

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REORGANIZATION

March 15, 1993 Hearing Room E 1:30 p.m. Tapes 39 - 40

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. John Watt, Chair Rep. Lonnie Roberts, Vice-Chair
Rep. Dave McTeague Rep. Cedric Hayden Rep. Michael Payne Rep. Eldon
Johnson Rep. Fred Girod Rep. Avel Gordly Rep. Delna Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Adrienne Sexton, Committee Administrator Kenneth
Brady, Committee Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED: Proposed amendments to House Rules

WITNESSES: Rep. John Minnis Rep. Greg Walden Ramona Kenady
Rep. Tom Mason Rep. Carl Hosticka

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TAPE 39, SIDE A

003 REPRESENTATIVE JOHN WATT, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Convenes meeting at
1:36 p.m. -Opens work session on rule changes.

WORK SESSION - PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

011 ADRIENNE SEXTON, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Explains proposed
rule changes.

025 REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MINNIS: In support of rule changes. -Explains
lack of movement on things so far. -A House Appropriations Committee
would help significantly. -Intent is to share parameters with the
senate.

070 REPRESENTATIVE GREG WALDEN: In support of rule changes. -Explains
what the Appropriations would do. -Notes minority proportionality.

093 REPRESENTATIVE DAVE MCTEAGUE: There are budget parameters . .
. how could we work a budget without an agreement between the house
and senate?

100 MINNIS: My intention is to work the budgets, and hope that we all
work together.

121 REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL PAYNE: When things go to conference
committee, will proportionality be observed for the minority party
members?

129 WALDEN: I can't answer that, but will get back to you.

132 PAYNE: Would you be opposed to an amendment that ensures proportionality?

137 WALDEN: I'd like to look at how that has been done before, first. Not total proportionality, of course.

140 MINNIS: I wouldn't be opposed to it, but we shouldn't be locked into proportionality.

160 WATT: We would look to the conference committee on the senate side for guidance, correct?

166 MINNIS: I don't think we'd get that agreement from the senate. We're not looking for a war, just for some sort of concensus.

206 PAYNE: Is this going to cost the legislative body more money?

215 MINNIS: No. We'll be able to finish the session earlier with these changes.

220 REPRESENTATIVE AVEL GORDLY: The role of the public could be expanded in this process? How so?

223 WALDEN: Doing it this way has to improve public participation because more people will be involved.

233 GORDLY: You're talking about legislative members though, not citizens.

238 WALDEN: It will become a more public process, since more members will be involved.

250 REPRESENTATIVE DELNA JONES: Representation on conference committees hasn't been required to be proportional. Have we changed proportionality?

261 RAMONA KENADY, HOUSE CHIEF CLERK: I'd have to do research on that. I believe it has been attempted on the house side.

274 JONES: Is there a requirement for proportionality?

277 KENADY: The rules don't mention conference committees specifically.

281 PAYNE: Ways & Means is statutory. Would Ways & Means be able to continue to exist and function if they want?

293 WALDEN: It will still exist, but there will be no bills sent to it. There wouldn't be a positive purpose, however.

300 PAYNE: Are there senate bills before them now and would they continue?

302 WALDEN: Yes.

304 KENADY: The quorum would require a certain membership of the

senate and the house be there.

311 PAYNE: Two house members and the majority of the senate.

314 MINNIS: There are no senate bills in any of the subcommittees.

322 REPRESENTATIVE ELDON JOHNSON: Notes that he would want the best people, regardless of party affiliation.

340 REPRESENTATIVE TOM MASON: Notes efficiency of Ways and Means. -This proposed action is not going to help. -In opposition to these changes. -This body will not agree on anything. -There is a lack of revenue. -This will take more time than it does now.

426 WATT: Was the crafting of the co-chair's budget a good thing?

432 MASON: That has always been a weak point of the Ways & Means process. These changes won't help.

455 REPRESENTATIVE CEDRIC HAYDEN: You say we don't have enough revenue. What would be enough revenue?

467 MASON: Enough to keep schools, welfare, health care, not to release prisoners.

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032 HAYDEN: Do you have any dollar figures?

039 MASON: 1.2 billion dollars. -Notes his support for a sales tax. -Notes the effect on schools.

048 JONES: Do you have a bill before the revenue committee?

050 MASON: No.

051 JONES: Are there any you support for this session?

055 MASON: The proposals of Van Vliet & Wooten. -We are being too soft of the public. Tell them the truth.

067 REPRESENTATIVE FRED GIROD: And if a sales tax doesn't pass? Do we make cuts then?

073 MASON: Constitutionally, close the state down.

078 GIROD: How do you break a 23 percent expansion rate per biennium?

081 MASON: It hasn't gone up at all.

090 GIROD: Still, there's that expansion.

092 MASON: Budgets increase. -There is a need for revenue.

105 GORDLY: What is the composition of the management team?

111 WATT: Rep. Minnis, Shiprack, Mannix, Clarno, & Calouri.

117 GORDLY: One woman but no person of color.

123 WATT: Should this pass, would you be willing to work with us all to move this process forward?

130 MASON: Of course. -I don't think it will work.

133 REPRESENTATIVE CARL HOSTICKA: The premise that the house can pass a budget on our own is false. -Suggests a process of more communication. -Submits proposed amendments to rule changes (EXHIBIT B).

199 ROBERTS: On an 8 member conference committee, the split would be 5-3?

200 HOSTICKA: Yes.

204 HAYDEN: It is difficult to have a quorum at a conference committee. Could this process allocate 8 members to a conference committee?

213 HOSTICKA: Yes. Ways & Means does it now at the same time.

217 HAYDEN: Would you modify your amendments to put a period at the end of the word "house" and delete the last two lines?

222 HOSTICKA: It would be an improvement over the proposed rules, but not good enough.

228 GIROD: What is to prevent the senate from having a different set of rules?

232 HOSTICKA: Nothing guarantees what the senate will do. 240
WATT: Recess at 2:20 p.m. -Resumes work session at 2:34 p.m.

250 MOTION: Rep. JONES moves house rules 2.20, 8.01, 8.05, 8.20, 8.22, 9.01, 9.15, 13.05, 13.10 as distributed be amended.

255 SEXTON: Notes that it would be "recommended to the floor for adoption."

260 JONES: I propose that my motion be to send this to the floor for adoption.

262 ROBERTS: What about the proposed amendments?

266 JONES: Speaks to her motion. -This will be a good improvement.

288 ROBERTS: We will get locked up in this process.

296 PAYNE: This means we are coming apart at the seams, not together, and it is a bad idea.

310 GORDLY: I'm nervous to tinker with this process, as it is irresponsible.

327 WATT: Notes that there is a need for change.

360 VOTE: In a ROLL CALL VOTE, voting AYE: Rep. Girod, Hayden, Johnson, Jones, Vice-Chair Roberts, Chair Watt. NAY: Rep. Gordly, McTeague, Payne.

362 GORDLY: Serves notice of a possible minority report.

365 WATT: Rule change is passed and moved to the floor. -Adjourns at
2:40 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

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