

Secretary: Vote explanation please. Senator Boquist

“HB 2032, 2033, 2395, 2531 and 3178 are all government serving government bills with no individual citizen input. One Carrier stated the written summary was wrong but oh well I guess. One was an exemption of for a large campaign donor. Portions of all no doubt have some good intent to government. Maybe. However, in the ‘dark of the night’ legislation common this Session, a bill yesterday was advanced from June 15, 2021 Floor to May 5, 2021 Floor with less than 24 hours’ notice to ensure public input was blocked. Everything I saw on that bill from the public was opposition in the thousands. Yet, Floor statements today indicated all these bill had wide public support. A review of the Written Testimony showed 100% of the supporters were special interest groups or government agencies. All with the exception of the paper bag production bill are government making government laws on how the people will act in the government’s police state. While the paper bill is clearly a special interest bill it is the only bill that would deserve passage at this time but it did not require my vote given the situational ethics displayed today. On the Floor today, out of view of cameras, there were dozens of face-to-face side-by-side meetings, chit-chats, hugs, papers passed around by members, yet, it is unsafe for the public to have the constitutional right to assemble and query members? To block citizen input trickery must be used to pass bills? The double standard is government serving government not the people. Then an OSP oddity was noticed at the end of the voting bringing back into question what the Oregon Supreme Court calls Oregon’s police powers.”