

Oregon Tax
System
Tapes 95 - 96 A/B
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
REVENUE AND SCHOOL FINANCE
March 25, 1993 1:00 PM HEARING ROOM A STATE CAPITOL
BUILDING

Members Present: Senator Shirley Gold, Chair Senator Brady Adams Senator
Ron Cease Senator Rod Johnson Senator Joyce Cohen (Excused at 1:45) Senator
Tricia Smith

Members Excused: Senator Paul Phillips Senator Rod Johnson

Witnesses Present: Gary Wilhelms, U.S. West Communications

Richard Schwarz, Oregon Federation of Teachers, Education, & Health
Professionals

Frank Brawner, Oregon Banker's Association

Mark Nelson, Nelson Report

Staff: James Scherzinger, Legislative Revenue Officer

Richard Yates, Legislative Revenue Office

Bryan Boehringer, Committee Assistant

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001 CHAIR GOLD: Calls the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON THE OREGON TAX SYSTEM

007 GARY WILHELM, U. S . WEST COMMUNICATIONS: Testifies on the Oregon Tax
System. Discusses the need for tax reform through coalitions. Discusses a
possible tax reform plan. Explains the need for a sales tax proposal.
Discusses voter attitudes, and the need for public education.

191 CHAIR GOLD: Discusses possible climates and timing for attempting a tax
reform plan.

215 CHAIR GOLD: What if the plan fails, what is the next step?

220 WILHELMS: Discusses possibilities through the initiative process.

263 CHAIR GOLD: Discusses the health care plan and possible deadlines for
proposing funding.

278 WILHELM: Gives his position on bridge funding.

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meeting. Text enclosed in quotation marks reports the speakers' exact words.
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315 CHAIR GOLD: Discusses strategy for bridge funding.

325 SEN. SMITH: Asks about the aspect of the legislature enacting a
proposal and the public ratifying the proposal.

341 WILHELM: Gives his position on the aspect of enacting and ratifying.

440 RICHARD SCHWARZ, OREGON FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, EDUCATION, & HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS: Submits and reviews testimony on the Oregon Tax Plan.

(Exhibit A)

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040 SCHWARZ: Continues with testimony.

114 SEN. ADAMS: Discusses the issue of balance between property taxes and
income taxes. Discusses appreciation rates that cause a shift in assessed
value.

164 SCHWARZ: Discusses the educational process and use of public
information. Discusses types of proposals.

249 SEN. ADAMS: Discusses split roll property taxes.

314 CHAIR GOLD: Explains the balanced tax system proposal.

354 SCHWARZ: Discusses a balance in sharing the burden of taxation.

387 SEN. SMITH: Discusses "enacting" and "ratifying" by the legislature.

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042 MARR NELSON, NELSON REPORT: Testifies on the Oregon Tax System. Discusses polling information on the current tax structure. Discusses results of Measure 5.
124 SEN. CEASE: Discusses some of the town hall meetings held to gather response to taxation issues.
130 NELSON: Discusses the public's perceptions of government. Discusses the evolution of support and opposition of Measure 5. (Exhibit B) Discusses the results of the Nelson report.
423 CHAIR GOLD: Discusses current goals of the polling group.
426 NELSON: Discusses possibilities that have come from the polling results.

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463 SEN. SMITH: Discusses public expectations and perceptions from the polling results.
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035 NELSON: Discusses the public's opinion of a tax reform package. Discusses the initiative and referendum process. Explains the need for a "good" tax package.
093 FRANK BRAUNER, OREGON BANKERS' ASSOCIATION: Submits and reviews testimony. (Exhibit C)
213 SEN. SMITH: Discusses public perceptions.
218 BRAUNER: Explains the need for a compromising plan.
262 CHAIR GOLD: Makes announcements and adjourns the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Reviewed by:
Bryan Boehringer Kim Taylor
Committee Clerk Office Manager

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Testimony on Oregon Tax Plan - Richard Schwarz - 6 pages
B - Testimony on Oregon Tax Plan - Mark Nelson - 55 pages
C - Testimony on Oregon Tax Plan - Frank Brauner - 6 pages

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