

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Tuesday, July 16, 2013**

**BOARD BRIEFING**

Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. with Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present. Chair Jeff Cogen was excused.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

**[THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS THE BYPRODUCT OF THE CLOSED CAPTIONING OF THIS PROGRAM.]**

Vice-Chair Shiprack: WITH THAT, WE HAVE A BOARD BRIEFING ON THE 2013 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY. [GAVEL]

Ms. Black: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO DO -- OH, MY NAME'S CLAUDIA BLACK AND I'M THE CO-DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FOR THE COUNTY ALONG WITH NANCY BENNETT.

Ms. Bennett: I'M ALSO CO-DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS.

Ms. Black: WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO A BRIEF BRIEFING ON SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS AND LOWLIGHTS OF THE LAST LEGISLATIVE SESSION. WITH THAT, WE'RE KIND OF DOING A BRIEF OVERVIEW. WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING A REPORT IN SEVERAL WEEKS THAT IS MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND THOROUGH. SO, AS EVERYONE KNOWS, THE LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED SINE DIE A WEEK AGO MONDAY JULY 8th. SOME OF THE BIG GOALS FOR THE SESSION WERE MET AND SOME WERE NOT. THE THREE BIG ONES WERE PERS REFORM AND ADDITIONAL REVENUE. THE PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM AND ALSO EARLY LEARNING WORK. AS YOU'VE HEARD, THE SO-CALLED GRAND BARGAIN NEVER HAPPENED AND THERE WAS REALLY LESS OF A NEED FOR IT, BECAUSE THE MAY FORECAST CAME IN \$161 MILLION OVER THE MARCH FORECAST.

SO THAT TOOK SOME OF THE PRESSURE OFF OF ACTUALLY DOING MORE COMPREHENSIVE REFORM. BUT THERE IS STILL A DESIRE IN THE LEGISLATURE TO FURTHER REFORM PERS AND TO RAISE SOME REVENUE. SO THE DEMOCRATS DOMINATED THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, THE GOVERNOR IS CLEARLY A DEMOCRAT. THE MARGIN IN THE SENATE IS 16-14 AND IN THE HOUSE ITS 34-26 THAT. MEANT TO GET TO THE 3/5 NECESSARY TO PASS ANY SORT OF REVENUE PACKAGE, THE DEMOCRATS NEEDED AT LEAST TWO REPUBLICANS IN EACH CHAMBER TO

GET A BILL THROUGH. THE MEMBERS SPENT SEVERAL MONTHS TRYING TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON THE PERS REFORM THAT PASSED. THE REPUBLICANS DIDN'T SUPPORT THAT, THEY FELT LIKE IT WAS WAY TOO LITTLE, IT WAS AROUND \$440 MILLION IN SAVINGS. AND IT WASN'T AS MUCH AS THE GOVERNOR HAD ASKED FOR OR THE REPUBLICANS WERE REALLY INTERESTED IN. IN THE END WE HAD SOME MINOR TWEAKS IN REVENUE, THEY CRACKED DOWN ON OFFSHORE TAX SHELTERS AND CLOSING SOME LOOPHOLES FOR OUT-OF-STATE BANKS.

Ms. Black: I THINK IT'S NOTABLE THERE WERE NO TOBACCO ALCOHOL TAXES PASSED AND THERE WAS NO DEDICATED SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH DESPITE WITH THE GUN DEBATE THERE WAS A LOT OF FOCUS ON WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM AND BOLSTERING THAT. EARLY ON THERE WAS A LOT OF HOPE THERE WOULD BE A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN. IN ADDITION TO THAT NO FIREARMS SAFETY BILLS PASSED, EITHER, THEY WERE KIND OF AT AN IMPASSE ON THAT. NANCY AND I ARE GOING TAG TEAM THIS ENTIRE PRESENTATION. SHE'S GOING TO TALK ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM.

Commissioner McKeel: CLAUDIA, COULD I ASK YOU --

Ms. Black: SURE.

Commissioner McKeel: WHERE DID THE MENTAL HEALTH REFORM SORT OF HANG UP? WHAT WAS THE ISSUE AROUND IT?

Ms. Black: SO SENATE PRESIDENT PETER COURTNEY HAD SENATE BILL 823, AND THAT REALLY SET A FRAMEWORK FOR LONG-TERM INVESTMENT IN THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM OVER SEVERAL BIENNIA, THAT THEY FIGURE WOOD KIND OF COVER ALL THE NEED. AND PART OF IT WAS IT WAS STAGED, BUT THE OTHER PIECE OF IT WAS THAT THEY WERE LOOKING AT A TOBACCO TAX FOR THE SPECIFIC FUNDING, THE DEDICATED FUNDING. AND SENATOR COURTNEY REALLY, REALLY WANTED DEDICATED FUNDING. HE WANTED SOMETHING THAT WAS NOT GOING TO GET CUT WHEN REVENUE WAS DOWN, BUT IT WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS A STABLE SOURCE. SO WHEN THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN THEY DIDN'T GO AHEAD AND PASS SENATE BILL 823, EITHER, BECAUSE BASICALLY ALL THAT COULD BE DONE BY THE AGENCY, IF THEY HAD ADEQUATE FUNDING, BUT WITH THE DEDICATING FUNDING SOURCE IT MADE MORE SENSE TO PULL IT TOGETHER.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU.

Ms. Bennett: I GUESS I'D JUST ADD IN TERMS OF THE BIG PICTURE THAT I THINK PEOPLE STARTED OUT THE SESSION WITH A LOT OF HOPE IN TERMS OF THE GOVERNOR AND JUST YOU KNOW, FEELING LIKE THEY HAD A PRETTY

AMBITIOUS GOALS FOR THE SESSION. AND YOU KNOW, EVERYTHING IS ABOUT TIMING IN SALEM. YOU KNOW, I THINK IF YOU WANT TO GET SOMETHING BIG THROUGH, IT HELPS TO GET IT DONE EARLY. REALLY BY I'D SAY MAY AND JUNE CLEARLY THINGS WERE REALLY BREAKING DOWN, AND PEOPLE WERE GETTING VERY CRANKY. AND I THINK THAT PEOPLE WERE, YOU KNOW, THE GOALS WERE SHIFTING AND ALL OF A SUDDEN PEOPLE SAW OPPORTUNITIES TO GET MORE. I THINK ACTUALLY THE REPUBLICANS SAW AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIELD A BIGGER STICK BECAUSE THEY REALIZED THE DEMOCRATS COULDN'T GET A LOT OF THEIR AGENDA THROUGH WITHOUT THEIR HELP. BUT IN THE END I THINK PEOPLE WERE PRETTY DISAPPOINTED THAT THEY COULDN'T COME UP WITH SOME OF THESE FINAL PLANS.

Ms. Bennett: A LOT OF THE BIG INITIATIVES THAT DID PASS WERE PRETTY WATERED DOWN, LIKE THE PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM WHICH IS WHAT I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT NEXT. YOU KNOW, THAT WAS AGAIN SOMETHING I THINK THERE WAS A LOT OF HOPE IN THE BEGINNING. A BILL HAD COME OUT OF ALMOST TWO YEARS OF WORK FROM A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION, AND THEY HAD REALLY DONE A LOT OF DATA ANALYSIS. AND I THINK THERE WAS HOPE OF REALLY MOVING THINGS FORWARD. I THINK ALSO THERE WAS, YOU KNOW, A FEELING ABOUT THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THIS, THAT WE REALLY NEED TO DO -- IT WASN'T JUST ABOUT THE SORT OF IMMEDIATE GOALS BUT REALLY AROUND THE LONG TERM CHANGING OF THE FISCAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRISON GROWTH VERSUS SCHOOLS, THINGS LIKE THAT.

SO I THINK THERE WAS A SENSE OF MOMENTUM, AND INVESTMENT IN THIS. AND THEN, YOU KNOW, WHAT WAS INTERESTING, SO THEY CREATED A NEW JOINT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, A BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE, SORT OF A HAND-PICKED GROUP OF PEOPLE I THINK WERE VERY ON BOARD WITH THIS PUBLIC SAFETY PACKAGE. IN THE BEGINNING YOU COULD SEE HOW THEY WERE SORT OF STRUGGLING ON HOW TO ROLL THIS OUT, AND THEY WOULD MEET AS COMMITTEE AND, YOU KNOW, INVITED TESTIMONY ONLY. THEY DIDN'T WANT TO IT SORT OF BE A FREE FOR ALL. THEN THEY DECIDED WE'VE GOT OPEN IT UP AND LET IT BE A FREE FOR ALL FOR A WHILE, AND THEN THEY CLOSED IT BACK DOWN AND STOPPED MEETING TOGETHER FOR MONTHS. REALLY IT WAS SORT OF -- IT ALMOST JUST REALLY MADE ITS WAY INTO THE BACKGROUND.

THERE WAS A LOT OF OTHER ISSUES SWIRLING AROUND AND SORT OF WONDERING WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THIS PUBLIC SAFETY PACKAGE. THEN IN THE LAST MONTH OF SESSION THEY CAME BACK WITH AGAIN, I THINK A DECENT PACKAGE OF REFORMS, THE D.A.s AND SHERIFFS AND OTHERS WERE REALLY OPPOSED TO THAT. THEY REALLY WERE ABLE TO KIND OF LOCK THAT DOWN. WHAT ENDED UP ULTIMATELY RESULTING WAS A VERY MODEST PACKAGE OF REFORMS. I THINK THERE ARE A COUPLE GOOD THINGS. I MEAN, THE BILL SAVED \$17 MILLION OVER TWO YEARS, \$326 MILLION OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS. IT REDUCED SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN

PROPERTY AND DRUG CRIMES, EXPANDED TRANSITIONAL LEAVE. THERE WAS A FEW VERY MODEST POLICY CHANGES TO THIS BUT NOTHING REALLY SUBSTANTIAL.

Ms. Bennett: I THINK IT WAS MORE OF THE FINANCIAL PIECE THAT WAS HELPFUL TO GET THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BASELINE FUNDING UP, THAT WILL BENEFIT MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND OTHER COUNTIES. THEY CREATED THIS JUSTICE REINVESTMENT FUND WHICH HAD BEEN A LOT OF THE TALK ABOUT, HOW DO WE TAKE SOME OF THESE SAVINGS AND ACTUALLY PLUNGE THEM BACK INTO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. AND REALLY CHANGE THE WAY WE DO PUBLIC SAFETY. I THINK THEY GOT THE FOOT IN THE DOOR ON THAT. WHAT THEY PUT ASIDE FOR NOW IS \$10 MILLION. THERE'S ANOTHER \$5 MILLION I THINK THEY WILL PUT INTO THIS FUND IF THE FORECAST FOR NEXT YEAR IN FEBRUARYS IS LOOKING OKAY, THEY WILL PUT \$5 MILLION IN, AND I HEARD THERE WAS ANOTHER \$5 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS THAT MIGHT GO INTO FUNDING THIS.

>> HOW DO THEY ACCESS THOSE DOLLARS? WELL, IT'S GOING TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION, AND WHAT I UNDERSTAND IS THE FORMULA WILL BE SIMILAR TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS. I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT THAT'S GOING TO MEAN FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUT WE WOULD, YOU KNOW, LOOK TO SCOTT TAYLOR TO TELL US A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT HOW THAT WILL WORK. THE FEDERAL FUNDS ARE COMING FROM THE BURN GRANTS AS I UNDERSTAND IT. I THINK THE 2015-2017 SESSION I EXPECT TO HAVE ABOUT \$20 MILLION IN THIS JUSTICE REINVESTMENT FUND. I THINK THEY DO SEE IT AS AN ONGOING FUND, AND -- BUT I THINK WE'RE STILL SORT OF TRYING FIGURE OUT EXACTLY HOW THE MONEY IS GOING TO BE DISTRIBUTED, AT WHAT LEVEL, WHAT CAN WE DO WITH IT. I KNOW THERE'S ALREADY A SUBCOMMITTEE LOOKING AT THAT, AND THERE'S ALREADY A LOT OF WORK ON THAT. SO -- AND I JUST WANT TO SORT OF CALL OUT SCOTT TAYLOR AND HIS TEAM FOR THE INCREDIBLE WORK THEY DID AROUND THIS BILL, JUST WERE DEDICATED TO IT THROUGHOUT THE SESSION AND REALLY MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE. MOST OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEGISLATORS WERE SUPPORTIVE OF IT AND IN THE END SOME WERE STARTING TO DEVIATE. I THINK THEY WERE FRUSTRATED ACTUALLY THAT IT WASN'T STRONGER, SO IT WAS JUST TRYING TO GET THEM BACK ON TRACK. SO ANYWAY, SCOTT WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN THAT. THAT'S PUBLIC SAFETY.

Ms. Black: JUST BRIEFLY, I'LL MENTION THE EARLY LEARNING PIECE. AS YOU PROBABLY REMEMBER GOING INTO IT THE GOVERNOR HAD REQUESTED -- HE HAD A BILL THAT WOULD DO A STATEWIDE HUB PROCESS. AND LEGISLATORS WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT, THEY FELT LIKE THAT'S SUCH A HUGE CHANGE THAT THE LOCAL COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, THE FUNDING WENT AWAY JULY 1, AND THEY SUNSET COMPLETELY IN JANUARY 1, 2014. SO THEIR PLAN WAS TO GET SOMETHING UP AND RUNNING STATEWIDE

BY THE FIRST OF JULY THIS YEAR TO GET IT IN PROCESS. AND LEGISLATORS WERE REALLY SAYING, YOU KNOW, WE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE FIVE PILOTS. THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WAS VERY CONCERNED THINKING ABOUT WHAT THEY DID WITH SOME OF THE EARLY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY PROGRAMS, HOW LONG IT TOOK TO GO STATEWIDE.

Ms. Black: SO THEY ENDED UP WITH A COMPROMISE THAT THEY WILL HAVE SEVEN PILOTS THE FIRST YEAR OF THIS BIENNIUM, AND THEN AN ADDITIONAL NINE THE SECOND YEAR. AND THAT SHOULD COVER THE ENTIRE STATE. SO AT THIS POINT ALL ALONG THEY WERE SAYING, I MEAN, LESS THAN 36 AND MORE THAN FIVE. SO THEY ARE SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE THERE AS OF YET THOSE PEOPLE -- THE R.P. COMES OUT NEXT MONTH. WE'RE GOING TO SEE HOW THAT PLAYS OUT AROUND THE STATE BUT DEFINITELY MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THE GUYS THAT MADE THAT DECISION WILL BE POLICE DOG AS A HUB. SO WE THOUGHT WE'D BRIEFLY GO THROUGH THE COUNTY'S TOP PRIORITIES, WHICH WERE COURTHOUSE FUNDING, TOBACCO PREVENTION, AND AGAIN PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM. I HAVE TO SAY THAT NANCY HAS JUST DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB ON THIS COURTHOUSE FUNDING. YOU KNOW, WITH THE HELP OF CHAIR COGEN AND COMMISSIONER KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK THIS HAS BEEN LIKE AN AMAZING THING THAT SHE'S BEEN THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES PERSON, ORCHESTRATING ALL THESE PIECES. I THINK SHE DESERVES APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] [LAUGHTER]

Ms. Bennett: WELL, I WILL JUST SAY A COUPLE QUICK THINGS ABOUT THE COURTHOUSE BILL. I THINK, YOU KNOW, IT DEFINITELY IS A TEAM EFFORT. AND I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS REALLY GREAT ABOUT THIS BILL IS THAT WE HAD A LOT OF LEGISLATORS WHO WERE VERY COMMITTED TO THIS, AND WHO WOULD, YOU KNOW, BIPARTISAN GROUP OF LEGISLATORS IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE. I FELT AS WE ENCOUNTERED CERTAIN OBSTACLES, WE WOULD SORT OF DISPATCH THEM TO GO AND TALK TO CERTAIN PEOPLE OR DO CERTAIN THINGS. JUST KIND OF THEY WERE REALLY WITH US UP TO THE VERY END. ONE OF THE OBSTACLES WE HAD WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE PRETTY SIGNIFICANT -- WELL, TWO THINGS.

ONE IS WE HAD AN A.G.'S TELLING US IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SESSION THAT THE WAY WE WERE GOING TO APPROACH THESE COUPONS WAS NOT GOING TO WORK. SO WE HAD TO COMMEND OUR COUNTY ATTORNEYS WHO REALLY WORKED WITH FOLKS FROM THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS TO -- AND LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO REALLY DRAFT A BILL. THE THING ABOUT COUPONS, THEY ARE FOR STATE OWNED AND OPERATED FACILITIES. WE HAD BEEN MAKING THE CASE ALL ALONG THAT OUR COURTHOUSE REALLY WAS A STATE-OPERATED FACILITY. BUT THE BILL REALLY HAD TO SPELL THAT OUT VERY CLEARLY. SO THERE WERE A COUPLE THINGS -- AND SENATOR DEVLIN, ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRS OF WAYS AND MEANS, I THINK ALSO WAS VERY RELUCTANT TO DRAMATICALLY EXPAND SORT OF THE STATE'S OBLIGATIONS AROUND COURTHOUSES. WE WEREN'T JUST FIGHTING FOR MONEY FOR US,

WE WERE REALLY CHANGING STATE POLICY THERE. SO THAT WAS ACTUALLY A MUCH BIGGER -- IF WE WERE JUST ASKING FOR MONEY IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THAT BIG OF A DEAL. WE REALLY DIDN'T KNOW THAT WE HAD GOTTEN THE THUMBS UP TO MOVE FORWARD. IN FACT, OUR COURTHOUSE LANGUAGE WAS INCLUDED IN A FINAL BOND BILL. THEY MADE IT WAIT TO THE VERY LAST DAY OF SESSION TO KNOW IF WE WERE REALLY GOING TO MAKE IT. BUT A COUPLE THINGS ABOUT THE BILL THAT I JUST THINK ARE WORTH NOTING. YOU KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO REALLY BE DEVELOPING A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE ON THIS PROJECT. WE HAVE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND THEY WILL REALLY HAVE A LOT OF SAY IN THIS. BECAUSE AGAIN, IT'S GOING TO BE A STATE-OPERATED FACILITY, AND ALTHOUGH -- I THINK THE CHIEF JUSTICE, THIS IS PART OF HIS PLANNING PROCESS AND REALLY ABOUT IDENTIFYING THOSE KINDS OF BUILDINGS LIKE OUR COURTHOUSE, THAT HAVE SEISMIC OR SAFETY ISSUES AND THINGS LIKE THAT. WE WERE ABLE TO BUILD THAT INTO THE BILL. SO I THINK THIS IS A GREAT START AND WE WILL DO A LOT MORE WORK TO BRING LEGISLATORS EVEN CLOSER TO OUR PROJECT AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN BE PART OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET NEXT TIME AROUND.

>> SO A SUCCESS AND THEN I'LL MOVE ON TO TOBACCO PREEMPTION. NANCY AND I WORKED JUST AS HARD IF NOT HARDER IN THE ENTIRE SESSION ON THIS PARTICULAR BILL. IT PASSED THE HOUSE WITH JUST ONE VOTE, IT WAS A 31-29 VOTE. THAT REQUIRED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK, MUCH MORE THAN WE HAD ANTICIPATED. THERE WERE LOTS OF DISCUSSIONS ABOUT IT NEGATIVELY IMPACTS OR DISPROPORTIONATELY EFFECTS LOW-INCOME PEOPLE, EVEN THOSE LOW-INCOME PEOPLE ARE THE MOST LIKELY TO BENEFIT FROM THE MONEY COLLECTED BECAUSE WE PUT IT BACK INTO THE SYSTEM IN TERMS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH. THEN WE HAD IDENTIFIED THAT 20% OF THE MONEY WOULD GO TOWARDS PUBLIC HEALTH. AND FOLKS WERE SAYING, OH, SO THE COUNTY GETS TO CHOOSE WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE OTHER 80%. THEY WANTED MORE OF IT DEDICATED. THERE WAS BASICALLY EVERY ARGUMENT THAT YOU COULD IMAGINE THAT WAS USED TO TRY TO DEFEAT IT. IT SHOULD BE A STATEWIDE TAX, NOT SOMETHING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DOES AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. IT WAS VERY HEAVY LIFT TO GET 31 VOTES, ESPECIALLY FROM 29 TO 31. SITE WENT OVER TO THE SENATE AND WE CONTINUED TO WORK ON IT. AT THAT POINT WHEN THEY WERE WORKING ON THE REVENUE PACKAGE, THEY WERE DEBATING WHETHER OR NOT TO HAVE THE 10 CENTS -- WELL, A STATEWIDE TOBACCO TAX IN THERE. WE WANTED, IF THEY WERE GOING DO A STATEWIDE TOBACCO TAX WE WANTED AT LEAST 50 CENTS A PACK. THAT WAS KIND OF THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN PREVENTING YOUTH FROM STARTING TO SMOKE AND RAISING ENOUGH REVENUE AND REALLY FEELING LIKE WE'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE HERE. YET MOST OF THE CONVERSATIONS HOVERED AROUND 10 CENTS A PACK. AND PART OF THE REASON FOR THAT WAS FROM HEALTHY KIDS THAT WAS DEFEATED AT THE BALLOT IN 2007,

THERE WAS A FEAR THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN AGAIN, AND THAT IT WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE VOTERS. AND BECAUSE THE VOTERS HAD DEFEATED IT ONCE PEOPLE WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT IT BEING REFERRED. AND THEY HAD ONE TAX BIG, SO THEY COULDN'T COME OVER FROM THE HOUSE AND ALL TAX BILLS HAVE TO ORIGINATE IN THE HOUSE. THEY HAD TO PUT EVERYTHING IN THAT ONE BILL. APPARENTLY THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY HAD SAID IF IT'S ABOVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT, THEN THEY WOULD REFER THE ENTIRE PACKAGE, NOT JUST THE TOBACCO PIECE. THERE WERE A LOT OF POLITICS HAPPENING AND REALLY, TRULY, SOME PEOPLE DO BELIEVE IN A STATEWIDE TAX INSTEAD. THEY FELT THEY WERE GOING TO GET SOMETHING RIGHT UP UNTIL THE VERY END, LIKE A WEEK BEFORE WHEN EVERYTHING FELL APART. IN FACT, OUR BILL WAS ALIVE AND SCHEDULED FOR A HEARING FRIDAY A WEEK BEFORE THE SESSION ADJOURNED. THEY WERE KIND OF USING IT TO SAY, LOOK, ONE OF THE OPTIONS WAS IF YOU REFER THIS TAX INCREASE TO THE VOTERS IT'LL AUTOMATICALLY LIFT THE PREEMPTION ON THE COUNTY. WE WERE IN THE MIX UNTIL THE VERY END. BUT WHEN IT CAME DOWN TO IT WE COULD NOT GET A 16th VOTE ON IT. WE PROBABLY COULD HAVE GOTTEN TO 15, WE WERE HOVERING. BUT EARLY ON WE HAD HEARD A COUPLE OF REPUBLICANS PROBABLY WOULD VOTE. ONCE THE REVENUE PACKAGE DROPPED OR EXPLODED, THEN AT THAT POINT THEY SAID, WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO THIS. SO THAT'S THE WAY IT ENDED. AND NANCY, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO THAT? [LAUGHTER]

>> IT WAS A LONG PERIOD OF TORTURE, FIVE MONTHS OF TORTURE. AND THEN YOU TALKED ABOUT THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND REFORM PIECE.

>> YES.

>> WE THOUGHT WE'D GO THROUGH SOME OF THE OTHER PRIORITY BILLS THAT EITHER PASSED OR FAILED STARTING WITH HEALTHY. CULTURAL COMPETENCY, YOU PROBABLY RECALL THAT BILL FROM THE 2011 SESSION THAT PASSED THE SENATE AND GOT TO THE HOUSE AND FAILED ON A 30-30 VOTE. CULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, ALL OF THE BOARDS AND REGULATORY BOARDS, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 19 AND 20 DEPENDING ON HOW YOU COUNT THEM, WILL REQUIRE ONGOING TRAINING. AND WITH THE GOAL OF HELPING TO REDUCE SOME OF THE HEALTH DISPARITIES. THAT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT ONE. ANOTHER ONE THAT'S KIND OF A NO-BRAINER, THE FIRST ONE WAS 2611. THIS ONE'S 2134 AND IT REQUIRES THE HEALTH AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR COLLECTING DATA ON RACE ETHNICITY, LANGUAGE PREFERENCE, DISABILITY STATUS. WHICH IS GOING TO BE EXCELLENT TO HAVE THAT KIND OF DATA AVAILABLE. WE SPENT QUITE A BIT OF TIME WORKING ON THE COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATION LEGISLATION THAT WOULD IMPACT THEM. WE WORKED REALLY CLOSELY AND HELPED TO SHARE WHETHER OKAY HAD A TEAM OF GOVERNMENT AND LOBBYIST FOLKS WHOSE ORGANIZATIONS SIT ON THE

BOARD OF HEALTH SHARE. SO THE THREE COUNTIES AND SO FORTH. WE MET WEEKLY AND WORKED ON BILLS. PRIMARILY WHAT WE WERE DOING WAS TRYING TO TWEAK BILLS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN DETRIMENTAL TO THE CCOs. WE FELT AS GROUP THAT THE CCOs WERE REALLY TOO NEW TO START TINKERING WITH THEM. AND LET'S HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF TIME TO SEE HOW THIS WORKS AND REALLY SEE WHAT WE NEED. ONE BILL WE WORKED UNTIL THE VERY END, 3309, IT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED THE STATE TO REMOVE A BOARD MEMBER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. IT WAS CALLED THE BAD ACTOR BILL, BASICALLY FOCUSED ON SALEM HOSPITAL WHO'S PART OF THE CCO DOWN IN THAT AREA AND THE HOSPITAL WAS SUING THE CCO OVER RATES, THEY WERE PART OF THE BOARD STRUCTURE. IT WAS A VERY AWKWARD THING. ONE THING IS, IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA TO SINGLE OUT ONE CCO FOR LEGISLATION. THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO ADDRESS IT. WE FELT LIKE WE COULD BE THE NEXT ONE IN LINE. ANOTHER HAD TO DO WITH DENTAL CARE ORGANIZATIONS AND HOW THE CCOs WOULD CONTRACT WITH THEM. THERE WERE THINGS THAT DID AFFECT US PRETTY SERIOUSLY. THE WAY WE TURNED OUT REALLY NOTHING BAD HAPPENED. SOMETIMES, THAT'S THE BEST OUTCOME. HERE WAS A COUNTY BILL I FEEL VERY HAPPY ABOUT, SENATE BILL 384. THIS IS -- WE CALL IT BASICALLY AN OPIATE OVERDOSE ANTIDOTE BILL. IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO SAY THAT. BUT THIS IDEA ORIGINATED REALLY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY WITH OUR -- WHAT'S GARY'S LAST NAME? HE'S GONE AND I FORGET HIM ALREADY.

>> THANK YOU. GARY OXMAN AND HIS STAFF CAME UP WITH THIS. WE'RE SEEING SO MANY OPIATE OVERDOSE TESTS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND AROUND THE STATE, AS WELL, FROM ILLEGAL DRUGS BUT ALSO FROM PRESCRIPTION OPIATES. THIS BILL IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH THE JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND SENATOR BATES INTRODUCED IT FOR US. WE HAD A TEAM OF -- I WOULD LIKE TO CALL OUT OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THEY DID AN ABSOLUTELY EXCELLENT JOB OF TESTIFYING AND DEALING WITH ISSUES AS THEY CAME UP. THEN SENATORS BATES AND CRUZ WERE COSPONSORS. AND SENATOR WILLIAMSON, SHE TALKED IN THE COMMITTEE ABOUT HOW HER MOTHER HAD CHRONIC PAIN AND TOOK OPIATES. ONE MORNING THEY HAD JUST GOTTEN A NEW PRESCRIPTION AND THEY HAD ALWAYS HAD TWO EVERY MORNING. THE PHARMACIST HAD REFORMULATED IT. IN ONE PILL THERE WAS THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO. SHE TOOK THE TWO, WHICH WAS LIKE DOUBLE THE AMOUNT AND ALMOST DIED OF AN OVERDOSE. SO SHE HAD A PERSONAL INTEREST IN IT. ANYWAY, SO THE VERY COOL THING ABOUT IT, AS OF A WEEK AGO YESTERDAY THEY HAD THEIR FIRST TRAINING SO THEY ARE NOW ABLE TO GET THESE DRUGS, THE NOLOXONE INTO THE HANDS OF LEGAL AND ILLEGAL USERS. IT'S SAVED OVER 10,000 LIVES ALREADY IN THE COUNTRY AND IT'LL SAVE LIVES IN OREGON. MOVING ON TO BEDBUGS, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY'S FAVORITE TOPIC, THERE WERE LOTS OF JOKES. I KNOW YOU'RE JUST ITCHING TO VOTE FOR THIS BILL AND A FEW OTHERS. BUT IT'S GREAT, IT ALLOWS EXTERMINATORS TO CONFIDENTIALLY REPORTER INFESTATIONS SO



THE TASK FORCE CAN TRACK THEM AND USE THEIR RESOURCES. THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT CAME FORWARD FROM COMMISSIONER KAFOURY'S OFFICE AND THAT WAS GREAT. AND THEN ANOTHER BILL, THIS ONE I KNOW YOU ALL LIKE, COMMISSION SMITH HE AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THIS. IT ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO ENROLL INMATES IN MEDICAID UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. SO IF THEY ARE HOSPITALIZED FOR 24 HOURS OR MORE, AND OTHERWISE DUE TO THEIR INCOME LEVEL ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID, THE COUNTY CAN ENROLL THEM, THE INMATE DOESN'T HAVE TO ENROLL THEMSELVES. WE FIGURE JUST CONSERVATIVELY IT MAY SAVE US AS MUCH AS A MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. THAT'S ALSO A PRIORITY FOR THE SHERIFF AND THE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION. WE'RE REALLY EXCITED THAT PASSED AND BECAME LAW. THE OTHER ISSUE ON SENATE BILL 475, WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO BRING THAT BACK IN 2014. IT'S FOR INMATES THAT HAVE PRIVATE INSURANCE. RIGHT NOW ALL THE INSURANCE COMPANIES HAVE AN EXCLUSION THAT SAY IF YOU'RE INCARCERATED THEY ARE NOT GOING PAY. THE INTERESTING THING, THE INMATES' FAMILIES CONTINUE TO PAY THE PREMIUMS BUT THE COUNTY PICKS UP THE COST OF THEIR HEALTH CARE. AND WE TRULY BELIEVE THAT WE HAD THE VOTES IF IT HAD GONE TO THE FLOOR. BUT THERE WERE SOME POLITICAL REASONS WHY IT DIDN'T GET THROUGH. WE'VE BEEN TOLD TO BRING IT BACK IN 2014 AND THERE WILL BE A LOT OF SUPPORT IT FOR. I'M HOPEFUL THAT WILL HAPPEN.

>> JUST A COMMENT, IT JUST ALWAYS SEEMS NOTE SOMETHING WORTHY TO ME WHEN ONE LOBBY GROUP WILL SAY A DEMINIMUS GROUP OF PEOPLE IMPACTED AND SAY, STOP BEING SO MEAN TO US. THIS IS GOING REALLY HURT US. SO WHICH IS IT? HARDLY ANYBODY IMPACTED OR ENOUGH PEOPLE IMPACTED TO HURT THE INDUSTRY THAT IS KIND OF GETTING A WINDFALL WITH THE COUNTY'S PAYING THE BILL FOR THEIR --

>> EXACTLY. WHEN I BROUGHT THIS UP BEFORE PEOPLE THOUGHT THAT THERE WERE VERY FEW COUNTY INMATES THAT WERE ACTUALLY COVERED BY PRIVATE INSURANCE. PEOPLE ALWAYS SAID TO ME, IT'S PROBABLY 2 TO 3%. ACTUALLY WHEN THEY DID A SURVEY HERE, THEY FOUND OUT IT WAS CLOSER TO 9%. CLACKAMAS COUNTY DID A SURVEY AND FOUND IT WAS ABOUT 15%. AND THEN WE DID A SUBSEQUENT SURVEY AND IT WAS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 9% AND 15%. SO IT COULD BE A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE. ONE OF THE LOBBYISTS FOR THE INSURANCE COMPANIES SAID TO ME THIS IS A HUGE COST SHIFT TO THE INSURE RESOURCE. I SAID NO, ACTUALLY IT'S A COST SHIFTED TO THE COUNTY. IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND. I USED THAT IN MY TESTIMONY. THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD POINT. THERE IS SOME COST SHIFTING GOING ON, RIGHT, THERE IS, THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT ABOUT THAT. SO NANCY IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT TAXES.

>> WELL, SOME OF THE ISSUES KIND OF GOING BACK TO OUR ORIGINAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA WE SET FORTH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION,

WE IDENTIFIED THE SENIOR PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT AS AN AREA THERE WERE A COUPLE OF BILLS THAT ADDRESSED THAT. AND WHAT THEY ESSENTIALLY DID IS RESTORED A NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM BECAUSE THEY HAD REVERSE MORTGAGES. THAT WAS SORT OF A BIG ISSUE IN THE PAST SESSION. I THINK THEY FOUND THEY HAD MORE MONEY COMING INTO THE PROGRAM AND THEY COULD EXPAND IT. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THEY WILL BE DOING ADDITIONAL TWEAKS TO THE PROGRAM AS THEY GO FORWARD. BUT I THINK THAT WAS A GOOD STEP, BECAUSE THEY HAD REALLY JUST SORT OF CUT THAT OFF. I THINK EVERYBODY THOUGHT IT WASN'T REALLY FAIR, THERE WERE A LOT OF STEN WAITING CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE PEOPLE WITH FIRST MORTGAGES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BE IN THE PROGRAM. ANOTHER ISSUE THAT WE WERE TRACKING REALLY AS SUPPORTING PARTNER WAS THIS ISSUE OF GAIN SHARE. IT'S BEEN A BIG ISSUE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IF YOU'RE READING THE PAPER. IT LOOKS LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED WITH THAT BUT IN THE FINALLY CHRISTMAS TREE BILL THE BILL CHANGED. WHAT THEY DID GET WAS REALLY -- THERE WERE A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT BILLS BUT ONE OF THEM WAS JUST TO PROVIDE CLARITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ABOUT HOW THE PROGRAM SHOULD WORK. THAT'S REALLY ALL THEY ACCOMPLISHED. I THINK WASHINGTON COUNTY IS GOING TO GET ONE OF THE PAYMENTS THEY HAVE BEEN PROMISED BUT SORT OF THE LONG TERM ISSUES WITH THIS PROGRAM I THINK ARE STILL VERY MUCH UP IN THE AIR. THEY WERE REALLY TRYING TO TACKLE THAT IN THE SESSION. I DO EXPECT THAT ISSUE TO COME BACK. WE MAY WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN THAT, AT THIS POINT WE WERE PLAYING MORE OF A SUPPORTING ROLE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY.

>> WAS THERE LANGUAGE IN THERE THAT IDENTIFIED WHEN THE COUNTIES CAN GET THEIR GAIN SHARE BACK? THEIR MONEY BACK? I THINK THAT'S THE BIG ISSUE, IS THEY WERE WAITING FOR THEIR DOLLARS AND THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHEN IT WAS COMING.

>> YEAH, I CAN -- I'VE JUST KIND OF IN THE LAST DAY OR SO GOTTEN A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION FROM JIM McCULLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY ABOUT THAT. I THINK THEY DO HAVE -- I THINK THE PAYMENT THAT COUNTIES ARE EXPECTING THIS BIENNIUM THEY WILL GET, I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHEN BUT SOON. I THINK THERE IS A PROCESS NOW FOR THEM TO GET THAT. AS FAR AS THIS PROGRAM CONTINUING ON BEYOND THAT, OR WHAT DO FUTURE PAYMENTS LOOK LIKE, CERTAINLY WASHINGTON COUNTY'S, THEIRS GROW PRETTY EXPONENTIALLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. I THINK THAT IS GOING TO BE RAMPED DOWN AND END. SO I THINK WE'LL SEE MORE OF THAT NEXT SESSION, PERHAPS 2014 OR MAYBE NOT UNTIL 2015. AND THEN ONE OF THE ISSUES WE WEREN'T ALL THAT INVOLVED IN BUT CERTAINLY WERE SUPPORTING WAS THE EXTENSION OF THE PROVIDER TAX. THAT HAD A LOT OF DRAMA WE WON'T GO INTO BUT ULTIMATELY PASSED. THERE'S NOTHING WE DON'T LIKE TO HAVE DRAMA WITH. SOME OF THE OTHER AREAS THAT WE

WERE SUPPORTING HE AND WORKING ON WERE SOME OF THE HOUSING ISSUES, SPEAKER KOTEC IN THE FINAL DAYS WAS ABLE TO PASS HER BILL AROUND THE SECTION 8 HOUSING DISCRIMINATION WHICH IS A REALLY HUGE, WONDERFUL THING THAT'S HAPPENED.

>> CAN I JUST ADD TO THAT? IT FAILED ON THE FLOOR IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS, 15-15 IN THE SENATE, AND THEN ERNIE ROBLIN CHANGED HIS VOTE FOR POSSIBLE RECONSIDERATION, AND HE HAD BEEN THE NO VOTE ON THAT PARTICULAR BILL.

>> YES. AGAIN, I THINK THE FINAL DAYS THERE WAS A LOT OF HOSTAGE-TAKING AND JUST SORT OF THINGS, ANGER, FRUSTRATION, PLAYING OUT IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS. THAT WAS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT THERE WAS SOME EXPLOSIVE DYNAMICS AROUND BUT LUCKILY I THINK COOLER HEADS PREVAILED. ONE OF THE BILLS WE WERE CARRYING WAS THE ELIMINATION OF THE SUNSET ON THE MANUFACTURED HOUSING TAX CANCELLATION BILL, OUR MANUFACTURED HOME BILL. WE HAD INTRODUCED THAT BACK IN 2010. AND HAD AT THE TIME TO ADD THE SUNSET TO IT. THIS TIME WE WANTED TO JUST ELIMINATE THAT. THAT'S BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM, IT JUST APPLIES TO THE FOUR LARGEST COUNTIES IN OREGON. WE ALSO ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND ON SOME OF THE HOUSING, THEY ARE REALLY CARRYING THE EXTENSION OF THE SUNSET ON THE SINGLE FAMILY TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM. ALSO WE HAD AN ISSUE AT THE FAIRFIELD PROPERTY, I THINK YOU GUYS HAVE PROBABLY HAD SOME BRIEFINGS AROUND THAT, WHERE WE NEEDED TO ESSENTIALLY GET SOME CLARIFICATION IN STATUTE ABOUT THAT BEING A TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY. SO THOSE BILLS ALSO, YOU KNOW, IT SEEMED LIKE THEY WOULD BE SORT OF NO-BRAINERS WE ENDED UP HAVING A LOT OF ORE THEY PASSED VERY LATE IN THE SESSION. ONE OF THE REASONS, PARTICULARLY WITH THE SINGLE FAMILY BILL WAS BECAUSE REPRESENTATIVE FAGIN WANTED TO ELIMINATE THE STRESSED AREA REQUIREMENT FOR THAT. THAT CAUSED SOME HEARTBURN WITH SOME OF THE LEGISLATORS BUT ULTIMATELY FORTUNATELY GOT THAT THROUGH. AGAIN, IT SEEMS LIKE IN HINDSIGHT REREALIZE HOW MUCH SORT OF DRAMA THERE WAS, EVEN AROUND SOME OF THE SIMPLEST THINGS.

>> RIGHT.

>> I WAS JUST THINKING EVEN AROUND THE BEDBUG BILL. YOU MENTIONED THAT, JUST TO DIGRESS FOR A MOMENT, ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE, SENATOR BATES' POSITION OPPOSED IT AND A NUMBER OF THE DEMOCRATS PEELED OFF. I THOUGHT OH, MY GOODNESS, THIS IS GOING TO FAIL ON THE FLOOR, BUT IT ENDED UP MOVING ON. THAT'S THE SORT OF THING NANCY WAS TALKING ABOUT. SO MOVING ON TO LAND USE, HOUSE BILL 3067 WHICH DEALS WITH AREA 93, I AM DELIGHTED, RELIEVED TO SAY THAT IT PASSED. IT DEVELOPED A PROCESS TO TRANSFER LAND FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO

WASHINGTON COUNTY SO THE RESIDENTS OF AREA 93, ALSO KNOWN AS BONNY SLOPE, BUT IT WAS LARGER IN 1993. IT'S A PORTION OF BONNY SLOPE. THEY COULD RECEIVE SERVICES. SO THIS WAS A VERY COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND WASCO COUNTY AND METRO. I TALKED TO KAREN SCHILLING YESTERDAY, SHE SAID THE PROCESS, THERE'S A WHOLE PROCESS IN PLACE.

>> WE JUST APPOINTED LAST WEEK JEFF AND MYSELF TO THE COMMITTEE AND SAID WE WOULD COME BACK AND TALK MORE ABOUT IT AS A PUBLIC HEARING.

>> IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING VERY WELL.

>> THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK ON IT.

>> OH, I'M JUST DELIGHTED TO GET THAT ONE DEALT WITH.

>> I UNDERSTAND WE WILL BE LOSING THOSE CONSTITUENTS.

>> 8 BIG TERRITORIAL PLAY ON COMMISSIONER KAFOURY'S DISTRICT, SO YEAH.

>> IT JUST SHOWS HOW GIVING WE ARE AT THE COUNTY, RIGHT?

>> NANCY AND CLAUDIA, IT GAVE ME GREAT PLEASURE AS THE CHAIR OF IMPACT TO SHOW THE LEADERSHIP OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, TO SHOW EVERYONE ELSE WHAT A PUBLIC-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP LOOKS LIKE. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING RELENTLESS IN TALKING TO CHAIR DIKE. HAD YOU NOT DONE THAT, THIS WOULD NOT BE WHERE WE'RE AT TODAY.

>> THAT WAS CLAUDIA.

>> YES, THANK YOU.

>> YOU'RE WELCOME, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT WAS AN INTERESTING TIME WHEN WE TESTIFIED SENATOR BETSY JOHNSON HAD DONE THE PRE WORK AND IT WAS OUT OF HIS DISTRICT, JOHNSON TOOK UP THE CHARGE AND SHE HAD FIVE CHAIRS ACROSS. IT WAS HER METRO, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND OREGONIANS IN ACTION ALL HAVING A KUMBAYAH MOMENT. ONE OF THE FEW OF SESSION. YES. AND I THINK ACTUALLY JUST AS A QUICK SIDE NOTE, ONE OF THE THINGS WE WERE REALLY COMMITTED TO IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE OTHER COUNTIES DURING SESSION. AND REALLY, I THINK THAT WORKED ACTUALLY VERY WELL IN TERMS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF OREGON COUNTIES, AND THEY

WERE REALLY INSTRUMENTAL ACTUALLY IN THE COURTHOUSE BILL AND ALL THE WORK WE DID AROUND THAT AND SO MANY OTHER ISSUES.

>> PREEMPTION, AS WELL.

>> PREEMPTION, ABSOLUTELY. THEY ALSO I THINK WANTED TO HAVE EACH OTHER'S BACK AS MUCH AND POSSIBLE, SO EVEN FOR EXAMPLE IF WASHINGTON COUNTY WOULD GET UP AND TESTIFY, THINGS WHERE WE COULD BE A PARTNER WITH OTHER COUNTIES WHERE IT MADE SENSE, I THINK THAT WAS A REALLY HEALTHY THING FOR US GOING FORWARD.

>> RIGHT, I AGREE. AND MIKE MCCARTHY, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. ALC SAID THAT HE HADN'T SEEN SO MUCH COLLABORATION AMONG THE COUNTIES EVER BEFORE AS IN THIS SESSION. HE FELT REALLY GOOD BIT.

>>> SO A COUPLE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES THAT WE WERE TRACKING, THERE WERE A COUPLE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND BILLS THAT PASSED. SENATE BILL 246 AND SENATE BILL 253. AND SENATE BILL 246, THAT ESSENTIALLY WILL CREATE A LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM IN TERMS OF GETTING THE INDUSTRIAL SITES RIGHT FOR DEVELOPMENT. AND THEN SENATE BILL 253 CREATES A GRANT PROGRAM. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THEY HAVE NOT ACTUALLY INCORPORATED ANY MONEY INTO THE GRANT PROGRAM YET, BUT I THINK THEY WANTED TO ESTABLISH THIS POLICY. I THINK EVERYBODY FELT VERY GOOD ABOUT THOSE PIECES. ANOTHER ISSUE THAT CAME UP VERY LATE IN THE SESSION FOR US WAS PURSUING A CLARIFICATION AROUND AN ALTERNATIVE USE OF WAMPETO AND THAT CAME OUT OF SOME CONVERSATIONS. ACTUALLY THE SPEAKER'S OFFICE WAS REALLY LEADING THE CHARGE AROUND THAT. WE FOUND A LATE-SESSION VEHICLE TO DO THAT BILL. IT WAS ONE OF THOSE GOOD OLD STUFFS. AND SO THAT WORKED OUT SURPRISINGLY QUICKLY AND EASILY. IT WAS A MATTER OF GETTING BOND COUNSEL IN THE ROOM TO SAY THAT THIS IS OKAY. THAT PASSED WITHOUT A LOT OF HUB BUB.

>> WHERE THAT LEADS WITH US WAPETO BUT NOW THERE'S MORE FLEXIBILITY, NOT JUST HAVING IT USED FOR A JAIL.

>> SO THIS IS A BILL THAT DID FAIL ON THE 15-15 VOTE. THIS IS THE BILL THAT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED DMV TO AUTOMATICALLY REGISTER VOTERS WHEN THEY WERE ISSUED DRIVER'S LICENSES. AND WE STRONGLY SUPPORTED IT BECAUSE WE'D BE RECEIVING ELECTRONIC DATA RATHER THAN PAPER. AND ALSO IT WOULD BE SPREAD, THE REGISTRATION WOULD BE SPREAD OUT OVER THE YEAR AND STUFF. I THINK WE GOT LIKE 60,000 IN THE TWO MONTHS BEFOREHAND. SOMETIMES WE GET THEM FROM THIRD PARTY PEOPLE AND THEY ARE NOT FULLY FILLED OUT. WE THOUGHT IT WAS REALLY GOOD IDEA. BUT IT PASSED THE HOUSE, THE GOVERNOR WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE, AND AGAIN, IT FAILED ON PARTY LINES. INTERESTINGLY

ENOUGH, EVERY OTHER COUNTY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LINN COUNTY WAS SPLIT, EVERY OTHER COUNTY WAS OPPOSED TO IT. IT WAS GOING COST THEM STATEWIDE ABOUT A MILLION DOLLARS, AND THEY FELT LIKE THEY JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE FOUNDS THAT. OTHER PEOPLE FELT LIKE YOU NEED TO WORK REGISTER TO VOTE. ANYWAY, THAT WOULD HAVE PUT US IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE COUNTRY. I THINK THEY FIGURED IT WOULD HAVE REGISTERED ANOTHER 600,000 PEOPLE, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY SIGNIFICANT.

>> WE VOTED FOR THAT HERE, IT WAS GOOD OPPORTUNITY. WAS THERE ANY PROVISION IN THERE TO DEAL WITH THE UNDOCUMENTED FOLKS WITH THE NEW DRIVER'S LICENSE THAT THEY HAVE, THAT THEY GOT DURING THE LEGISLATION?

>> RIGHT.

>> WAS THERE ANY KIND OF PROVISION SO THAT --

>> PART OF THE REASON IS THAT'S A SEPARATE KIND OF LICENSE, IT'S NOT A DRIVER'S LICENSE. AND THE DMV ACTUALLY DOES REQUIRE TO ISSUE A DRIVER'S LICENSE EVIDENCE OF CITIZENSHIP. SO THAT'S WHY THEY THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE ONE OF THE BEST ONES TO REGISTER PEOPLE. SO NOBODY WOULD END UP THAT WAS UNDOCUMENTED, NOBODY WOULD END UP BEING REGISTERED TO VOTE. IT WAS ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT PEOPLE HAD BROUGHT UP BUT THERE WASN'T A PROBLEM.

>> SO WAS THERE -- I'M JUST CURIOUS BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE PARTY LINE VOTES AND SOME OF THE PARTY POLITICS. THEN ALSO THE REVENUE PICTURE I THINK REALLY TOOK A SWING AFTER THE ECONOMIC FORECAST CAME IN, TAKES SOME WIND OUT OF THE SAILS FOR REVENUE REFORM WHEN YOU HAVE A BRIGHT ECONOMIC FORECAST, SORT OF THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT BRIGHT LINING I GUESS.

>> EXACTLY.

>> I'M JUST CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT THE SPENDING PICTURE ENDED UP LOOKING LIKE. THERE WERE SPENDING INCREASES IN EDUCATION. WERE THERE ANY AREAS WHERE THE LEGISLATURE --

>> WELL, ONE MORE BILL AND I'M GOING TO DO A FEW BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS. I'M GOING TO TALK KIND OF FAST BECAUSE I THINK WE'RE OVER OUR TIME LIMIT. ONE MORE BILL I WANTED TO MENTION WAS THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES BENEFIT BOARD THAT WOULD ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO OPT INTO PEB OR OWEB. WE SEE IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE WHETHER MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL BENEFIT FROM BECOMING PART OF A LARGER POOL THAT FOCUSES ON PREVENTION AND WELLNESS AND THAT KIND OF

THING. SO THAT GIVES LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THE ABILITY TO DO THAT. IT AGAIN WAS A BIT OF A HEAVY LIFT. AND IN THE END FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS WERE EXEMPTED. SO IT DOESN'T IMPACT THE COUNTY BUT IT DOES IMPACT CITY GOVERNMENTS. SO THEN JUST TO GO THROUGH THE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS, EVEN THOUGH THE GRAND BARGAIN NEVER HAPPENED BECAUSE THE BUDGET FORECAST WAS UP, THERE WAS MORE FUNDING AVAILABLE SO THEY COULD PUT MONEY INTO CERTAIN THINGS. THE HEALTH AUTHORITY, THEIR BUDGET FOR 2013-15 WAS 22% HIGHER THAN THE 11-13 BUDGET, WHICH IS REALLY, REALLY HIGH. BUT THE MAIN REASON FOR IT WAS BECAUSE THE MEDICAID EXPANSION. AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014, EVERY PERSON, PRETTY MUCH EVERY PERSON THAT IS UNDER 133% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID. BEFORE THAT IT WAS UNDER 100% AND PREGNANT WOMEN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. AND THAT WAS GOING TO BE PRETTY MUCH ACROSS THE BOARD. SO THAT'S WHY THERE'S THAT HUGE BUMP THERE. AS NANCY MENTIONED, THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER TAX PASSED WHICH WAS HUGE. BETWEEN THE FEDERAL MATCH IT WAS \$1.6 BILLION. THAT WASN'T ANYTHING THEY COULD LEAVE ON THE TABLE WHEN THEY LEFT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION. ALSO I WANTED TO MENTION THAT THE TOBACCO MASTERS SETTLEMENT, IT'S \$120 MILLION AND IT MOST WENT TO FUND THE OREGON HEALTH PLAN. BUT THEY ACTUALLY GAVE \$4 MILLION FOR TOBACCO PREVENTION AND PREEMPTION PROGRAMS. , WHICH IS THE FIRST TIME THE MASTER SETTLEMENT HAD PUT ANY MONEY INTO HEALTH. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME, SO IT'S A BIG DEAL. THE OTHER TWO THINGS IN THERE, THE HEALTH AUTHORITY ARE AT AN ADDITIONAL \$26 MILLION, AND PART OF THAT IS GOING TO BE FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE IN NEW FACILITIES. AND I BELIEVE THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL BE PART OF THE WORK GROUP THAT LINDA HAMMOND AND THE NEW DIRECTOR OF ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH, PAM -- I CAN'T THINK OF HER LAST NAME. ANYWAY, THEY ARE GOING TO BE PUTTING TOGETHER THIS SUMMER TO SEE WHERE THE INVESTMENTS OUGHT TO BE MADE AND WHAT KINDS OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES WE NEED. AND THEN THIS WAS ANOTHER COOL THING, ALMOST A \$22 MILLION GENERAL INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH. SO I TALKED TO LEGISLATIVE FISCAL YESTERDAY, I GUESS IT WAS, AND THEY WERE SAYING THAT THEY -- THEY HAVEN'T EVEN FIGURED OUT WHERE ALL THE MONEY GOES AND SO FORTH. THEY ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT PASSED. SO WE'LL HAVE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION. AND THEN WITH REGARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, IT'S 5.9% UP, MORE THAN THE CURRENT BUDGET. SO THEY ARE PAINTING THE 16-MONTH TANF TIME LIMIT, WHICH IS GOOD NEWS. THEY INCREASED FUNDING FOR DAY CARE TO SUPPORT WORKING FAMILIES AND COVER SOME MODEST INCREASE FOR THE CHILD CARE PROVIDERS. SO THAT'S VERY GOOD. AT THE END OF THE SESSION THE PROGRAM CHANGE BILL PROVIDED \$5 MILLION TO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR PROVIDER RATE INCREASES AND PARTIAL RESTORATION OF PAST PROGRAM REDUCTIONS. SO WE WERE ONLY A WEEK AWAY FROM SINE DIE WHEN IT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT THERE WAS A DISCREPANCY IN

THE PAYMENT FOR THE D.D. PROVIDERS, THAT THE -- A VERY COMPLICATED SYSTEM. I GUESS THE PREVIOUS BY EN I CAN'T THEY CUT THE RATES BACK TO 85% OF THE COST. AND THE BROKERAGES WERE WORKING WITH SOMEONE AND THEY GOT RESTORED TO 95%. BUT THE REST OF THE SYSTEM, THE COMMUNITY D.D. PROGRAMS WERE DOWN TO 85%. H.P. AND I HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVE BUCKLEY, THE CO-CHAIR OF WAYS AND MEANS. HE WAS REALLY THE PRIMARY PERSON ON THAT. IT TURNED OUT THE LEGISLATURE HAD IN THE END RESTORED IT TO 94% FOR THE WHOLE D. D. SYSTEM. WE THOUGHT THAT WAS A GOOD AND IMPORTANT THING. ONE MORE THING I WANTED TO MENTION, HOUSE BILL 2005, THE BUDGET REBALANCE, GAVE AN ADDITIONAL \$4 MILLION, PRETTY MUCH DOUBLE, TO THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

>> AS CLAUDIA SAID, I THINK WE'LL HAVE A MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET REPORT AND I'M SURE OTHERS WILL SHARE THAT WITH YOU. AND A FINAL REPORT IN CORRECTIONS, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW THE PUBLIC SAFETY PACKAGE, THEY MADE ADJUSTMENTS IN CORRECTIONS. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS I'M TOLD WE EXPECT AN INCREASE THIS BIENNIUM FOR US. GANG FUNDING HELD STEADY. I THINK THE OTHER SORT OF BUDGET FOR THE OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY, AGAIN, WE WERE GETTING EVERYTHING WE WANT. I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT NUMBERS BUT WE'LL GET THOSE TO YOU AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE. WE WERE WATCHING THE COURT'S BUDGET, AND WE GET MONEY FOR OUR FAMILY REMEDIATION PROGRAM FOR THAT. THERE WAS A LITTLE TINY REDUCTION, ABOUT \$100,000 STATEWIDE, AND IT REALLY WOULD BE MINIMAL IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. BUT ONE OF THE REFINEMENTS WE SAW THE IN THE PROGRAM CHANGE BILL IS THE FLEXIBILITY TO USE THE LIBRARY LAW FUNDS IF WE WANTED TO MAKE UP THE MEDIATION BUDGET. WE DID A LITTLE BIT OF THAT IN THE LAST -- SORT OF EVERYBODY'S STILL FLOUNDERING WHAT TO DO WITH THIS LAW LIBRARY AND ACTUALLY WE GOOD AND THE LOT OF MONEY. WE'RE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH THE LAW LIBRARIES. THAT WAS SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO LANE COUNTY, AS WELL. JUST KIND OF MAYBE TO WRAP UP OUR SESSION, I THINK IN GENERAL WE FEEL LIKE WE HAD A PRETTY SOLID SESSION. I THINK THINGS THAT WORKED WELL FOR US AS A COUNTY, I THINK KEEPING OUR PRIORITY LIST FAIRLY SHORT AND ACTUALLY JUST REALLY BEING KNOWN FOR A COUPLE OF PRIORITIES I THINK WAS VERY HELPFUL INSTEAD OF SPREADING OURSELVES TOO THIN. WHICH IS NOT TO SAY THAT WE DIDN'T WORK ON A LOT OF OTHER THINGS BEHIND THE SCENES. BUT IN TERMS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, YOU COULD ONLY GO TO THE WELL SO MANY TIMES. I THINK WE WERE ABLE TO USE THE TIMES FOR THE REALLY BIG THINGS WE NEEDED. I FEEL LIKE WE REALLY WERE ABLE TO USE YOU GUYS, YOU ARE THE CHAIR AND THE COMMISSIONERS STRATEGICALLY. YOU COULD WEIGH IN ON YOUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND I THINK THAT WAS VERY HELPFUL AND YOU'RE VERY WELL REGARDED IN SALEM. I THINK OUR COUNTY IS WELL RECORDED IN SALEM.



>> WE HEARD SO MANY OF EXCELLENT THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION, IT'S VERY REWARDING FOR OUR COMMISSION.

>> ANOTHER AREA THAT WAS GOOD, WE FELT LIKE WE HAD A STRONG SUPPORT TEAM BACK HERE. AND RHYS IS TAKING SOME REALLY WELL DESERVED VACATION RIGHT NOW, AND WAS INCREDIBLY HELPFUL TO YOU, REALLY KIND OF MANAGING THE STAFF BACK HERE AND GIVING US THE INFORMATION WE NEEDED. THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS I SAID LIKE I NEED A FACULTY SHEET. TAKING THINGS THAT WE HAD WRITTEN THAT WERE VERY MEDIOCRE AND SPREADING THEM APART. IT REALLY HELPED HAVING THAT TEAM, I THINK AND THAT'S THE FIRST TIME WE'VE HAD THAT SENSE OF TEAM.

>> IT MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

>> WE WERE REALLY ABLE TO FOCUS ON OUR WORK DOWN THERE INSTEAD OF TRYING TO HAVE A FOOT IN EACH CAMP. A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS, AND IT REALLY FITS IN WITH WE REALLY PARISH THE STRONG SUPPORT FROM OUR COMMISSION. IT ALLOWS US TO GO DOWN THERE AND BE EFFECTIVE LOBBYISTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY. IT ALLOWS US TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO ISSUES AND SITUATIONS. WE'VE TALKED TO YOU, WE KNOW WHAT YOU'RE EXPECTATIONS ARE. SO WE DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH. WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT TWO WEEKS, HAVE A GROUP DISCUSSION, HAVE A VOTE, AND BY THEN THE COMMUNITY IS COMPLETELY GONE. WE REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. WHAT ELSE WORKED WELL AS NANCY MENTIONED, ESPECIALLY AROUND THE COURTHOUSE, OUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAUCUS, THE WORK THAT WE'VE ALL DONE KIND OF BUILDING THAT SORT OF TEAM FEELING WITH THE CAUCUS. WE'LL BE TRYING TO SET UP ANOTHER BREAKFAST IN SEPTEMBER TO CONTINUE THAT. WE'VE JUST HEARD REALLY GOOD THINGS ABOUT IT. THE OTHER THING THAT WORKED REALLY WELL, YOU'LL NEVER FIND TWO MORE TENACIOUS PEOPLE THAN NANCY AND ME. WE ARE VERY TENACIOUS. CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE WE HAD A COUPLE OF THOUGHTS ABOUT THAT.

>> YEAH, WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO USE OUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY DELEGATION REALLY STRATEGICALLY, AND THEY SORT OF CREATE -- THEY ORGANIZED THEMSELVES INTO THIS CAUCUS. BUT WE REALLY WANT TO CONTINUE TO USE THEM. I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, IT ACTUALLY WORKED OUT VERY WELL FOR US DURING SESSION. I THINK WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE AOC STRATEGICALLY AND REALLY HAVE THEM CARRY OUT BILLS. WE HAD A LOT OF SITUATIONS THIS SESSION WHERE WE WANTED TO JUST FOCUS AGAIN ON OUR TOP PRIORITIES. SOME OF THE TOPIC AREAS I THINK WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU IN TERMS OF OUR NEXT AGENDA FOR

2014 AND BEYOND, IS FINDING A SUSTAINABLE FUNDING SOURCE FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DO WE BRING BACK THE TOBACCO TAX, DO WE LOOK AT SOMETHING ELSE. SECURING OUR NEXT MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COURTHOUSE. THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF WORK TO DO TO BUILD THAT ONGOING SUPPORT AND REALLY MAKE THIS A FLAGSHIP PROJECT FOR THE STATE. AND CLAUDIA'S ALREADY DONE INCREDIBLE WORK AROUND THE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR INMATES BUT I THINK WE'VE GOTTEN SOME MOMENTUM. WE ARE HAVING TO COME TOGETHER QUICKLY AGAIN, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES IN THE FALL FOR THE 2014 SESSION. WE'LL HAVE TO DISCUSS REALLY QUICKLY WHAT'S A REALISTIC, REASONABLE AGENDA FOR THE COUNTY TO CARRY FORWARD FOR 2015. WHAT SORT OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS DO WE HAVE, WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THERE BE IN THE COMING SESSION. SO WE'LL BE LOOKING TO YOU FOR THAT.

>> ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS? THANK YOU. WERE YOU FINISHED TALKING?

>> THAT WAS THE END OF OURS.

>> FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. I THINK WE ALL RECOGNIZE HOW INCREDIBLY HARD THE TWO OF YOU WORK DOWN THERE FOR US. AND SO WE REALLY WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THAT. MAYBE FOR OUR BROADER SESSION WE COULD LOOK AT, THIS WAS A VERY GOOD SESSION FOR VETERANS.

>> THAT'S RIGHT, THERE WERE A BUNCH OF THINGS WE DIDN'T MENTION ABOUT VETERANS.

>> AND I'M REALLY HAPPY TO SEE THAT THINGS HAVE PASSED AROUND VETERANS SERVICES. HOUSE BILL 2417, WHICH WILL DIRECT \$5.8 MILLION THIS BIENNIUM TO VETERANS HOUSING. 2421 AND 2411 WHICH HELPED CONNECT VETERANS WITH SERVICE OFFICERS THROUGH THE DMV OR DHS. AND THEN HOUSE BILL 2691 WHICH CREATED THE EXEMPTION FOR OUT-OF-STATE NURSES TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN VETERAN STAND-DOWNS.

>> I HAD THAT ONE ON MY LIST, THAT WAS YOUR BILL.

>> I'M JUST HAPPY TO SEE IT, SO MAYBE WE CAN ELABORATE ON SOME OF THOSE VETERANS SERVICES. WE ARE GOING INCLUDE THOSE IN OUR FULL REPORT.

>> I KNOW YOU HAD SUCH LIMITED TIME BUT I'M JUST TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY I'M SO PLEASED. AND I KNOW YOU ALL WORKED ON THOSE BILLS.

>> WE GOT SOME FEEDBACK FROM TWO OF OUR COMMISSIONERS TO KIND OF KEEP IT SHORT AND SWEET. THAT'S FINE, THAT'S FINE. I'M NOT SAYING THAT WAS LEFT OUT, I'M JUST SAYING IN THE BROADER -- WHEN WE HAVE THE BIGGER DISCUSSION WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE A LOT OF WHAT WE DO HERE AT THE COUNTY WILL IMPACT THAT. AND THEN MY OFFICE ENGAGED WITH AOC THROUGH THE VETERANS SUBCOMMITTEE THEY HAVE ON A LOT OF THESE BILLS, AS WELL. THEN ALSO WE ENGAGED WITH REPRESENTATIVE TOMORROW MAY AROUND THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING BILL. MAYBE WE COULD ELABORATE ON A FEW OF THOSE THINGS, AS WELL.

>> I'M JUST SAYING THAT VERY PLEASED TO SEE THOSE THINGS.

>> WE TOTALLY UNDERSTAND, IT'S KIND OF TORCH TO MAYOR IT DOWN.

>> IT'S BECAUSE YOU DID SO MUCH GOOD WORK.

>> YOU'VE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB AND IT SHOWS HOW MUCH WORK YOU DID DO BECAUSE YOU HAD TO CUT IT DOWN FOR A MUCH SHORTER REPORT. ANYWAY, WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO THE BIGGER ONE, TOO.

>> ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

>> I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, YOU GUYS ARE ROCK STARS AND WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU DOWN IN SALEM. I GET CALLS ALL THE TIME ABOUT YOU ALL SAYING YOU JUST DO SO MUCH.

>> YOU'VE SAID SO MANY GOOD THINGS ABOUT OUR COMMISSION AND THAT GOES VICE VERSA, TOO. NO. WE REALLY DO.

>> MAKES ME PROUD.

>> DITTO.

>> DOES THAT COVER THE WATERFRONT?

>> ONE THING I'D LIKE TO ADD IF I MAY, WORKING WITH NANCY WAS SUCH A PLEASURE.

>> NOW IT'S TIME TO END IT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> CUT IT OFF.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: WE'RE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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