

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGING AND MINORITY AFFAIRS

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March 5, 1981 1:30 p.m. 50 State Capitol

Members Present: Representative Wally Priestley, Chairperson
Representative John Schoon, Vice-Chairperson
Representative Shirley Gold
Representative Jeannette Hamby
Representative Peg Jolin
Representative Max Rijken
Representative George Trahern

Staff: Dick Wilson, Administrator
Connie Fritz, Assistant

Witnesses: Jolie Dennison
Bob Oliver
Senator Jan Wyers
Representative Mary Alice Ford
Representative Bill Markham
Bill Sutherland
Cliff Walker
Frank Wilson
Charles Brister

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004 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLEY called House Committee on Aging and Minority Affairs to order at 1:35 p.m.

HB 2618 - Relating to state investments; creating new provisions; amending ORS 293.701, 293.721 and 293.726, and declaring an emergency.

HB 2479 - Relating to Crime.

028 JOLIE DENNISON, 6997 NE Alemeda, Portland, testified in support of HB 2618. See EXHIBIT A.

127 REPRESENTATIVE RIJKEN questioned Ms. Dennison on the matter of racism and she responded.

214 REPRESENTATIVE SCHOON asked Ms. Dennison for the place time and contacts of residents in Africa and she responded.

278 REPRESENTATIVE TRAHERN questioned Ms. Dennison regarding tax money investments in South Africa, and she responded stating she was not a state employee and therefore has no interest in the retirement funds.

291 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLEY summarized, clarifying points brought out in the questioning of Ms. Dennison.

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317 REPRESENTATIVE GOLD asked Ms. Dennison about imprisonment and she responded saying those speaking out against divestment in South Africa are imprisoned.

Discussion followed on the right of this country to become involved in affairs of other countries.

458 BOB OLIVER, Assistant to Governor Atiyeh, testified in support of HB 2479. See EXHIBIT B.

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001 Testimony of BOB OLIVER continued.

174 ADMINISTRATOR WILSON called the Committee Members' attention to the bill folders contents; a copy of a similar bill introduced in the Washington Legislature, a copy of the Statute of the State of Massachusetts, and a flyer that is currently circulating in the Woodburn area. See EXHIBIT C.

182 SENATOR JAN WYERS testified in support of HB 2618 giving background on events of the last legislative session when a similar bill was considered and urged Committee Members to consider seriously the need for this legislation.

374 REPRESENTATIVE MARY ALICE FORD, District 6, testified in support of HB 2479. See EXHIBIT D.

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039 REPRESENTATIVE BILL MARKHAM, District 46, testified in opposition to HB 2618. See EXHIBIT E.

097 Discussion followed on the reference to South Africa in the testimony heard, whereas the bill speaks to divestiture to occur in countries whose laws on their face require invidious discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin, and does not mention South Africa.

183 FUNGAI N. KUMBULA from Zimbabwe, testified in support of HB 2618. See EXHIBIT F.

Committee Hearing continued with video interview of:

301 BILL SUTHERLAND of American Friends Service Committee, testified in support of HB 2618, clarifying that Southern Africa is composed of all those small countries situated in the southern part of Africa, and South Africa is a country in the southern part of Africa. He testified saying his role is to travel to various states giving

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information on what other states are doing in relation to divestment. He further gave an overall picture of conditions in South Africa for the Blacks and the need to support their goal for equality by backing divestment.

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001 Interview with BILL SUTHERLAND continued.

127 FUNGAI N. KUMBULA further testified that all metals this country needs can be obtained from other countries in southern Africa, not just South Africa.

177 Mr. Kumbula responding to REPRESENTATIVE SCHOON's question on whether South Africa is moving ahead in bringing about changes to improve the Black situation, stated the changes that are taking place are inconsequential and that the Blacks are worse off now than they had been at any other time.

273 CLIFF WALKER, Portland, testified in support of HB 2618 stating apartheid is a crime, and by Oregon investing in South Africa it is participating in that criminal activity.

466 FRANK WILSON, Portland, testified on HB 2618 stating he supports the measure on moral grounds, political grounds and economic grounds because the State of Oregon can do better than it is doing by investing in companies that do business with South Africa.

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030 Mr. WILSON testified on HB 2479 as it pertains to Blacks because he had no first hand knowledge of harassment as it pertains to other minorities. He stated two things are wrong with the Governor's Bill; it continues to leave discretion for presecution in the hands of county prosecutors and it contains no civil remedies section. He further detailed the areas needed to be covered in amending the Bill. At the request of the Committee he indicated he would prepare amendments he deemed necessary and present them to the Committee at a subsequent Hearing.

411 CHARLES BRISTER, visiting from California, on business in Portland for the remainder of the week, testified in support of HB 2618.

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450 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLEY adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: JOHN A. REULING JR., Chief Counsel, Attorney General's Office was unable to present testimony to the Committee and is made a part of the record as EXHIBIT G.

Respectfully submitted,


Connie Fritz

Summary of Exhibits:

Exhibit A - Julie Dennison Testimony
Exhibit B - Bob Oliver Testimony
Exhibit C - Committee Exhibits
Exhibit D - Representative Ford Testimony
Exhibit E - Representative Markham Testimony
Exhibit F - Fungai Kumbula Testimony
Exhibit G - John A. Reuling Jr. Testimony

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March 10, 1981

1:30 p.m.

50 State Capitol

Members Present: Representative Wally Priestley, Chairperson
Representative Shirley Gold
Representative Peg Jolin
Representative George Trahern

Members Excused: Representative John Schoon, Vice-Chairperson
Representative Jeannette Hamby
Representative Max Rijken

Staff: Dick Wilson, Administrator
Connie Fritz, Assistant

Witnesses: Kathy Greene
Martin Feinrider
Dean Derrick Bell
Kenneth H. Lenhard
Jose Vasquez
Faith Alberta Lopez
Cliff Walker
Dan Weston
Patrick Meleny
Gregory Robert Voigt
Dennis R. Hayden
Les Strickler
Donald Brown
George Rohrmann
Douglas E. Ferguson
Jeff Carver
Jason Timm

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004 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLEY called House Committee on Aging and Minority Affairs to order at 7:30 p.m.

HB 2479 - Relating to Crime

019 KATHY GREENE, Commission Assistant for the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services, testified in support of HB 2479, presenting the Commission views. See EXHIBIT A.

105 MARTIN FEINRIDER, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at Willamette University, College of Law, testified to a recent independent study he conducted on HB 2479 stating he spoke in support of the need for a racial or intimidation statute, but that HB 2479 fell short of meeting the need and presented specifics that should

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be included in the bill. See EXHIBIT B.

- 398 REPRESENTATIVE JOLIN stated she supported the statements made by Mr. Feinrider and the Committee should look closely at the Measure to see that an effective piece of legislation was prepared, and asked Mr. Feinrider to work with the Committee to draft the necessary amendments. Mr. Feinrider agreed to assist the Committee.

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- 034 ADMINISTRATOR WILSON stated HB 2702 and HB 2703 have been introduced covering the same subject, and Mr. Feinrider responded the two bills have some of the language problems HB 2479 has, because they tend to follow the language of the menacing statutes that have been declared unconstitutional.
- 061 REPRESENTATIVE GOLD stated she was uncomfortable with HB 2479 because of its shortcomings and pleased to have Mr. Feinrider's input.
- 104 DEAN DERRICK BELL, University of Oregon, Eugene, testified in support of HB 2479, suggesting improvements by adding a civil provision providing for damages and attorney fees, and in responding to CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLEY stated, he felt the need not to make it a one-way bill of relief, but to protect anyone regardless of skin color. See EXHIBIT C.
- 331 KENNETH H. LENHARD, 12440 Fishback Rd., Monmouth, testified in support of HB 2479 stating although he was caucasian, he had been subjected to harassment by Blacks and therefore wanted the bill to remain neutral so that all could have protection.
- 415 JOSE VASQUEZ, Member of the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs, testified in support of HB 2479. See EXHIBIT D.

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- 095 FAITH ALBERTA LOPEZ, an educator with Chemeketa Community College, testified in support of HB 2479. See EXHIBIT E.
- 164 CLIFF WALKER testified that the investment of state funds in countries that practice apartheid is a form of harassment and asked for input from Committee members.

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March 12, 1981

1:30 p.m.

50 State Capitol

Members Present: Representative Wally Priestley, Chairperson
Representative John Schoon, Vice-Chairperson
Representative Shirley Gold
Representative Jeannette Hamby
Representative Peg Jolin
Representative Max Rijken
Representative George Trahern

Staff: Dick Wilson, Administrator
Connie Fritz, Assistant

Witnesses: Furlton Burns
Donald B. Eppley
Paul Snider
Feddy Pettit
Judy Geanella
Chuck Mendenhall
Ann Stever
Frank Wilson
Linda Friedman
George Burgess
Bob Golden
Roger Auerbach
James Draper
Christina Cowger
James Campbell
Jesse R. Luna
Ismael Villastrego
Melvin Tiemann
Richard Wakefield

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- 004 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLEY called meeting of House Committee on Aging and Minority Affairs to order at 1:40 p.m.
HB 2617 - Relating to holidays; amending ORS 187.020 and 336.010.
- 011 FURLTON BURNS, President of Salem Branch NAACP, testified in support of HB 2617, stating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday should be honored by declaring it a holiday because he had distinguished himself in the history of this country.
- 043 DONALD B. EPPLEY, Administrator, Personnel Division of the Executive Department, testified to the fiscal concern on HB 2617, stating it would be more appropriate to

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sense of what it was like and the human conditions living under an apartheid system. See EXHIBIT C.

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HB 2479 - Relating to Crime

052 Because of time requirements, Mr. Wilson was heard out of order.

FRANK WILSON, Portland, appeared before the Committee as a follow-up to his previous appearance when he was requested to return with recommendations on how to strengthen HB 2479. See EXHIBIT D.

Discussion followed and changes were made to his recommendations for amendments to HB 2479.

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LINDA FRIEDMAN, Salem, member of Oregonians for Responsible Investments, testified in support of HB 2618. See EXHIBIT E.

167 GEORGE BURGESS, 13475 SW Village Glenn Dr., Tigard, testified in opposition to HB 2618. See EXHIBIT F.

253 BOB GOLDEN, Eugene, testified in support of HB 2618 stating several states have taken the step of divestment, but not as sweeping a step as HB 2618 proposes. Massachusetts passed a law banning new investments in corporations doing business in South Africa; Michigan passed a Bill which prohibits the deposit of state funds in banks that make loans in South Africa; Connecticut passed a law that no money was to be invested in corporations doing business in South Africa unless those corporations had signed the Sullivan Principles; and other cities and unions have taken steps in one form or another to divest.

406 ROGER AUERBACH, President of Oregon Federation of Teachers, testified in support of HB 2618. See EXHIBIT G.

473 JAMES DRAPER, Corvallis, testified in support of HB 2618. See Exhibit H..

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151 CHRISTINA COWGER, 1459 B Street, Springfield, testified

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in support of HB 2618. See EXHIBIT I.

342 JAMES CAMPBELL, testified on the text of HB 2618 as well as what Oregon is doing with investment funds and what it should be doing. See EXHIBIT J.

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HB 2479 - Relating to Crime

083 JESSE R. LUNA, President of Image de Oregon, Portland, testified in support of HB 2479. See EXHIBIT K.

202 ISMAEL VILLASTREGO, testified in support of HB 2479, stating such a bill was necessary to help eliminate vicious flyers demeaning minorities that are presently being circulated in the Woodburn area.

344 JUDY GIANELLA testified in opposition to HB 2479. See EXHIBIT L.

447 MELVIN TIEMANN testified in opposition to HB 2479, stating since this bill was open ended and applied to all races, it could cause more fear than presently existed; for it could place one in fear of their job, further stating peaceful coexistence cannot be legislated, but must first be dealt with in the minds of people.

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001 Melvin Tiemann testimony continued.

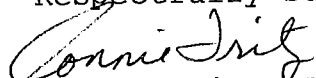
112 RICHARD WAKEFIELD, Woodburn, testified in opposition to HB 2479 stating, at one time in history we were all minorities and should all consider ourselves citizens of the U. S. and Oregon.

LAURIE ROGOWAY, Assistant Area Director, The American Jewish Committee, was present to testify, but because of time demands she left, and her testimony is made a part of the record. See EXHIBIT M.

LUCIOUS HICKS IV, President, Portland Branch NAACP, was unable to testify before the Committee, and his testimony is made a part of the record. See EXHIBIT N.

125 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLEY adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Connie Fritz, Assistant

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Summary of Exhibits:

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Exhibit B - Chuck Mendenhall Testimony
Exhibit C - Ann Stever Testimony
Exhibit D - Frank Wilson recommended amendments.
Exhibit E - Linda Friedman Testimony
Exhibit F - George Burgess Testimony
Exhibit G - Roger Auerbach Testimony
Exhibit H - James L. Draper Testimony
Exhibit I - Christina Cowger Testimony
Exhibit J - James Campbell Testimony
Exhibit K - Jesse R. Luna Testimony
Exhibit L - Judy Gianella Testimony
Exhibit M - Laurie Rogoway Testimony
Exhibit N - Lucious Hicks IV Testimony

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