

SENATE ETHICS, ELECTIONS, AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 24, 1993 Hearing Room B 3:00 p.m. Tapes 86 - 87

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senator Grattan Kerans, Chair Senator Neil Bryant
Senator Joan Dukes Senator Rod Johnson Senator Dick Springer

STAFF PRESENT: Annette Talbott, Committee Counsel Tamara Brickman,
Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 3151A - PUBLIC HEARING & WORK SESSION
HB 2276A - WORK SESSION

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TAPE 86, SIDE A

005 CHAIR KERANS: Calls meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 3151A

Staff submits House Staff Measure Summary (EXHIBIT C)

010 REP. GREG WALDEN, Representative District 56: Submits and reads written testimony in support of HB 3151A (EXHIBIT A) -Submits and reviews political disclaimer language (EXHIBIT B)

060 SEN. BRYANT: Discusses his first radio ad, using a federal disclaimer

072 REP. WALDEN: Discusses federal disclaimer and the confusion it can cause

WORK SESSION ON HB 3151A

074 MOTION: SEN. BRYANT MOVES HB 3151A WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION

VOTE: THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. SEN. SPRINGER IS EXCUSED.
SEN.

JOHNSON CARRIES THE BILL TO THE FLOOR

WORK SESSION ON HB 2276A

Staff submits HB 2276-A3 proposed amendments (EXHIBIT D) 094 ANNETTE TALBOTT, Committee Counsel: Discusses HB 2276-A3 proposed amendments (See: EXHIBIT D). Many of the issues are technical in nature 120 -Explains Section 1 of the proposed amendment 140 -48 months difficult

-- 50 months puts it to January following election; allowing more time for the county clerks 157 -Explains language requiring Secretary of State to calculate numbers 184 -Explains language on page 3 (ABC) 205 -Explains Section 2 of the proposed amendment 240 -Submits and explains comparison of current law with HB 2276-A1 (EXHIBIT E) 260 -Explains Section 3 of the proposed amendment

286 SEN. JOHNSON leaves hearing at 3:47 p.m.

292 TALBOTT: Discusses the Eu case 345 -Discusses Section 4 of the proposed amendment

348 SEN. BRYANT: People could purchase a newspaper ad for a little amount

338 CHAIR KERANS: Agrees

382 TALBOTT: Discusses Section 5 of the proposed amendment -Explains Mr. Deras' approach in alternative one. Discusses alternative two from Carol Auger. Explains the difference between the two amendments

CHAIR KERANS: Need protection for a director for a non profit corporation

429 SEN. BRYANT: I think both alternatives would be protective 441 -Is the names registered (i.e. Republic, Democratic party of Oregon) -- is it an assumed business name, is it an association name? Who has the right to use that name and how is that protected?

449 WARREN DERAS: It is entirely within the election law; expands

462 TALBOTT: Discusses scenarios where Mr. Deras' proposal would not necessarily protect the party

TAPE 87, SIDE A

035 TALBOTT: Continues. Different solutions to problems you are trying to solve

054 SEN. BRYANT: Either alternative is better than the way it currently is

056 CHAIR KERANS: I like second option.

066 SEN. BRYANT: Does the name become an asset to the bankruptcy court?

070 CHAIR KERANS: Send out fundraising letters to satisfy the debt

Staff submits The Need for Political Party Reform (EXHIBIT F)

076 TALBOTT: Explains Section 7 of the proposed amendment, addressing the transitional period 093 -Explains Section 12 of the proposed amendment

Staff submits and Talbott discusses Nomination of Candidates for Partisan

Office (EXHIBIT G)

120 TALBOTT: Alternative to paying fee is to get signatures

134 SEN. BRYANT: Does clerk's office have to verify signatures?

TALBOTT: Yes 157 -Discusses Section 13 of the proposed amendment
-Discusses Section 14 of the proposed amendment; assembly of electors at
a convention

170 BLAIR BOBIER, The Pacific Party: The alternative is, that even
somebody who has tried several times to get on the ballot using this
method, has failed and I think the threshold should be lowered

180 CHAIR KERANS: There has been a lot of people who have qualified

185 BOBIER: Not easily attainable number (Section 15)

201 TALBOTT: Discusses Section 16 of the proposed amendment;
individual electors -Refers to Exhibit E

217 CHAIR KERANS: Disparity of significant amount -Making minor
party smaller

249 SEN. SPRINGER arrives at hearing 4:12 p.m.

263 TALBOTT: Explains Section 17 of the proposed amendment -Explains
Section 18 of the proposed amendment; Major Political party

precinct structure -Needs proportionality 328 -Explains Section 20 of
the proposed amendment 345 -Explains Section 26 -- tax check offs of
the proposed amendment -Explains Section 27 -- changing "national" to
"major" of the proposed

amendment

370 Discussion on the removal of language on page 24 (4)

376 DERAS: No longer require them to be organized

TALBOTT: Discusses section 58 of SB 932-3

401 DERAS: Comments on language used in section 58 of SB 932-3 to
deal with conceptual problem of several members of state and county
central committees adopting budgets, they fall under the definition of
persons making the kinds of decisions that make them political
directors; expands

439 TALBOTT: Who then would be the political director?

442 DERAS: Still have to report your officers 446 TALBOTT:
Language looks as if officers are not a directors

454 DERAS: You could adopt it conceptually and appropriate language
could be drafted

459 SEN. SPRINGER: Is the number 10 appropriate?

TAPE 86, SIDE B

034 DERAS: I've limited it to political parties because political parties tend to operate more in the public view

Staff submits "Overview of State Laws on Political Parties" (EXHIBIT H) and a Memo on Policy Issues in Amendments to HB 2276 (EXHIBIT I)

042 TALBOTT: Discusses memo relating to transistioning -Suggestion in section 8 of 2276-A3

080 SEN. SPRINGER: The unaffiliated candidate shall use only independent...needs some clarity

102 TALBOTT: Discusses issue of operative date or emergency clause
106 -Secretary of State thought that there was no reason for other status to be granted to them at this stage

122 SEN. BRYANT leaves hearing at 4:30 p.m.

128 TALBOTT: Discusses proposal for the purposes of minor parties to place a time limit for the period of time they can collect petition signatures

CHAIR KERANS: Ought to be a time certain -Consensus among committee members to make it two years

150 BOBIER: Look at it prospectively

154 CHAIR KERANS: Don't want to make you start over 180 -Will have a clean copy before next meeting; asks members to review and be prepared to vote -Wants to put a rider on HB 2276 with HB 3084 195 -Adjourns the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG

A - Testimony on HB 3151A - Rep. Greg Walden - 1 page B - Political Disclaimers - Rep. Greg Walden - 1 page C - Staff Measure Summary on HB 3151A - Committee Staff - 1 page D - HB 2276-A3 Amendments as amended 6/24/93 - Committee Staff - 25 pages E - Comparison of Current Law with HB 2276-A1 - Committee Staff - 2 pages F - The Need for Political Party Reform - Chairman Grattan Kerans - 3 pages G - Nominations of Candidates for Partisan Office - Committee Staff - 1 page H - Overview of State Laws on Political Parties - Committee Staff - 3 pages I - Memo on Policy Issues in Amendments to HB 2276 - Committee Staff - 2 pages