

MOTION: Rep. Baker moves that -1 amendments BE ADOPTED

VOTE: Hearing no objection the motion passes

MOTION: Rep. Roberts moves HB 2598, as amended, to the full committee with a DO PASS recommendation

VOTE: In a roll call vote all members are present and vote AYE and the motion CARRIES

Chair Norris adjourns the meeting

Submitted by

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