

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

April 5, 1993 Hearing Room B 8:00 a.m. Tapes 79 - 82

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Tricia Smith, Chair Sen. Dick Springer Sen. Brady Adams Sen. Wes Cooley

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Karsten Rasmussen

VISITING MEMBER: Rep. Chuck Norris, District 57

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Van Almen, Committee Administrator Pamela Stefani, Committee Clerk Katy Yetter, Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED: SB 167 - Creates Department of Consumer and Business Services

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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 ---]

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003 CHAIR SMITH: Opens meeting at 8:16 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 167

WITNESSES: Rep. Chuck Norris, District 57 Tom Kelly, Construction Contractors Board Tom Oxley, Oregon Property Managers Stu Burge, METCO Investment Realty John Miller, Sedgwick James Emily Cedarleaf, Multifamily Housing Council Wayne Robbins, Santiam Board of Realtors Jim Whitney, The Real Estate Board Patty Lorenzen, Oregon State Home Builders Association John Gervais, National Electric Contractors Association Kim Mingo, Associated General Contractors Genoa Ingram, Oregon Association of Realtors Gary Weeks Ken Kudell, Director of Contractors Board Don Miner, Oregon Manufactured Housing 008 REP. CHUCK NORRIS, DISTRICT 57: Testifies against SB 167.

045 GARY WEEKS, DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCE: Presents testimony on SB 167 (EXHIBITS A, B and C).

230 SEN. ADAMS: Where are the cost savings?

235 WEEKS: Replies by stating there will be reorganization in personnel as well as blending different entities to save staff time.

300 CHAIR SMITH: Asks Weeks why this reorganization has not yet happened.

305 WEEKS: Replies that there has not yet been reorganization due to lack of incentive.

380 SEN. ADAMS: Asks Weeks how many full-time positions will be affected by the bill.

385 WEEKS: The number of positions is 1144. This number represents a reduction of 3.95 full-time employees over the biennium.

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020 SEN. COOLEY: Asks Weeks if he can site another governmental consolidation where money has been saved.

033 WEEKS: References the consolidation of Insurance and Finance and states that money was saved in this case.

085 TOM KELLY, CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS BOARD: Presents testimony against SB 167 (EXHIBIT D).

155 CHAIR SMITH: Asks Kelly why he wants to keep the status quo and not adopt the bill.

166 KELLY: Responds by stating that the Contractors Board is currently highly accountable in administration and the members of the Board are a good balance of private citizens and contractors.

300 SEN. COOLEY: Asks Kelly to estimate the costs of the bill.

370 KELLY: Replies that he has not conducted research into this area. However, being a small, independent Board, costs are minimal.

395 SEN. COOLEY: Asks witness what the is highest fee asked for by the Board.

400 KEN KUDELL, DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTORS BOARD: States the highest fee is \$100 for the registration of a new contractor. -Enforcement comes through processing a civil penalty if the contractor fails to register.

TAPE 79, SIDE B 099 KIM MINGO, ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS: Testifies against SB 167 .

150 STU BURGE, METCO INVESTMENT REALTY: Presents testimony against SB 167 (EXHIBIT E).

280 JOHN MILLER, SEDGWICK JAMES INSURANCE: Testifies against SB 167.

390 TOM OXLEY, OREGON PROPERTY MANAGERS: Testifies in favor of SB 167.

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120 GENOA INGRAM, OREGON ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS: Testifies on SB 167.

240 EMILY CEDARLEAF, MULTIFAMILY COUNCIL OF OREGON: Presents testimony against SB 167 (EXHIBIT E).

324 WAYNE ROBBINS, SANTIAM BOARD OF REALTORS: Presents testimony against SB 167 (EXHIBITS G and H).

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030 JIM WHITNEY, REAL ESTATE BOARD: Testifies against SB 167.

222 PATTY LORENZEN, OREGON STATE HOMEBUILDERS: Testifies against SB 167.

300 CHAIR SMITH: Asks Lorenzen why the Board created in the bill should be able to hire its own staff and create its own budget in contrast to

other State boards who do not have these abilities.

330 LORENZEN: Replies that it is important to have the aforementioned issues handled by an individual who has had experience in contracting

and is subsequently serving on the board. -Also believes in minimalistic government.

353 JOHN GERVAIS, NATIONAL ELECTRIC CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION: Testifies in favor of SB 167.

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020 CHAIR SMITH: Asks Gervais why the previous Electrical Board was eliminated.

025 GERVAIS: Responds by stating the previous board was involved in activities that were not essential to its functioning--the Board was

essentially vestigial.

130 DON MINER, OREGON MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION: Testifies in favor of SB 167.

165 TODD LINDBERG, OREGON STATE BOARD OF BOILER RULES: Testifies on SB 167 .

191 WEEKS: Clarifies for the Chair that he has not heard directly from the Real Estate Board (governor appointed). -Decisions are appealed through the director of the Board.

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008 CHAIR SMITH: Adjourns meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

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EXHIBIT LOG:

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