

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

October 16, 1972

4:10 p.m.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, Mrs. Williams was elected Chairman of Committee of the Whole. Tsui was excused; all other members were present.

Committee of the Whole proceeded to discuss C.F. 271914, the proposed revised Seattle Criminal Code. The inclusion of "sex" in the Unfair Housing Practices Section of the revised Seattle Criminal Code was the subject of a public hearing. Millie Henry of the Seattle Women's Commission led off the discussion. The Seattle Women's Commission requested the following changes in the proposed revised Criminal Code:

- Section 12A.44.010 Through 060
1. The words "single head of household, single person" should be added to the definition of "dwelling unit". (page 130 #3).
To indicate occupancy covered by the law.
 2. In every provis^o against discrimination the word "sex" should be added to the list of characteristics for which discriminatory practices are prohibited. This includes Section 12A.44.020 Section 1, line 15, page 133; Section 12A.44.020 (2), line 1, page 134; Section 12A.44.020 (3)(A), line 2, (b), line 16, (4)(A), line 22, page 135 and (4) (b), line 7, page 135; and Section 12A.44.050 (2), line 7, page 139.

The following testified:

Melissa Thompson, Seattle-King County N.O.W.
Sue Bondurant, Radical Women
Lynn Bruner, Washington State Women's Council
Tim Mayhew, Seattle Gay Alliance
Beverly Corwin, Seattle League of Women Voters
Lynn Iglitzin, American Civil Liberties Union
Lori Osborn, New University of Washington Staff Women
John Murphy

Everyone who testified supported the inclusion of "sex" in the Unfair Housing Practices section of the revised Seattle Criminal Code. Additional suggestions were to include sexual orientation or marital state or status.

Ed Raftis and Joe Burnstein of the Steering Committee came before the Council, along with Dave Shorett and John Darrach of the Public Defenders Office, came before the Committee.

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The Committee of the Whole then requested a response from the Human Rights Department and the Office on Aging on the inclusion of sex in the Unfair Housing Practices Section. Mrs. Williams requested an opinion from Corporation Counsel. Chapman also requested an opinion from the Corporation Counsel on the term "non-objective discrimination". Action was deferred until all requested information is received.

The Committee of the Whole proceeded to consider Section 12A.32 on Controlled Substances. The Committee heard testimony from Lt. Grayson of the Police Dept. and Ron Sprinkle, President of Washington State Narcotic Investigators. Larkin also stated his reasons for opposing the proposed change.

After much discussion, it was moved by Lamphere and seconded by Hill to recommend for adoption Section 12A.32. Motion carried with a 6 - 2 vote; Larkin and Smith voted no.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee of the Whole rise, report progress, and beg leave to recess until 7 p.m., Thursday, October 19th, 1972.

Thereafter, at 5:35 p.m., the Committee of the Whole arose and reported to the Council as above set forth; and the Council, eight members being present and voting, adopted said report of the Committee of the Whole.

The Council then considered:

C.B. 93122 - An Ordinance relating to the Executive Department, Office of Human Resources, Office of Emergency Employment; modifying and abrogating certain temporary positions therein; fixing compensation therefor and superseding the 1972 Salary Ordinance (100822) as amended to the extent inconsistent herewith.

C.B. 93123 - An Ordinance relating to the Legislative Department; modifying and abrogating certain positions therein, providing payment therefor, and superseding the 1972 Salary Ordinance (100822) and the 1972 Budget (Ord. 100473) insofar as in conflict.

It was moved and seconded to pass C.B. 93122. Motion carried with a 5 - 3 vote; Hill, Larkin and Cooley voted no.

It was then moved by Smith and seconded, to pass C.B. 93123. Motion carried with a 5 - 3 vote; Hill, Larkin and Cooley voted no.

Thereafter, the Council recessed at 5:40 p.m.