

Oregon Tax System
Tapes 93 - 94 A/B
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
REVENUE AND SCHOOL FINANCE
March 24, 1993 1:00 PM, HEARING ROOM A, STATE CAPITOL
BUILDING
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Members Present: Senator Shirley Gold, Chair Senator Brady Adams Senator
Ron Cease Senator Rod Johnson Senator Joyce Cohen Senator Paul Phillips
Senator Tricia Smith

Witnesses Present: Alice Pickard, United Seniors
Ray Deen, American Association of Retired Persons
Pat McCormick

Gary Wilhelms, U.S. West Communications

Staff: James Scherzinger, Legislative Revenue Officer
Steve Bender, Legislative Revenue Office
Bryan Boehringer, Committee Assistant

TAPB 93, BIDE A

001 CHAIR GOLD called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.
INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON THE OREGON TAX SYSTEM

004 ALICE PICKARD, UNITED SENIORS OF OREGON: Testifies on the Oregon Tax
System. Discusses United Seniors position on tax reform packages.
Emphasizes balance in a tax reform plan.

029 CHAIR GOLD: Asks if the group is familiar with the proposals currently
before the legislature.

044 PICKARD: Describes group's taxation principles. (Exhibit A)

058 SEN. ADAMS: Asks about a position on the sales tax.

062 PICKARD: Discusses gross receipt tax and sales tax.

067 SEN. ADAMS: Discusses assessments and property tax issues in a tax
reform plan.

079 PICKARD: United Seniors of Oregon do not have a specific tax reform
plan.

086 SEN. ADAMS: Discusses cuts to the budget.

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094 SEN. JOHNSON: Discusses business tax relief in comparison to homeowner
tax relief.

104 PICKARD: Businesses need to pay their fair share.

125 SEN. ADAMS: Discusses a need for accuracy in information used. The
numbers are sometimes very different.

164 RAY DEEN, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS: Submits and reviews
testimony. (Exhibit B)

333 CHAIR GOLD: Asks about the differences between gross receipts tax and a
sales tax.

344 DEEN: Explains the difference between the two taxes. The gross receipts
tax has less impact on the consumer. The G.R. tax is easier to administer.

411 SEN. ADAMS: Discusses impacts to the general public. Discusses
replacement revenue in comparison to general fund cuts.

439 DEEN: Discusses general fund budgeting.

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034 DEEN: Continues with testimony.

042 SEN. ADAMS: Discusses discrepancy between AARP's position, and the
position taken by some seniors in Oregon.

060 DEEN: Discusses issues with the Measure 5 tax.

088 SEN. ADAMS: Discusses AARP's position on education.

118 DEEN: Explains AARP's priorities in state services.

166 SEN. COHEN: Asks how the legislature can deliver this plan.
181 DEEN: Discusses types of budget evaluation and financial reporting in order to determine effectiveness of programs.
235 SEN. COHEN: Asks for clarification on the bill that repeals the financial tracking.
237 DEEN: Clarifies his position.
244 SEN. ADAMS: Requests participation in the voter education process by AARP.
266 DEEN: Discusses the importance of the voter education process. ~

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274 CHAIR GOLD: Discusses the power of AARP
293 SEN. JOHNSON: Discusses G.R. and sales tax.
305 DEEN: AARP is in support of a G.R. tax over a sales tax. AARP supports progressive taxes.
379 PAT MCCORMICK: Testifies on the Oregon Tax System.
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038 MCCORMICK: Continues with testimony. Discusses options for tax reform plans. Explains suggestions made from various public round tables.
160 SEN. ADAMS: Asks about an ideal tax proposal. Where would it come from.
167 MCCORMICK: Doesn't make much difference. Support for finance measures has been in the 18 - 45 age bracket. As the population gets older they are less likely to vote for tax measures.
212 CHAIR GOLD: Discusses health care waiver and problems of financing the health care plan.
238 MCCORMICK: Discusses "bridge" financing.
270 SEN. COHEN: Discusses dedication of long term packages to education and health care.
282 MCCORMICK: That might be too difficult. Don't confuse the messages of what the state is going to support.
301 SEN. ADAMS: Asks what would be most supported by voters. Should there be cuts first, or a tax package first?
313 MCCORMICK: Discusses reducing government.
357 CHAIR GOLD: Discusses the need for a budget summit and a need to have a standard for prioritizing the budgeting process.
395 SEN. COHEN: What is adequate for school funding. How do we distinguish what is necessary and what is not.
424 MCCORMICK: Each district is different. Discusses need for a case by case analysis.
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036 SEN. COHEN: Continues with concerns with education.

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045 GARY WILHELMS, U.S. WEST COMMUNICATIONS: Representing himself.
052 CHAIR GOLD: Adjourns the meeting at 2:50 p.m. for purpose of a fire drill.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Bryan Boehringer
MANAGER

Kim Taylor Committee Clerk

OFFICE

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Testimony on Oregon Tax Plan - Alice Pickard - 1 page B - Testimony on Oregon Tax Plan - Ray Deen - 6 pages

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