

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REORGANIZATION

April 22, 1993 Hearing Room E 5:00 p.m. Tapes 47 - 50

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

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Delna Jones

VISITING MEMBER: Rep. Dennis Luke

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

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 2327 - Relating to pharmaceutical
agents

HB 2901 - Establishes licensing requirements for
dispensing optician

HB 3588 - Relating to the Board of Optometry

HB 2602 - Abolishes Legislative Committee on Trade and Economic
Development

HJR 64 - Asks for voluntary school salary freeze

WITNESSES: Rep. Dennis Luke Roger Smith Barbara Lowe Karen
Famous, O.E.A. James Bond Arthur Peterson Nancy Oft Rose Janet Jackson

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Thompson Marilyn Salter Joe Simon, O.E.A. Mike Githens Ken Noah Phyllis
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Edward, O.S.E.A. John Danielson, O.S.E.A.

TAPE 47, SIDE A

003 REPRESENTATIVE JOHN WATT, COMMITTEE CHAIR: Convenes meeting at
5:07 p.m. -Opens work session on HB 2327, HB 2901 and HB 3588.

WORK SESSION - HB 2327, HB 2901 and HB 3588

012 MOTION: REPRESENTATIVE LONNIE ROBERTS moves to rerefer HB 2327, HB 2901 and HB 3588 to the Speaker's desk to be referred to Human

Development.

018 MOTION: REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL PAYNE moves an amendment to the motion, that the aforementioned bills be rereferred to the Commerce committee.

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

033 WATT: Closes work session on HB 2327, HB 2901 and HB 3588. -Opens work session on HB 2602.

WORK SESSION - HB 2602

036 ADRIENNE SEXTON, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Explains HB 2602.

050 MOTION: Rep. ROBERTS moves that HB 2602 be moved to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

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

075 WATT: Declares HB 2602 passed to floor. -Chair Watt is the carrier. -Opens hearing on HJR 64.

PUBLIC HEARING - HJR 64

080 WATT: Reads bill.

100 REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS LUKE: Submits written testimony in support of HJR 64 (EXHIBIT B).

130 PAYNE: Do you think the legislature should freeze salaries first?

135 LUKE: Responds.

159 ROBERTS: The legislature has taken a freeze.

175 ROGER SMITH: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT C) in opposition to HJR 64.

186 ROBERTS: Notes effect of Measure 5.

203 BARBARA LOWE: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT D) in opposition to HJR 64.

239 REPRESENTATIVE ELDON JOHNSON: What was the contract settlement for 92-93?

245 LOWE: I don't know for Medford.

249 REPRESENTATIVE FRED GIROD: My salary is lowered by being here from my practice.

255 LOWE: Responds.

258 PAYNE: Are you paid comparable to lawyers, etc.? Do you have to spend extra?

264 LOWE: Responds.

274 PAYNE: Do you do things after regular working hours?

278 LOWE: Responds.

280 PAYNE: How much is reimbursed?

282 LOWE: Responds.

285 REPRESENTATIVE DAVE MCTEAGUE: What will the school cuts do to your district? 295 LOWE: Responds.

315 REPRESENTATIVE AVEL GORDLY: How are teachers regarded in the community?

318 LOWE: Responds.

338 KAREN FAMOUS, O.E.A.: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT E) in opposition to HJR 64.

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030 JOHNSON: Reads information into the record from newspaper (EXHIBIT F). -It's hard for the public to accept such high settlements.

049 FAMOUS: Compare our salaries to other professionals.

058 GORDLY: Asks for specifics on out-of-pocket expenditures.

062 FAMOUS: Responds.

083 REPRESENTATIVE CEDRIC HAYDEN: What did you mean about the hot-lunch program?

086 FAMOUS: Responds.

090 HAYDEN: What level is that at?

092 FAMOUS: Defers answer to another person.

095 HAYDEN: How about doctors paying for the Oregon Health Plan out of their pockets?

097 FAMOUS: Responds.

103 PAYNE: Submits written testimony from a constituent.

117 FAMOUS: Speaks on her own salary level.

125 HAYDEN: How many hours of student contact does that entail?

128 FAMOUS: 188 days. Not sure of hours.

144 JAMES BOND, MEDFORD TEACHER'S ASSOC.: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT G) in opposition to HJR 64.

173 JOHNSON: What was the Medford District settlement?

177 BOND: 4 percent.

182 GIROD: Is that total?

184 BOND: Yes. -We pay for STEPS as well.

188 JOHNSON: How?

190 BOND: By paying for continuing education.

196 ARTHUR PETERSON: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT H) in opposition to HJR 64.

264 LUKE: How many teachers will lose jobs in your district in this next contract?

270 PETERSON: 15 by attrition.

273 LUKE: No one will actually retire though?

276 PETERSON: Responds.

284 GORDLY: What study did you note?

286 PETERSON: Responds.

290 PAYNE: Notes that some members make responsible decisions not to cut education.

310 NANCY OFT ROSE: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT I) in opposition to HJR 64.

382 JOHNSON: What kind of salary settlement did you make?

388 ROSE: Responds.

393 WATT: Asks for a clarification on number of hours she works.

400 ROSE: Responds.

403 GIROD: Are timber workers and others who have to take cuts paying an extra tax by your definition?

425 ROSE: Responds.

438 GIROD: I don't think that is a tax.

442 ROSE: Responds.

448 GIROD: Discusses amount of disposable income for average people.

045 MCTEAGUE: Notes how difficult it is to explain why the legislature can't find solutions to budget problems.

088 PAYNE: Do you know how we rank in S.A.T. scores?

091 ROSE: Number one in the nation.

095 PAYNE: If we paid you only \$15,000 a year, would you move to a higher paying state?

100 ROSE: No.

102 JANET JACKSON: Speaks in response to Rep. Girod's comments. -Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT J) in opposition to HJR 64.

163 HAYDEN: Is that about \$70,000 a year you get paid then?

177 JACKSON: No.

182 WATT: Notes that what her testimony says is that she has hers and won't give it up, nor does she care about anyone else.

190 JACKSON: Responds.

212 GIROD: What increase did you get this year?

215 JACKSON: About 3.2 percent.

224 LUKE: How many teachers & staff will lose their jobs in your district?

228 JACKSON: None.

234 NITA STEWART: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT K) in opposition to HJR 64.

334 LUKE: This resolution does not say teachers are overpaid or not doing their jobs.

380 STEWART: The people of this state will assume that a school pay cut is a solution. It isn't.

406 GIROD: What if the sales tax fails again?

410 STEWART: Responds.

441 JOHNSON: Conditions will be intolerable if we don't get more revenue.

457 WATT: We have to think about a contingency plan.

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031 PAYNE: If we passed a sales tax but the people didn't, and the people tried to repeal Measure 5, would you vote to repeal it?

037 STEWART: Responds.

044 VICKI BARROWS: In opposition to HJR 64. -Notes alleged comments

made by legislators.

071 GIROD: Who made those comments?

079 BARROWS: I don't know that.

081 PAYNE: I have heard comments as well.

084 BARROWS: Continues testimony.

135 GIROD: Who is 'you'?

137 BARROWS: The legislature.

138 GIROD: How much of an increase did you receive?

140 BARROWS: Responds.

156 HAYDEN: Are the people here today leaders or grass-roots teachers?

160 BARROWS: Grass-roots.

162 LUKE: Teacher's unions were missing from Willamette University's hearing on HB 3565. -What did your union do about that bill?

175 BARROWS: Responds.

185 PAYNE: Summers are unpaid? Can you draw unemployment? What compensation is there?

194 BARROWS: Responds.

206 SANDI ROSENFELD: In opposition to HJR 64.

236 JACKIE ELLENZ: In opposition to HJR 64.

303 PAYNE: Even if you all took a cut, it would only be a drop in the bucket toward our budget shortfall.

307 GIROD: How should we 'solve the problems'?

320 ELLENZ: Responds.

345 GIROD: Notes problems that are present in the state now.

375 LUKE: It is the duty of the legislators to educate the people in their districts.

430 ELLENZ: This is a national problem.

440 HAYDEN: Measure 5 is a form of tax reform. The people who passed it were educated.

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028 ELLENZ: Responds.

034 GIROD: Discusses urban renewal. What's your feeling on that?

039 BARROWS: Responds.

049 JOHNSON: Associated Oregon Industries is in favor of a tax increase.

-Business is supportive, so don't 'chew up' business.

076 PAT HEALY: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT L) in opposition to HJR 64.

121 DONA THOMPSON: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT M) in opposition to HJR 64.

175 MARILYN SALTER: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT N) in opposition to HJR 64.

244 WATT: You feel you're being singled out. You are not. -Notes others that are affected greatly.

286 PAYNE: This is not quality thinking, and teachers are being singled out.

295 LUKE: This is creating discussions. That is good.

319 JOE SIMON, PRESIDENT OF OREGON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT O) in opposition to HJR 64. -In favor of a sales tax.

333 HAYDEN: Did Beaverton get a 16 percent increase?

337 SIMON: No. -Continues testimony.

400 MIKE GITHENS: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT P) in opposition to HJR 64.

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030 GITHENS: Continues testimony.

045 LUKE: Could we open bargaining sessions to general public?

054 GITHENS: Responds.

060 LUKE: Perception is that you could be cutting deals behind closed doors.

066 KEN NOAH: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT Q) in opposition to HJR 64.

114 PHYLLIS GUILLE, PRESIDENT OF SALEM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT R) in opposition to HJR 64.

204 HAYDEN: The expense of graduate classes is only a part of the state subsidy that a class costs.

217 GUILLE: Responds.

225 GIROD: Do you know what your cost per student is?

228 GUILLE: Responds.

230 GIROD: It seems ironic that S.A.T. scores don't follow cost per student.

240 GUILE: Responds.

256 GORDLY: Is there an anti-violence program in the schools?

264 GUILE: Responds.

275 JOHNSON: What salary settlement did you have?

279 GUILE: We haven't yet.

282 JANET MCINTIRE: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT S) in opposition to HJR 64.

355 HAYDEN: I don't think you're overpaid, but don't you work during the summers?

375 MCINTIRE: Responds.

385 BILL PHILLIPS: In opposition to HJR 64.

403 GIROD: Is the distribution weighted enough for the English as a Second Language students?

408 PHILLIPS: I don't know. -Continues testimony.

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037 PHILLIPS: Continues testimony.

080 HAYDEN: Most inmates in penitentiaries are educated. Why?

085 PHILLIPS: Responds.

093 LUKE: Commends Phillips for his work.

100 PHILLIPS: If there is to be a sales tax, it must be permanently linked with education.

109 GIROD: Most of us are here as first time members. 116 LUKE: We are all responsible.

129 LOU WENZL: In opposition to HJR 64.

176 RAY GROSS: In opposition to HJR 64.

267 ED EDWARD, O.S.E.A.: In opposition to HJR 64.

318 JOHN DANIELSON, O.S.E.A.: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT T) in opposition to HJR 64.

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030 DANIELS: Continues testimony.

077 PAYNE: Notes Daniels' testimony. -Could we make all districts subject to the same restraint?

088 DANIELS: Responds.

099 WATT: Closes hearing on HJR 64. -Adjourns meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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