

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 2932

June 28, 1991 Hearing Room E 6:30 p.m. Tapes 1

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. J Hill Sen. Shoemaker

HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Sunseri Rep. Naito MEMBER
EXCUSED: Sen. Hamby STAFF PRESENT: Holly Robinson, Committee
Administrator Andy Sloop, Committee Assistant

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001 REP. SUNSERI: Opens Committee at 6:43 p.m.

005 HOLLY ROBINSON, COUNSEL: Summarizes differences.

027 MOTION: REP. NAITO moves to amend HB 2932B by deleting, page 1, line 22, after the word "fire" through the end of the line, delete line 23. On page, delete lines 7 and 8, and lines 20 to 41. 32 REP. NAITO: Understand that the Fire Marshal has worked with the Women's Rights Coalition, and that all parties agree to this. 45 SEN. SHOEMAKER: The intent is to get at those who are in institutions who have an arson habit, or tend to be starting fires, so we thought it would best for this to be restricted to those people. 56 ROBINSON: As the bill was brought to the House there were two very separate provisions.

> Institutional fires.

> Fires started where there may not be significant damage, but where the risk to people is great.

> Senate version of the bill merged these two ideas, but those ideas did come to the House as separate concerns raised by the proponents of the bill.

> Because arson statutes affect the value of the property, so proponents didn't feel the act of Conference Committee on HB 2932 June 28, 1991 -
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arson should be tied to the value of the property that is damaged. That's why there have been questions about extending the criminal mischief statutes by adding "by starting a fire" instead of the arson statutes. The House committee was concerned that the language it reviewed would have focused on property damage not the arson act, so arson in the ghetto would be less serious than arson in the Portland West Hills.

80 REP. JOHNSON: Questions his voting status because his name isn't on the conference committee letter head. 85 ROBINSON: Will look into it. 97 RAMEY STROUD, STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE: The intent to damage property would be the first part of the criminal test. The second part

