

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REORGANIZATION

May 19, 1993 Hearing Room E 1:30 p.m. Tapes 60 - 62

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

VISITING MEMBER: Rep. Jim Whitty Rep. Lee Beyer Rep. Ted Calouri
Rep. Gene Derfler

STAFF PRESENT: Adrienne Sexton, Administrator Betina Rothauser,
Coordinator

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 2031 - Relating to the state fair.

HB 3658 - Relating to Economic Development Department reorganization.

WITNESSES: Char White, Office of Rep. Calouri - HB 3658
Bill Scott, Director, Economic Development - HB 365 8 Alan Willis,
Oregon Ports - HB 3658 Paget Engen, Oregon Ports - HB 3658 Peter
Williamson, Port of St. Helens - HB 3658 Judge Laura Pryor, Gilliam
County - HB 3658

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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. [--- Unable To Translate
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TAPE 60, SIDE A

WORK SESSION ON HB 2031

003 CHAIR WATT: Calls meeting to order at 1:30.

008 ADRIENNE SEXTON, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Summarizes and explains
bill with the -9 and -10 amendments.

064 WATT: Where would that be in the electronic-engrossment?

065 SEXTON: Amend page 3, line 35. Delete "initial". Continues
testimony regarding amendments.

091 REP. LONNIE ROBERTS: What's the difference between -9 and
-10 amendments?

092 SEXTON: -10 is the Legislative Counsel version. It is the one to
work from.

094 MOTION: Rep. Girod moves line 23 of -10 amendments,
add "corporation" and delete "licensee". Section 6, subsection 2 delete

"initial". Moves -10 amendments.

VOTE: In a ROLL CALL VOTE, all members present vote AYE. EXCUSED: Rep. Jones and Rep. McTeague

127 MOTION: Rep. Roberts moves HB 2031 as amended to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

129 REP. AVEL GORDLY: I will vote no. Don't believe in many of the employment policies that this incorporates.

143 GIROD: I will vote yes on this bill.

150 WATT: Summarizes work completed on this bill.

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

167 PAYNE: Gives notice of a possible minority report.

173 WATT: HB 2031 is passed to the Floor as amended. Carrier: Chair Watt - Closes work session on HB 2031. - Opens public hearing on HB 3658.

PUBLIC HEARING - HB 3658

177 SEXTON: Summarizes and explains HB 3658.

208 REP. JIM WHITTY: Gives testimony in support of HB 3658. - Provides background on bill.

256 REP. GENE DERFLER: Gives testimony in support of HB 3658 - Agencies doing excellent job, but lacking direction.

277 REP. LEE BEYER: - Gives testimony in support of HB 3658. - Believe departments and staff are spread too thin. - Legislature has been micromanaging agency instead of letting them use their own discretion. 317 JONES: Did you interview or discuss ideas in counties that aren't rural?

308 BEYER: Yes.

331 JONES: Did organizations in highly urban areas receive interviews?

338 DERFLER: Responds.

347 JONES: I'm interested in structure of economic department activities.

355 REP. TED CALOURI: Gives testimony in support of HB 3658. - Checked with other states to see how they operate in this area. - Used Transportation Commission as a model.

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000 CALOURI: Continues testimony.

061 PAYNE: Questions Section 41-55. What is their intent with the Ports?

070 WHITTY: Responds.

081 CALOURI: Ports want to have their own commission. If that happens then 25 others will ask to be separate too. - Bill doesn't take away from the Ports.

097 BEYER: Mix and match can do a better job for local economies.

110 WATT: Are you looking towards efficiency?

115 WHITTY: As a constant change in directors occurs you lose continuity.

119 GORDLY: Where does Office of Business and Minority Development fit into this?

121 CALOURI: Responds.

126 ROBERTS: You are deleting the Ports Division?

130 WHITTY: Not deleting, just combining.

155 ROBERTS: How will port assistance fit into this new organization?

156 WHITTY: Responds.

170 ROBERTS: A port is in my district. You will consolidate, but still have local control on the Ports?

176 CALOURI: Responds. - There is no downsizing.

199 JONES: How is this different than commission that was just abolished?

206 CALOURI: Responds.

218 JONES: Did you talk to former commissioners and get their input on management?

227 CALOURI: Talked to a former director. Continues testimony.

251 GORDLY: How will women and minorities fit into the scheme of things?

268 CALOURI: Responds.

295 BEYER: Responds. - Opportunities for advocates position. - Concerned with capacity for economic development in rural areas.

329 JONES: Comments on bill. Some departments need more flexibility and some need more management. - Page 8, line 13 speaks on small businesses owned by women and minorities.

349 DERFLER: This is a good bill that will improve flexibility.

380 CHAR WHITE, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO REP. CALOURI: Submits and reviews written testimony. (EXHIBIT A). - language to establish commission taken from statute of Transportation Commission. They have the most success. - Governor appoints Commission, but not Director. - Intention is to streamline, give more authority and implement it. - Describes how commissions will be grouped.

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000 WHITE: Continues testimony. - Port program stays intact, but is combined into Community and Rural

Development Division. - Explains -1 amendment. (EXHIBIT B)

106 PAYNE: Was there any discussion of financial savings to overlap tourism with film and video?

066 WHITE: Hoped for staff savings. They run on a lean program now.

120 GORDLY: What was the task force discussion as to make-up of membership?

122 WHITE: Responds.

129 GORDLY: Why have three members from one party?

130 WHITE: Responds.

138 GORDLY: I'm looking for balance.

140 JONES: Is this comparable to Transportation Commission as to where members must be from?

141 WHITE: Yes

150 BILL SCOTT, DIRECTOR, ECON. DEVEL. DEPT: Gives testimony on HB 3658.

- Dept. has a pre-lottery and post-lottery life. - Have 13 working groups with managers. - The Economic Development Dept. is preparing amendments. - Want Governor to feel a close bond with this commission. - Feel Tourism and Film and Video should be separate divisions.

388 ROBERTS: Did I understand you to say that Governor Roberts will not support this bill as it is?

392 SCOTT: That's correct. Continues testimony.

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016 ROBERTS: It sounds as if you want to totally rework this bill.

022 WATT: Discusses the process of questions that the committee goes through.

054 PAYNE: Discusses the costs of the bill. If it isn't broke why fix it.

056 SCOTT: Can emerge with a better statute than exists now.

061 WATT: Maybe there isn't a problem.

066 JONES: Discusses allocation of funds to departments. Are the programs operating in the most cost effective way? - Concerned with abolishing the commission. How do you stay connected to the people you serve?

096 SCOTT: Discusses feedback from the public.

122 WATT: We need some things identified for us a bit further. - Discusses work group.

130 GIROD: Would be happy to assist on this bill.

134 JUDGE LAURA PRYOR, GILLIAM COUNTY: Gives testimony in support of HB 3658. Discusses frustrations with Economic Development Dept. - Commission should select director. - Feels agency needs stability. - There's a big difference doing economic development in smaller vs.

larger communities.

284 GORDLY: What is your background? 287 PRYOR: Responds.

289 PAYNE: If change made this time, will it have more lasting effects than prior changes.?

298 PRYOR: Responds.

314 JONES: Would like Judge Pryor to stay involved as changes are made.

321 PRYOR: Would be happy to.

325 ALAN WILLIS, OREGON PORTS: Presents testimony on HB 3658. - Concerned about loss of division status.

382 PAGET ENGEN, OREGON PORTS: Presents testimony on HB 3658. - Page 22, line 7 is worrisome to the Port.

426 PETER WILLIAMSON, PORT OF ST. HELENS: Presents written testimony on HB 3658. (EXHIBIT C).

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051 JONES: Compliments the Ports. Believe their program is well run. - Shows success of revolving fund.

057 PAYNE: Would you be happier if changes in sections 41-55 were deleted?

061 PAGET: Responds.

063 WILLIS: We are neither for nor against the bill.

070 ROBERTS: Let's coordinate and begin meeting on this.

075 WATT: Closes hearing on HB 3658. Adjourns meeting at 4:20pm.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Testimony on HB 3658 - Char White - 8 pages B - Amendments to HB
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Helens - 3 pages