

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REORGANIZATION Subcommittee on Rules

April 19, 1993 Hearing Room E 1:30 p.m. Tapes 16 - 17

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Fred Girod, Chair Rep. Lonnie Roberts Rep. Dave McTeague

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Cedric Hayden

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

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 3423 - Election & campaign reform.

WITNESSES: Phil Keisling, HB 3423 Jimi Mathers, HB 3423

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TAPE 16, SIDE A

009 REPRESENTATIVE FRED GIROD, SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR: Convenes meeting at 1:37 p.m. -Opens public hearing on HB 3423.

PUBLIC HEARING - HB 3423

011 REPRESENTATIVE DAVE MCTEAGUE: We need to give public notice about this.

026 ADRIENNE SEXTON, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Explains how notice is given.

053 PHIL KEISLING, SECRETARY OF STATE: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT B) about problems with current campaign finance. -Explains written testimony. -Notes SB 153 is similar to this. -Will only support this bill if it also includes voluntary spending

limits.

176 MCTEAGUE: How do you deal with independent expenditures when addressing voluntary spending limits?

183 KEISLING: Responds. 215 MCTEAGUE: Could you be more specific about the definition of independent expenditures?

220 KEISLING: Reads definition from SB 153.

232 MCTEAGUE: Difficult to enforce.

236 ROBERTS: How do you prove that?

240 KEISLING: There is no sure way to deal with that, but we need to make an effort in the right direction.

255 MCTEAGUE: What is the cost of a page in the voter's pamphlet?

261 KEISLING: About 1000 dollars.

266 MCTEAGUE: Should there be a provision in the voter's pamphlet to say whether candidates obey the voluntary limits?

270 KEISLING: Yes.

277 GIROD: Wouldn't there be a problem with enforcing limits, especially in the last week of the campaign?

288 KEISLING: Responds.

305 GIROD: How do you protect the candidate from unexpected things such as a third party coming in, etc.?

320 KEISLING: Responds.

342 GIROD: Why do you oppose the tax-credit repeal?

351 KEISLING: Responds.

358 MCTEAGUE: Political parties are different as far as tax-credits?

365 KEISLING: Responds.

369 GIROD: What about the 'bounty payments'?

374 KEISLING: Responds.

383 GIROD: What about the sections that will tell how to spend contributions?

389 KEISLING: Responds.

391 GIROD: Your opposition is that there's no spending limits?

397 KEISLING: Yes. -Explains.

430 ROBERTS: Some of the P.A.C.s contribute only a small amount to candidates, but you say they can't do that but can as individuals . . . an individual can write a hundred-thousand dollar check. -Why don't we work one bill instead of a House and a Senate bill

seperately?

473 KEISLING: The Senate bill is different.

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033 KEISLING: I decided to try both of them and see. -Raises question about putting personal funds into campaign. -Nothing prohibits P.A.C.s from contributing, just from getting a

tax-credit.

078 ROBERTS: A lot of things qualify as contributions. Could a contribution I make to my caucus still be passed on to another candidate?

086 KEISLING: If you paid it out of your pocket.

089 ROBERTS: I could only contribute out of my own pocket?

094 KEISLING: Responds.

102 ROBERTS: I get nervous when you say you want to tell us how to spend our campaign money.

109 KEISLING: Responds.

118 ROBERTS: I agree that we shouldn't be able to spend money on sports cars, etc. What about people that donate their time to help out? I

like to give them a party, treat them well.

131 KEISLING: I'm not sure about that. Falls to the definition of personal use.

140 MCTEAGUE: What are the committee's intention with these amendments?

146 GIROD: Trying to build a consensus. -Can a challenger honestly defeat an incumbent on 40,000 dollars?

160 KEISLING: Responds.

185 GIROD: Legislative Counsel said that a lot of this is unconstitutional or suspected to be. Did they mention that to you?

196 KEISLING: They have flagged some parts as suspect.

206 GIROD: What about pass throughs?

209 KEISLING: Responds.

232 ROBERTS: The cost of mailing goes up with inflation, and that would limit a lot. 248 KEISLING: Responds.

254 MCTEAGUE: I'm generally supportive of this concept. -Need realistic voluntary limits. -Why 40,000 dollars for Representatives & 60,000 dollars for Senators?

276 KEISLING: Responds.

322 JIMI MATHERS: Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT C). -In support of HB 3423 as amended.

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040 MATHERS: Continues testimony.

080 GIROD: Closes public hearing on HB 3423. -Adjourns at 2:41 p.m.

Submitted by:

Reveiwed by:

Kenneth Brady
Administrator

Adrienne Sexton Clerk

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Proposed amendments to HB 3423 - Staff - 24 pages B - Testimony
on HB 3423 - Phil Keisling - 5 pages C - Testimony on HB 3423 - Jimi
Mathers - 4 pages