

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY

March 8, 1993 Hearing Room C
4:00 p.m. Tapes 42-46

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Dick Springer, Chair
 Sen. Neil Bryant
 Sen. Jeannette Hamby
 Sen. Grattan Kerans
 Sen. Bob Shoemaker
 Sen. Catherine Webber

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Taylor, Committee Counsel
 Karen Quigley, Committee Counsel
 Kate Wrightson, Committee Coordinator
 Kirk Bailey, Committee Assistant

ISSUES DISCUSSED: Public Hearing on SB 34 and SB 35

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STAFF NOTE: The official tape log was recorded on a single machine without a backup taping system. Consequently some gaps occur in the tape record.

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003 CHAIR SPRINGER: Opens the hearing at 4:10 pm. Offers introductory comments.

>SB 34 and SB 35 will be considered together due to the number of testifiers and the similarity of the bills.

SB 34: Prohibits discrimination in employment, public accommodations, and real property transactions on basis of sexual orientation.

SB 35: Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in real property transactions, including rentals.

WITNESSES:

022 MARY WENDY ROBERTS, COMMISSIONER OF BUREAU OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES:

Submits and reviews written testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT A & B).

132 GOVERNOR ROBERTS: Submits and reviews written testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT C).

257 VERA KATZ, MAYOR OF PORTLAND: Testifies in support of the bill.

322 MIKE LINDBERG, PORTLAND CITY COMMISSIONER: Testifies in support of the bill.

390 GRETCHEN KAFOURY, PORTLAND CITY COMMISSIONER: Testifies in support of the bill.

432 REPRESENTATIVE MARGARET CARTER: Submits written testimony only in support of the bill (EXHIBIT D), read into the record by Kathleen Saadat.

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003 KATHLEEN SAADAT: Testifies in support of the bill.

051 REPRESENTATIVE GAIL SHIBLEY: Testifies in support of the bill.

150 REPRESENTATIVE BEV STEIN: Testifies in support of the bill.

207 PHIL KEISLING, SECRETARY OF STATE: Submits and reviews written testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT G).

262 DAVE FIDANQUE, ACLU: Submits and reviews written testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT E).

300 CHARLES HINKLE, ACLU: Submits and reviews written testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT F).

427 GARY GRIMMER, PORTLAND OREGON VISITORS ASSOCIATION: Testifies in support of the bill.

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003 GRIMMER: Continues testimony in support of the bills.

024 PAT LACROSSE, PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Testifies in support of the bill.

064 DON MCCLAVE, PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Testifies in support of the bill.

>Many businesses will not work in a state that discriminates against its work force.

102 NORMA PAULUS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Submits written testimony only in support of the bill (EXHIBIT K) read into the record by J.D. Hoye.

128 MICHAEL POWELL, POWELLS BOOK STORES: Testifies in support of the bill.

190 RODNEY PAGE, OREGON CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY COUNCIL, ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES: Testifies in support of the bill.

257 MARI ANN GEST, OREGON PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNION: Submits and reviews written testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT I).

293 JOANNE BOWKER, OPEU: Testifies in support of the bill.

321 GEST: Submits and reviews written testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT H) on behalf of IRV FLETCHER, AFL/CIO.

346 HARRY LONSDALE, CENTRAL OREGON COALITION FOR HUMAN DIGNITY: Testifies in support of the bill.

409 TOM POTTER, CHIEF OF PORTLAND POLICE: Testifies in support of the bill.

TAPE 43, SIDE B

003 FATHER JIM GALLUZO, ST. MATTHEWS CATHOLIC CHURCH: Testifies in support of the bill.
>Discrimination against homosexuals concerning basic civil rights is intolerable. Cites statements from U.S. bishops and the Vatican.
>Silence allows fear and injustice to rule the world.

038 LAYLA RATHAL, RIGHT TO PRIVACY: Testifies in support of the bills.

103 ROBY ROBERTS, PORTLAND SCHOOL BOARD: Testifies in support of the bill.
>Portland School Board voted to support SB 34 and SB 35.

119 CHERI UNGER, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: Submits and reviews written testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT J).

141 REPRESENTATIVE LISA NAITO: Testifies in support of the bill.

157 IRIS BELL, METROPOLITAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: Testifies in support

of the bill.

177 LAUREN MOUGHON, WOMEN'S RIGHTS COALITION: Submits and reviews
written
testimony in support of the bill. (EXHIBIT L).

219 LORI WIMMER, OREGON COMMISSION FOR WOMEN: Submits and reviews
written
testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT M).

245 DANA DODD, CITIZEN: Testifies in support of the bill.

273 KATHARINE ENGLISH, JUVENILE COURT JUDGE, SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY
PAC:
Submits and reviews written testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT
N).
>Submits petition with signatures in support of the bills.

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017 REPRESENTATIVE KATE BROWN: Testifies in support of the bill.

036 ELISE SELF, PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (PFLAG):
Submits
and reviews written testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT P).

088 JIM SELF, PFLAG: Submits and reviews written testimony in support
of
the bill (EXHIBIT Q).

147 DONNA REDWING, LESBIAN COMMUNITY PROJECT: Testifies in support of
the
bill.

191 CHAIR SPRINGER: Recesses committee for short intermission.

CHAIR SPRINGER: Reconvenes committee at 6:35 pm. Begins public
hearing.

219 DAN SALTZMAN, PORTLAND CITY COMMISSIONER: Testifies in support of
the
bill.

249 GORDON BURKETT, CITIZEN: Submits and reviews written testimony
in
opposition to the bill (EXHIBIT DD).
>Submits book, Are Gay Rights Right? (EXHIBIT II).

366 TED PICCOLO, CITIZEN: Submits and reviews written testimony
in
opposition to the bill (EXHIBIT CC).

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003 SHEILA CROSSLEY, CITIZEN: Submits and reviews written testimony
in
opposition to the bill (EXHIBIT R).

068 JUDY JORDET, CITIZEN: Testifies in support of the bill.
>Bill defines and clarifies sexual orientation which includes
heterosexual.
>Prohibits quotas.

182 KYLE KAJIHIRO, HOTEL WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE: Submits and
reviews
written testimony in support of the bills (EXHIBIT S).

221 MATTHEW GONZALES, H.E.R.E. UNION LOCAL #9: Submits and reviews
written
testimony in support of the bill. (EXHIBIT T).

244 BILL CASEY, TRADITIONAL VALUES COALITION: Submits and reviews
written
testimony in opposition to the bill (EXHIBIT U).

332 JAN LANDIS, TRADITIONAL VALUES COALITION: Testifies in opposition
to
the bill.

414 PATRICIA O'MEARA, EDUCATORS FOR EQUITY: Testifies in support of
the
bill.

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003 O'MEARA: Concludes testimony in support of the bills.

005 AARON BONG, CITIZEN: Testifies in support of the bill.
>Bills will send message to gay and lesbian youth that they are
valuable
and wanted.
>10% of teen-age youth are gay/lesbian youth. 30% of teen-age suicides
are gay/lesbian youth.

035 SEN. WEBBER: Clarify suicide statistics?
BONG: Confirms statistics.

038 SEN. WEBBER: Any idea of numbers in Oregon?
BONG: No.

041 BONG: Concludes testimony in support.

054 ROY BURKETT, CITIZEN: Testifies in opposition to the bills.

104 KEVIN ADAMS, CITIZEN: Testifies in opposition to the bill.
>Cites statistics showing only 2.6 to 4% of population are homosexual.

152 GREG LATHROP, CITIZEN: Testifies in opposition to the bill.

250 LEE COLEMAN, CITIZEN: Testifies in support of the bill.

324 KAREN GWALTNEY, RADICAL WOMEN: Submits and reviews written testimony
in
support of the bill (EXHIBIT Z).

432 FINBARR G. BISHOP, CITIZEN: Testifies in support of bill.

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030 BISHOP: Concludes testimony in support.

100 BILL WILLFORD, OREGON COALITION FOR HUMAN DIGNITY: Testifies in support of the bills.

135 ROB NOSSE, OREGON STUDENT LOBBY: Submits and reviews written testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT AA).

177 TROY SHIELDS; LESB IAN, GAY & BISEXUAL ALLIANCE OF UNIVERSITY OF OREGON: Testifies in support of the bills.

221 DONNA EGGEMEYER, CITIZEN: Submits and reviews written testimony in opposition to the bill co-signed by LINDA SLOANE, RICK SLOANE, DENISE LEGGETT, CHRISTINE THORBRUE (EXHIBIT BB).

330 DAMON CUNNINGHAM, CITIZEN: Testifies in opposition to the bills.

388 KEITH KING, CITIZEN: Testifies in support of the bills.

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003 KING: Concludes testimony in support.

069 KAREN KEENEY, RIGHT TO PRIVACY: Testifies in support of the bills.

147 WILLIAM LANSING, CITIZEN: Testifies in general on the bills.

174 JULIANN LANSING, CITIZEN: Testifies in general on the bills.
>Concerned about health and medical benefits.

248 LUCY BERNARD, HOMOPHOBIC VIOLENCE REPORTING LINE: Testifies in support of bills.
>Received over 600 reports of hate crimes in 1992.
>Discrimination is a stark reality.

259 SEN KERANS: Inquires about number of hate crimes? Local number or 800 number?

BERNARD: Portland number but line receives reports throughout the state. 600 hate crimes in Portland in 1992.

270 SEN. KERANS: Requests further information on hate crime reporting.

274 BERNARD: Continues testimony in support.

294 FRANK STOVALL, EDUCATORS FOR EQUITY: Testifies in support of the bill.

365 BONNIE TINKER, CITIZEN, SOMETHING AND FAMILY INCORPORATED: Submits
and
reviews written testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT GG & HH).
>Quakers support full equal rights for gays/leSB ians.

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003 TINKER: Concludes testimony in support.

014 SHIRLEY BARNARD, TRADITIONAL VALUES COALITION: Testifies in
opposition
to the bills.
>Current laws protect gay/leSB ian rights.

054 PRISCILLA MARTIN, CITIZEN: Testifies in opposition to the bills.
>Homosexuals are already covered by constitutional protections.

106 ROY PORTER, CITIZEN: Testifies in support of the bills.

127 MARY JANE KAMM, CITIZEN: Testifies in support of the bills.

166 HOWARD THORN, CITIZEN: Testifies in support of the bills.
>Society can't evolve into democracy until all citizens are ensured
equal rights.

240 ALAN JABIN, COALITION TO END BIGOTRY: Testifies in support of the
bill.
>People must speak out and protect others.

STAFF NOTE: The following testifiers submitted written testimony only for
the
record.

LEE LYNCH, CITIZEN: (EXHIBIT O).
AMY VALENTINE, CITIZEN: (EXHIBIT V).
DIANE SAGE, CITIZEN: (EXHIBIT W).
B. SKY, CITIZEN: (EXHIBIT X).
IRENE HENJUM, CITIZEN: (EXHIBIT EE).
JOHN ERNSB ERGER, CITIZEN: (EXHIBIT FF).

STAFF NOTE: Staff provided Oregonian editorial, dated February 11, 1993,
as
background information for the committee (EXHIBIT Y).

CHAIR SPRINGER: Adjourns hearing at 9:20 pm.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Testimony on SB 34, Mary Wendy Roberts, 13 pages
B - Testimony on SB 34, Mary Wendy Roberts, 2 pages
C - Testimony on SB 34 & 35, Governor Roberts, 3 pages

D - Testimony on SB 34 & 35, Representative Margaret Carter, 1 page
E - Testimony on SB 34 & 35, Dave Fidanque, 1 page
F - Testimony on SB 34 & 35, Charles Hinkle, 8 pages
G - Testimony on SB 34 & 35, Phil Keisling, 2 pages
H - Testimony on SB 34 & 35, Mary Ann Gest for Irv Fletcher, 1 page
I - Testimony on SB 34 & 35, Mary Ann Gest, 1 page
J - Testimony on SB 34 & 35, Cheri Unger, 1 page
K - Testimony on SB 34 & 35, Norma Paulus, 1 page
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AA - Testimony on SB 34 & 35, Rob Nosse, 4 pages
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II - Testimony on SB 34 & 35, Bill Casey, 1 page