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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RULES AND REAPPORTIONMENT

February 14, 1991 Hearing Room E 5:00 p.m. Tape 6

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Greg Walden, Chair Rep. Peter Courtney, Vice-Chair Rep. Ray Baum Rep. Margaret Carter Rep. Ron Cease Rep. Beverly Clarno Rep. Carl Hosticka Rep. Tom Mason Rep. Fred Parkinson

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Bill Markham Rep. Randy Miller

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leo, Committee Administrator Carol Wilder, Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: SJR5 L.C. 1464

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TAPE 6, SIDE A

004 CHAIR WALDEN: Calls the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ACCESS RULES FOR REAPPORTIONMENT, WORK SESSION

008 CHAIR WALDEN: Asks for committee approval of Access Rules for Reapportionment.

030 MOTION: Rep. Courtney moves to adopt the Draft Proposal #7 Rules of Assisted Legislative Access to Redistricting Technical Support Equipment and Personnel.

040 REP. MASON: This does not include committee members having hands on access?

CHAIR WALDEN: That's correct. The decision had been made that we would have trained assistants to actually run the machines.

048 VOTE: In a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Reps. Hosticka, Markham, and Miller are excused.

SJR5, PUBLIC HEARING. Witness: Senator Ron Grensky, District #25

074 SEN. RON GRENSKY: SJR5 would create a sister relationship with the country of the Republic of Honduras (EXHIBIT A). - Similarities between the economies of Honduras and Oregon. - Honduras logs mahogany and pine but does not have technical resources to produce a finished product for sale outside Honduras. - Wants to foster a reforestation effort. - Their logging techniques are primitive. - Have fruits, coffees, herbs, spices to import to Oregon for manufacturing and repackaging to be sold in U.S. - Envision creation of free trade zone at Port of Coos Bay. - Many Oregon businesses are interested in getting this underway.

165 REP. CEASE: Mary Reike, a former member of this House, and her husband were in Costa Rica on the business of that relationship when they were killed in an auto accident.

SEN. GRENSKY: I believe that is correct.

172 REP. PARKINSON: How long does it take to grow a new mahogany tree?

SEN. GRENSKY: I don't know. It is their main type of tree as well as pine. They have a large forest and are an agriculturally based economy. That's why they want to reforest, to protect it for the future.

182 REP. CARTER: I think it is a wonderful idea. We work with teachers from Costa Rica every year. Twenty teachers just left the city of Portland where they came and looked at new ways to deal with teacher education programs. To look at the humanities side and the technical aspects of reforestation would be a wonderful idea.

190 REP. CEASE: What would the fiscal impact be?

SEN. GRENSKY: No fiscal impact envisioned.

202 REP. CEASE: Exactly what does the sister relationship mean?

SEN. GRENSKY: It recognizes for purposes of both governments that we have something in common and it would allow us to move forward to try to establish the free trade zone that we envision at the Port of Coos Bay. Otherwise, we would have to pay duty on these raw materials as they come in. This is the first step toward that recognition. The free trade zones allow some development of some industry that otherwise would not be economically feasible.

212 CHAIR WALDEN: Closes hearing on SJR5 and opens Work Session.

SJR5, WORK SESSION

214 MOTION: Rep. Carter moves to adopt SJR5.

222 REP. COURTNEY: Just for background information, Oregon and many of its local governments have maintained sister relationships for many years. All of the colleges and universities in this state have extensive sister-college relationships with other countries.

245 VOTE: In a roll call vote, the Motion was unanimously approved. Reps. Hosticka, Markham, and Miller are excused.

250 CHAIR WALDEN: Asks Rep. Carter to carry SJR5 to Floor.

Census data has arrived and is being loaded on the GIS System. It will be a week to ten days before it is available. Staff is ready to begin. Discusses the field hearings. We will first start with Congressional reapportionment. Senate will start with the legislative seats. At some point, we will exchange plans.

278 REP. CEASE: In reference to our hearings, will that cover everything, both legislative and congressional?

CHAIR WALDEN: Yes, we have invited members of the Senate to join us, as well as our colleagues who are not on this committee, when we are in their districts. Letters have gone out to affected interest groups. Our goal is to reach out, especially in minority communities and elsewhere to get as much information as possible before we begin our task.

L.C. 1464, WORK SESSION

290 CHAIR WALDEN: We have been asked to introduce one bill, L.C. 146 4, at the request of the Speaker.

295 MOTION: Rep. Cease moves to introduce L.C. 1464 at the request of the Speaker. No objection being heard, the Motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourns the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Submitted by:      Reviewed by:

Carol Wilder      Greg Leo Assistant      Administrator

EXHIBIT LOG:

A            -            Background information on SJR5 - Senator Ron Grensky - 8 pages