

SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON EMISSION REDUCTIONS

February 9, 1993 Hearing Room A 8:00 a.m. Tapes 1 - 4

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Tom Brian, Chair Rep. Margaret Carter Rep. Tony Federici Rep. Bob Tiernan Rep. Greg Walden

VISITING MEMBER: Rep. Delna Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Terry Drake, Administrator Katy Yetter, Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 2419 - PUB HB 2214 - PUB HJR 7 - PUB

WITNESSES: Mike Hollern, Department of Transportation Fred Hansen, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality John Kowalczyk, Manager of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality (D.E.Q.) Merlin Huff, D.E.Q. Andy Ginsburg, D.E.Q. [--- Unable To Translate Graphic ---]

These minutes contain materials which paraphrase and/or summarize 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 Graphic ---]

TAPE 1, SIDE A

Rep. Brian calls meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

005 REP. JONES: Gives brief overview of task force and their objectives.

034 MIKE HOLLERN, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: Gives testimony and states position of Department of Transportation in regards to the bills

presented by this task force.

143 REP. FEDERICI: Wants first two parts of the three part plan as indicated by M. Hollern

MIKE HOLLERN, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: 1. Gas Tax, and 2. Funding priorities with federal money.

160 FRED HANSEN: Gives testimony (EXHIBIT A).

TAPE 2, SIDE A

010 REP. CARTER: Does plan have intention of helping small businesses if they do not have proper funds to care for it themselves?

018 FRED HANSEN, D.E.Q.: This generally speaks of major corporate pollution, and may not affect small businesses. Relief

to small

businesses can come through the Clean Air Act, which targets big business.

030 REP. CARTER: How do you as an organization plan to remain subjective in determining exemptions?

034 FRED HANSEN, D.E.Q.: Analysis can determine sources of vegetative destruction.

043 REP. CARTER: Do small businesses have any conflict with the DEQ in terms of regulation?

048 FRED HANSEN, D.E.Q.: We have tried to remove causes of discrepancy.

100 REP. CARTER: What kind of meeting did the task force have with the American Automobile Association (AAA)?

102 FRED HANSEN, D.E.Q.: We met in regards to the amendment that involves emission fees to be used for highway improvement and emission reduction.

120 REP. FEDERICI: Where will AAA be most affected?

125 FRED HANSEN, D.E.Q.: Membership may be jeopardized due to the pollution that may be caused by driving--they do not approve of these bills

because their business may conceivably be affected.

150 REP. JONES: Comments on bills that would instate a fee for organizations such as AAA.

169 REP. FEDERICI: Without amendment, could fees be put into general funds?

180 FRED HANSEN, D.E.Q.: Yes.

187 REP. FEDERICI: Then the concern is primarily how the fee will be spent, not where the fee comes from?

194 FRED HANSEN, D.E.Q.: Qualitative benefits can not be made through highway fund without making changes in modes of transit.

NOTE: The DEQ presents a slide show which gives statistics on emissions i.e., ozone. Throughout the presentation, the witnesses answer various questions from the representatives regarding possible causes and solutions of air pollution.

TAPE 1, SIDE B

Discussion continues on air pollution in conjunction with the slide show. Representatives point out discrepancies between data and testimony as well as pursue potential solutions to problems suggested by the DEQ.

TAPE 2, SIDE B

Witnesses continue with testimony.

TAPE 3, SIDE A

220 Witnesses continue with testimony. DEQ brings up Andy Ginsburg to testify on emission reduction. Cites various areas of EXHIBIT A to

illustrate points.

TAPE 4, SIDE A

005 Witnesses continue with testimony.

010 CHAIR BRIAN: Asks about costs of emission control as opposed to effect on environment.

020 ANDY GINSBURG: Replies by stating some statistics on transportation costs and percentages of various pollutants that result.

020 CHAIR BRIAN: How can we comply with the Federal Clean Air act with the fewest impacts?

052 FRED HANSEN, D.E.Q.: Testimony offers some goals in order to reduce pollution and emissions with few impacts.

066 MARGARET CARTER: States that she would like to look at these issues in a global sense -social engineering that encompasses lower level of issue (economic

hardship).

090 FRED HANSEN, D.E.Q.: Gives assumptions of the DEQ in terms of emission and alternative modes of travel.

115 REP. TIERNAN: Asks about reformulative fuels and how their application may apply to DEQ's proposition.

140 JOHN KOWALCZYK, DEQ: Replies by citing testimony that refers to this fuel and emission reduction.

168 REP. FEDERICI: Asks fh to describe california low emission vehicles program.

172 FRED HANSEN, D.E.Q.: Gives description of this stringent program.

220 REP. CARTER: States that she would like to reassess costs in terms of average income of residents.

230 FRED HANSEN, D.E.Q.: Replies that they will indeed look at these issues.

250 REP. WALDEN: Asks witnesses who will pay fees and how they will be assessed.

260 CHAIR BRIAN: Disagrees with witnesses combining issues of instating fees with the problems of air pollution.

280 FRED HANSEN, D.E.Q.: Provides a rebuttal.

322 CHAIR BRIAN: Suggests finishing up hearing next week.

340 REP. TIERNAN: Gives opinion of HB 2419 to witnesses.

350 FRED HANSEN, D.E.Q.: Restates goal of the DEQ in sponsoring the bill.

TAPE 3, SIDE B

026 REP. TIERNAN: Asks about an individual's ability to make a request for more time to comply.

032 FRED HANSEN, D.E.Q.: Replies that the Federal government did not make provisions for this.

055 Chair Brian makes closing remarks and adjourns hearing at 11:05.

Submitted by:

Reveiwed by:

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Administrator

Terry Drake Clerk

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Testimony on HB 2419, HB 2214, and HJR 7 - Fred Hansen - 10+ pages