

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

May 14, 1993 Hearing Room B 8:00 A.M. Tapes 135 - 136

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

VISITING MEMBER: Rep. Mary Alice Ford, District 8

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

MEASURES CONSIDERED: SB 561 - Relating to Oregon's congressional agenda SB 182 - Relating to State Accident In
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These minutes contain materials which paraphrase and/or summarize statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation :

TAPE 135, SIDE A

006 CHAIR SMITH: Calls meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 561

WITNESSES: Sen. Lenn Hannon, District 26 John Mullen, Peter Bergel, Oregon Peaceworks

015 SEN. LENN HANNON, DISTRICT 26: Testifies in favor of SB 561. -Represents Senators Trow and Kerans in support of the bill.

038 SEN. ADAMS: Asks Sen. Hannon how communication will ensue between the legislature and the Executive Department.

052 CHAIR SMITH: States that there is a provision in the bill on Line 11.

060 JOHN MULLEN, SERVICES OF OREGON: Testifies in favor of SB 561.

080 PETER BERGEL, OREGON PEACEWORKS: Presents testimony on SB 561 (EXHIBIT A).

130 TODD FOSTER, REPRESENTING SENATOR CLIFF TROW: Testifies in support of SB 561.

WORK SESSION ON SB 561

140 MOTION: CHAIR SMITH: Moves SB 561 to the Floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

150 VOTE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote AYE. SEN. COOLEY is EXCUSED.

154 CHAIR SMITH: The motion CARRIES.

160 CHAIR SMITH will lead discussion on the Floor.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 182, 626, 872

WITNESSES: Rep. Mary Alice Ford, District 8 Robert C. Moore, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association Peter Preston, Oregon Workers Compensat

167 CHAIR SMITH: States that due to the similarity of the bills, they will be heard together.

175 REP. MARY ALICE FORD, DISTRICT 8: Presents testimony on SB 182 (EXHIBITS C and D).

237 ROBERT C. MOORE, OREGON TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION: Testifies in favor of SB 872.

258 PETER PRESTON, OREGON WORKERS COMPENSATION: Presents testimony on SB 872 (EXHIBIT E).

380 CHAIR SMITH: Asks Preston if there was previous incongruous testimony in the Senate Labor Committee regarding potential monetary l
SAIF.

382 PRESTON: Replies that there was such testimony. -Continues with testimony.

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158 SEN. SPRINGER: States that SAIF is a member of AOI. Does SAIF maintain a lobbying effort and if so, what are the expenditures?

174 MOORE: Replies that they do lobby and he doesn't know the expenditures.

250 JOE GILLIAM, NATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUSINESS: Testifies in favor of SB 872.

324 SEN. RASMUSSEN: Asks if the small businesses that Gilliam represents has had problems with SAIF cancelling their coverage.

330 GILLIAM: Replies that they have had problems with SAIF cancelling their coverage. -Because their coverage was cancelled, these smal
placed in a high-risk pool and had difficulty in obtaining subsequent
coverage.

390 JIM GARDNER, ALLIANCE OF AMERICAN INSURERS: Testifies in favor of the three bills.

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010 PETE GORMAN, ALLIANCE OF AMERICAN INSURERS: Testifies in favor of the bills.

065 SEN. SPRINGER: Asks about equal treatment laws the legislature addresses in terms of guaranteed fund.

070 GORMAN: Replies that there is no conflict in such an issue with the Alliance of American Insurers.

080 GARY WEEKS, DIF: Testifies in favor of SB 182. -States that the industrial accident fund is 1.6 billion dollars. The
control of these monies are not entirely in the legislature as of yet.

200 CHAIR SMITH: Asks Weeks if SAIF has complied with the practices as outlined by DIF.
210 WEEKS: States that SAIF has had some degree of difficulty with the processing of claims in accordance with what is outlined by DI
TAPE 136, SIDE B
013 CHAIR SMITH: Asks Weeks to describe the specifics in SB 872 that deal with regulation.
015 WEEKS: SB 872 takes out the discretion of SAIF to discount insurance. The other bills may have a similar affect, but none of the bi
SAIF how to manage the corporations. -None of the bills require SAIF to have a Certificate of Authority.
060 RICHARD MCGAVOK, DIF: Testifies in favor of SB 872, 626, and 182. -Indicates some statistical references regarding SAIF and t
practices.
080 WEEKS: States that SB 182 will not have a negative impact on SAIF.
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT OF MIDGE CROSS TO THE STATE ACCIDENT INSURANCE FUND CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
200 MIDGE CROSS, APPOINTEE: Comments on Workers Compensation, SAIF, and insurance.
220 SEN. SPRINGER: Asks about the public members and others on the Board.
227 CHAIR SMITH: States that Cross is a public member and also indicates who the others are.
230 ROGER AUERBACH, SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR TO THE GOVERNOR: Indicates who the public members are.
250 CHAIR SMITH: Asks if Cross has any ideas on SAIF and the examination of their practice.
260 CROSS: Reiterates that she is unbiased, but has some concerns about SAIF and the businesses they affect.
316 MOTION: SEN. SPRINGER: Moves to CONFIRM the appointment of MIDGE CROSS to the SAIF CORPORATION BOARD.
320 VOTE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote AYE. SEN. COOLEY is EXCUSED.
322 CHAIR SMITH: The motion CARRIES.
330 SEN. SPRINGER will lead discussion on the Floor.
350 CHAIR SMITH: Adjourns meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by:

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Testimony on SB 561 - P. Bergel - 2 pages B - Amendments to SB 872 - Staff - 1 page C - Testimony on SB 872 - Rep. Ford - 4 pages D -