

Secretary: Vote explanation. Sen Boquist.

“SB 1604 should not be before the emergency session as this member twice supported this bill in two previous sessions. Twice before is passed the State Senate. Police arbitration should have been passed by the House of Representatives twice but was blocked by the Speaker of the House and her caucus. Why, because the public and police unions opposed the bill in the past. Now, with protests in the streets of Portland, the super majority Democrats now think they have to pass arbitration for police employees to protect their re-elections. Odd given the Democrat history in Oregon of rescinding the Fourteenth Amendment. None-the-less, as we are present, the bill should be passed so Oregon can weed out bad cops while protecting good law enforcement, if not now, next year the super majority may succumb again to the unions. Real social justice is hard to come by in the Legislature. Yes vote.”