

Good morning.

welcome to the Informational Meeting on H.R. 1992, being conducted by the Subcommittee on Courts of the House Judiciary Committee.

Thank you^{all} for your willingness to attend and to share your expertise and knowledge and research results with the committee on this somewhat controversial issue.

I am sorry that we don't have more members of the committee present but due to various reasons, those who had planned to be here had to cancel at last minute.

I am not on committee, but was asked to chair wrap, since I am prime sponsor of the legis., when chairman Craig Dally could not be here because of flooding in his district. (Introduce myself)

It was decided by the Judiciary Comm chairman to conduct this as an informational mtg. rather than a formal hearing, and ~~we were~~ because of the small number of participants, I was asked to lead a round table discussion. The discussion will be recorded and ~~the~~ the speakers have been asked to provide ~~with~~ copies of ~~the~~ your presentations.

Have introductions

1. Members

2. Staff

3. Presenters (introduced by Dr Phyllis Kuhn)

Format: All speakers in order suggested by Dr Kuhn and then open to questions by members, staff, and other speakers.