

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

February 19, 1997 Hearing Room C

9:00 AM Tapes 34 - 36

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bob Kintigh, Chair

Sen. Bill Fisher, Vice-Chair

Sen. Bill Dwyer

Sen. Ted Ferrioli

Sen. Gary George

Sen. Veral Tarno

Sen. Thomas Wilde

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Glen Stonebrink, Administrator

Brad Harper, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

SB 365 Public Hearing

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 34, A		
003	Chair Kintigh	Convenes meeting at 9:04 AM and opens public hearing on SB 365.
<u>SB 365</u> <u>PUBLIC</u> <u>HEARING</u>		
020	Fred Robinson	Assistant Forester, Department of Forestry (ODF). Discussion of SB 365 and definition of unprotected lands and wildlands. Submission of written materials. (EXHIBIT A) .

056	Chair Kintigh	Requests clarification.
058	Robinson	Explanation and further discussion of SB 365.
086	Robinson	Video presentation.
205	Robinson	Discussion of three public policy considerations under SB 365: (1) should all wildlands and structures in Oregon have fire protection; (2) if so, who has primary responsibility to bear those costs; (3) what should the burden be to private landowners?
240	Bob Panuccio	State Fire Marshall. Discussion of Unprotected Areas Task Force. SB 365 is one component of recommendations of task force.
280	Panuccio	Discussion of past fire seasons and practices.
315	Clark Seely	Department of Forestry. Discussion of intent and policy behind SB 365.
365	Panuccio	Discussion of funding methods under SB 365.
395	Sen. Tarno	Issue of unfunded mandate restrictions.
400	Robinson	Legitimate concern and not certain at this time.
425	Sen. Dwyer	Issue of supermajority provision.
TAPE 35,A		
018	Robinson	Response
025	Sen. Dwyer	Comment
030	Chair Kintigh	Comment
035	Robinson	Discussion of future schedule.
050	Rick Allen	Past Jefferson county commissioner. Comment regarding unfunded mandates. Supports SB 365.
115	John Jackson	Department of Forestry. Discussion of 1996 Ashwood/Donnybrook as example of need for SB 365. Submission of written materials. (EXHIBIT B) .
139	Chair Kintigh	Question
141	Jackson	Response; further discussion of Ashwood/Donnybrook fire.
222	Jackson	Video presentation
280	Sen. Fisher	Question regarding ownership of discussed lands.
282	Jackson	Response
294	Jackson	Slide presentation
395	Earl Cordes	Jefferson County Fire Marshall. Supports SB 365.

TAPE 34,B		
023	Cordes	Lack of timely response to blame for large scale wildfires. Discussion of user fees. Submission of written material. (EXHIBIT C) .
077	Chair Kintigh	Question
079	Cordes	Response
084	Sen. Fisher	Question regarding past fire practices.
090	Cordes	Explanation of current situation as compared to past.
110	Allen	Discussion of increased fire risks.
132	Sen. Fisher	Question regarding causes of cited fires.
135	Allen	Response
150	Cordes	Change in natural landscape over last century.
170	Sen. Fisher	Question
175	Cordes	Response
220	Sen. George	Question regarding lack of response on unprotected lands.
227	Jackson	Explanation of current practices of ODF.
255	Sen. George	Question regarding fire suppression policy.
264	Jackson	Explanation of point of origin and policy constraints.
287	Cordes	Conclusion of presentation.
315	Chair Kintigh	Question regarding population density in Jefferson County.
318	Cordes	Response
344	Jack Jones	Undersherriff, Jefferson County. Supports SB 365. Discussion of initial response and personal experience with Ashwood/Donnybrook fire.
TAPE 35,B		
119	Sen. Ferrioli	Concerns regarding uncoordination or "disconnect" between fire practice policies. Necessary to coordinate fire policy and fuel load management. Concern regarding ability of state to fight every fire. Issues of personal responsibility and fiscal impact.
178	Chair Kintigh	Problem has been developing for a century and will not be solved in one biennium.
180	Jones	In agreement with Sen. Ferrioli.
197	Sen. Fisher	Question regarding Ashwood fire points of origin.
200	Jackson	Explanation of map.

212	Jones	Discussion of fire damage.
224	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding majority of wildfire damage.
228	Jones	Discussion of practical effect, including loss of fences.
241	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding return of grass in spring.
245	Jones	Response
251	Sen. Dwyer	Comment regarding personal experience with fire damage to land.
265	Sen. Fisher	Question regarding process of fighting Ashwood fire.
272	Jackson	Explanation human causes.
280	Sen. Fisher	Question regarding burn barrels.
285	Allen	Comment regarding unprotected lands.
328	Dave Babbit	Small Woodlands Association. Supports concepts of fire protection districts, but do not support current version of SB 365. Comment regarding unprotected land property owners.
404	Sen. Wilde	Question regarding specific areas of SB 365.
TAPE 36,A		
014	Babbit	Response
019	Sen. Dwyer	Comment
022	Sen. Ferrioli	Must balance need to take immediate action against constitutional concerns.
032	Sen. Wilde	Comment
037	Sen. Dwyer	Urgency not at issue in portion of bill being discussed.
045	Sen. Fisher	Comment regarding personal responsibility.
055	Babbit	Point of clarification.
059	Chair Kintigh	Comment. Adjourns meeting at 11:00 AM.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Brad Harper Glen Stonebrink

Administrative Assistant Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SB 365, written materials, Fred Robinson, 2 pp.

B - SB 365, map, John Jackson, 1 p.

C - SB 365, map, Earl Cordes, 1 p.
