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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 39

June 25, 1991Hearing Room F 1:45 p.m.Tape 1

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Kerans, Chair Sen. Brockman Sen. L Hill

HOUSE MEMBER PRESENT: Rep. Mannix

HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Derfler Rep. Brian Rep. Watt

STAFF PRESENT: Annette Talbott, Committee Administrator
Roberta White, Committee Assistant

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TAPE 1, SIDE A

SB 39 - REQUIRES CERTAIN EMPLOYERS TO GRANT MEDICAL LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS OR SICKNESS, TO CARE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO SUFFER SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION, FOR PREGNANCY DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION AND FOR PARENTAL CARE OF CHILD.

000 CHAIR KERANS calls the conference committee to order at 1:55 p.m.

The Senate and House Staff Measure Summaries are hereby made a part of these minutes (EXHIBIT A).

000 CHAIR KERANS: Counsel, I understand there has been some communication with the other House members.

002 MS. TALBOTT: My understanding is that Rep. Derfler and Rep. Watt are unable to meet until eight or nine on Thursday morning.

004 CHAIR KERANS: I think that is unfortunate because I am prepared and I know Senator Hill is on behalf of the Senate to negotiate to a compromise that provides additional benefits to families in the state and I certainly know that is the case with Rep. Mannix who has joined us here and I appreciate you coming here at the expense of other duties in the Judiciary Committee where you are fighting other battles.

Let me suggest that Thursday morning at eight or nine o'clock is too late. I consider that to be a near fatal attack on the interest of the bill. I am quite willing to transmit that to the other members of the Conference Committee. I will recess until adjournment of both the House and the Senate this evening. I am prepared to work tonight. I assume

you are Senator Hill.

019 REP. MANNIX: So am I.

020 CHAIR KERANS: We will transmit this to the other members of the conference committee. The Chair has had drafted amendments which have been distributed in your folder. They are addressed to SB 39 and they are the B11 (amendments) submitted by the Chair and I believe they are available to the audience (the SB 39-B11 amendments and hand-engrossed bill are hereby made a part of these minutes (EXHIBIT B)). I am prepared to look at any other helpful amendments which would provide improvements in benefits to families under this section of law, as I know you do, Rep. Mannix. Why don't we recess for now. I am prepared to take up this any other amendment and I will go personally and talk to my counterpart, Mr. Derfler, and see whether he has suggestions about how we might come to a compromise on this issue. Your good office, Rep. Mannix, would be greatly appreciated as I know you have some influence with him.

033 SEN. HILL: I appreciate your efforts to bring the other members. I suspect the other members of the conference committee from the House are not deeply interested in finding a solution. I think it might be time to start drafting a ballot initiative.

036 CHAIR KERANS: It is a little early. Patience. Once I passed the half century mark, I discovered that patience can be a small part of any decision. I used to think it had no part, but now it has some part in any decision and I am prepared to be patient at least for a little bit longer. But I don't want to go beyond today without having to come to a report regarding the condition of this conference committee and consider the idea of saying Thursday morning at 8:00 or 9:00 is sufficient is not helpful to the bill and I think we might have to discharge if we are not able to come to at least an initial meeting today. With that, let's stand at recess until adjournment of both the House and Senate chambers today.

CHAIR KERANS declares the meeting in recess at 1:57 p.m.

NOTE: THE MEETING WAS NOT RECONVENED. SEE MINUTES OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON JUNE 26, 1991.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A -SB 39, Senate and House Staff Measure Summaries, staff B -SB 39, SB 39-B11 amendments and hand-engrossed SB 39, Sen. Kerans