

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

April 7, 1993 Hearing- Room B 9:00 a.m. Tapes 83 - 85
MEMBERS PRESENT: Senator Tricia Smith, Chair Senator Karsten
Rasmussen, Vice Chair Senator Brady Adams Senator Wes Cooley Senator
Dick Springer STAFF PRESENT: Joan Van Almen, Committee Counsel
Stephanie Holmes, Committee Counsel Pamela Stefani, Clerk

MEASURES HEARD: SB 167 - Creates Department of Consumer and Business
Services WITNESSES: Nathan Levin, Salem Heide Anderson, Oregon
Remodelers Association Fred Van Natta, Oregon State Home Builders Kim
Mingo, Associated General Contractors Gary Weeks, Department of
Insurance and Finance (DIF) Kim Larson, Commissioner

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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.

TAPE 83, SIDE A

003 CHAIR SMITH: Calls meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 167

015 STEPHANIE HOLMES, COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Reviews bill and amendments.
-Clarifies the merging of the various engrossed bills. 100 NATHAN
LEVIN, SALEM: Testifies against SB 167. 144 SEN. ADAMS: Asks Levin if
he is worried about a potential increase in real estate fees.

150 LEVIN: Responds by stating that an increase in fees would result
if services were to remain at the current level of efficiency.

170 HEIDE ANDERSON, OREGON REMODELERS ASSOCIATION: Presents testimony
on SB 167 (Exhibit A). 184 E RED VAN NATTA, OREGON STATE HOME
BUILDERS: Testifies on Exhibit A and reiterates the amendments that it
proposes. Senate Labor and Government Operations April 7, 1993 - Page 2

200 KIM MINGO, ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS: Testifies against SB
167.

240 GARY WEEKS, DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCE: Presents testimony
on SB 167 (Exhibit B).

300 KIM LARSON, COMMISSIONER: Presents testimony on SB 167 (Exhibit C).

TAPE 84, SIDE A

060 SEN. ADAMS: Asks Larson what kind of efficiencies will be
affected by the bill. 068 LARSON: Staff has been reduced to save
money as well as laying off auditors. For efficiency, we have
re-instated some auditors. 160 SEN. ADAMS: Asks Larson if there is a
necessity to keep the Real Estate Board. 165 LARSON: States the Real
Estate Board is of minimal cost and adds a productive link to the
industry. -Discussed division between Title and Escrow. -Title=insurance
(proof of purchase)-Escrow has to do with closure. These two entities
are separate. 350 SEN RASMUSSEN: Expresses concern over the
Department of Insurance and Finance's amendments to SB 167. -The Real
Estate agency, despite testimony of G. Weeks, should function adequately
with the bill.

TAPE 83, SIDE B

040 SEN. COOLEY: Asks Weeks why the Commerce Board was broken up.
050 WEEKS: Replies by stating the break-up was based on cost savings
and Workers' Compensation reform. -Reviews Section-by-Section analysis
SB 167. 120 STEPHANIE HOLMES, COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Presents an overview
of the Section- by Section Analysis prepared by the Department of
Insurance and Finance (E:xhibit B). 290 SEN. ADAMS: Asks Weeks if he
would anticipate a fee increase. 300 WEEKS: Replies that there are no
increases in fees as a result of the merger proposed in the bill.

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034 SEN. ADAMS: Does not want to abolish a board that leaves the
government no tie with the related industry. Senate Labor and Government
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066 SEN. COOLEY: Asks Weeks why there are discrepancies in the bill
regarding the appointing of a commissioner.

080 WEEKS: Existing language says if the individual is taken from the
Real Estate industry, they would have to have five years of experience.
However, if the individual were to be appointed by the governor, they
would only have to have one year of experience. 145 STEPHANIE HOLMES,
COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Asks Weeks where funding derived from fees will go.
150 WEEKS: Funds are dedicated to various agencies-points to areas in
the bill where these issues are clarified. -Federal law must be taken
into account. -Continues with testimony. 380 STEPHANIE HOLMES,
COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Asks Weeks if there have been incidents when a lack
of communication has added conflict to appraisers and community.
400 WEEKS: Replies that the Appraisers Board has rulemaking authority
in the banking industry, which may contradict the actual rules of the
bank.

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043 WEEKS: Continues to review the Section-by-Section analysis with
the committee. 100 STEPHANIE HOLMES, COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Asks Weeks if
language is the same throughout bill in terms of power of authority.
114 WEEKS: Replies that the language is standard and consistent.
137 SEN. ADAMS: Asks Weeks if there are other unions that may oppose
the bill. 140 WEEKS: With the representatives that he has spoken to,
only AFSCME was opposed to the bill.

NOTE: Weeks and committee continue to review and discuss the
Section-by-Section analysis presented by DIF. Due to shortage of time.
Chair Smith will revisit the discussion at the next meeting of the
committee.

350 CHAIR SMITH: Adjourns at 10:47 a.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG: A - Testimony on SB 167 - H. Anderson - 1 page B -
Testimony on SB 167 - G. Weeks - 17 pages C - Testimony on SB 167 - K.
Larson - 1 page D - Testimony on SB 167 - Staff- 1 page E - Amendments
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