

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

May 10, 1993 Hearing Room B 8:00 A.M. Tapes 126 - 128

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senator Tricia Smith, Chair Senator Karsten Rasmussen,
Vice Chair Senator Brady Adams Senator Wes Cooley Senator Dick Springer

VISITING MEMBER: Senator Ron Cease, District 10

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Van Almen, Committee Counsel Stephanie
Holmes, Committee Research Pamela Stefani, Committee Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED: SB 899 - Relating to contracting labor in
a public agency SB 888 - Requiring public agency use domestic steel SB
1102 - Relating to employment SB 1091 - Related to Wages SB 1020 -
Related to Zero Tolerance policy

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quotation marks report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents
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006 CHAIR SMITH: Calls to order at 8:15 A.M.

WORK SESSION ON SB 899

012 MOTION: CHAIR SMITH: Moves to RE-REFER SB 899 to the
Senate President for SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL to the Senate Committee on
Business, Housing, and Consumer Affairs.

015 VOTE: CHAIR SMITH: Hearing no objection, the motion
CARRIES. All members are present for vote.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 1091

WITNESSES: Geunter Kay, Portland Chris Davie, SAIF Corporation
Chuck Wilson, Legislative Counsel Larry Young, Workers' Compensation 020
JOAN VAN ALMEN, COUNSEL: Reviews and summarizes SB 1091.

085 GUENTER KAY, PORTLAND: Testifies in support of SB 1091.

185 CHRIS DAVIE, SAIF: Submits & summarizes written testimony on
information concerning SB 1091. (EXHIBIT A).

290 KAY: States that benefits received for permanent disability
are predicated on the medical condition.

325 LARRY YOUNG, WORKERS' COMPENSATION: Testifies on SB 1091. -Has
difficulty in understanding the intent of the language as it reads.

350 SEN. ADAMS: Asks Young what he estimates the cost of the benefits to be.

360 YOUNG: On the current reserve, there is approximately \$900,000,000. -No estimate for the insurer taking over the annual benefit increases.

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015 CHAIR SMITH: Injured worker should have increases in their benefits due to increases in the cost of living.

032 DAVIE: To help individuals like Mr. Kay would be to increase the retroactive reserve assessment.

045 CHUCK WILSON, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL: States that he has no knowledge of how SAIF could implement the bill.

060 CHAIR SMITH: Due to the need for further work on the bill, it will be rescheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 888

WITNESSES: Irv Fletcher, AFL-CIO Diane Rosenbaum, Industrial Union Council Jack Hines, US Workers Association 6369 Michael Hereford, United Steel Mills Mike Sullivan, US Workers Association 8370 Valerie Paulson, League of Oregon Cities Tom O'Connor, Eugene Electric Board

080 IRV FLETCHER, OREGON AFL-CIO: Testifies in favor of SB 888.

095 DIANE ROSENBAUM, INDUSTRIAL UNION COUNCIL: Testifies in favor of SB 888.

100 MICHAEL SULLIVAN, UNITED STEEL MILLS: Testifies in support of SB 888 .

120 JACK HINES: Testifies in support of SB 888. 135 MICHAEL HEREFORD, UNITED STEEL MILLS: Testifies in support of SB 888 .

145 CHAIR SMITH: Asks about the blank spaces in Section 2 of the bill.

150 HEREFORD: This section, relating to the bid price between foreign and domestic steel, would approximately be 10%.

198 SEN. RASMUSSEN: Expresses concern over the potential fiscal impact of the bill. -Would also like to have a sense of how great the domestic problem is.

204 HEREFORD: Indicates that the problem has decreased since 1987, and the competition will come from third-world countries.

220 VALERIE PAULSON, LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES: Submits & summarizes testimony in opposition to SB 888 (EXHIBIT B).

315 TOM O'CONNOR, EUGENE ELECTRIC BOARD: Testifies in opposition of SB 888 .

WORK SESSION ON SB 888

380 MOTION: CHAIR SMITH: Moves to AMEND SB 888 by inserting "5%" in Line 8 Page 2 of SB 888 and in Line 13 of Page 2.

414 VOTE: CHAIR SMITH: Hearing no objection, the motion CARRIES. All members are present for vote.

416 MOTION: CHAIR SMITH: Moves SB 888 to the Floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

417 SEN. RASMUSSEN: Would like some statistics on the bill as asked for by the witnesses before he yields an aye vote on the Floor.

418 VOTE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote AYE with the exception of Senators ADAMS and COOLEY who vote NO.

420 CHAIR SMITH: The motion CARRIES.

421 CHAIR SMITH will lead discussion on the Floor.

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PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 1102

WITNESSES: Chair Tricia Smith Marie Evans, National Organization of Social Workers

020 SENATOR TRICIA SMITH: Testifies in support of SB 1102 055 MARIE EVANS, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS: Submits & summarizes written testimony in support of SB 1102 (EXHIBIT C).

065 MOTION: CHAIR SMITH: Moves SB 1102 to the Floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

067 VOTE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote AYE.

070 CHAIR SMITH: The motion CARRIES.

071 CHAIR SMITH will lead discussion on the Floor.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 1020

WITNESSES: Cal Henry, Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs Johnnie Bell, Bureau of Labor and Industry (BOLI) C. A. Thames, Black Networking Association (BNA) Andrew Houston, African American Black Justice Committee Charles Dalton, Commission for Black Affairs Jean Drew, Portland Mike Clark, Salem Raleigh Lewis, Representin Senator Bill McCoy District 8

075 JOAN VAN ALMEN, COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Gives overview of bill.

080 CAL HENRY, OABA: Testifies in support of SB 1020. Gives overview of proposed amendments.

248 JOHNNIE BELL, BOLI: Testifies in conjunction with Henry on SB 1020.

258 HENRY: Continues with examination of amendments -- Page 3 Lines

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300 CHAIR SMITH: Asks Bell how she would you execute the law in a state agency.

305 BELL: Replies that it would take generations of programs & education.

335 SEN. RASMUSSEN: Asks Bell if the bill does not give more authority to BOLI, what is the purpose of the legislation.

345 BELL: Responds that it would allow any state agency or the governor to act.

TAPE 127, SIDE B 045 SEN. RASMUSSEN: Asks Henry if this bill is to insure that racial discrimination does not occur in any state agency.

050 HENRY: Replies that is correct.

050 SENATOR RON CEASE, DISTRICT 10: Testifies in support of SB 1020.
080 RALEIGH LEWIS, ASSISTANT TO SENATOR MCCOY, DISTRICT 8: Testifies in support of SB 1020.

100 C.A. THAMES, BNA: Testifies in support of SB 1020 (EXHIBIT D).

130 ANDREW HOUSTON, AFRICAN AMERICAN BLACK JUSTICE: Submits & summarizes written testimony in support of SB 1020 (EXHIBIT E).

145 CHARLES DALTON, COMMISSIONER BLACK AFFAIRS: Testifies in support of SB 1020.

260 WILLIE RICHARDSON, OABA: Testifies in support of SB 1020.

315 JEAN DREW, CITIZEN: Testifies in support of SB 1020.

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004 DREW: Continues with testimony.

040 CHAIR: Adjourns at 10:10 a.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Testimony on SB 1091 - C. Davie - 3 pages B - Testimony on SB 888 - V. Paulson - 1 page C - Testimony on SB 1102 - M. Evans - 1 page D - Testimony on SB 1020 - C. Thames - 2 pages E - Testimony on SB 1020 - A. Houston - 4 pages F - Testimony on SB 1020 - M. Clark - 1 page G - Testimony on SB 1020 - H. Webb - 1 page H - Testimony on SB 1020 - A.

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