

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON**  
**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

January 16, 2003 Hearing Room E  
1:00 PM Tapes 1 - 3

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**       Rep. Jeff Kropf, Chair  
                                  Rep. George Gilman, Vice-Chair  
                                  Rep. Kelley Wirth, Vice-Chair  
                                  Rep. Elizabeth Terry Beyer  
                                  Rep. Dave Hunt  
                                  Rep. Donna Nelson  
                                  Rep. Patti Smith

**STAFF PRESENT:**       Ray Kelly, Committee Administrator  
                                  David Peffley, Committee Assistant

**ISSUES HEARD:**       Organizational meeting  
                                  Adoption of Committee Rules  
                                  Informational meeting  
                                  Invited testimony  
                                  Don Schellenberg and Jean Wilkinson, Oregon Farm Bureau  
                                  Dr. John Beaulieu, Oregon Department of Geology and Mining Industries  
                                  Michael Carrier, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
                                  Al Elkins, Oregon Hunters Association  
                                  Jerod Broadfoot, Safari Club International  
                                  Phil Ward and Chuck Craig, Oregon Department of  
                                  Agriculture  
                                  Katie Fast, Oregon Cattlemen

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<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 1, A</b>		
005	Chair Kropf	Chair calls the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and invites witnesses to sign up during a brief recess. Opens the organizational meeting.
042	Chair Kropf	Reconvenes meeting and welcomes the members of the committee.
<b><u>ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</u></b>		
060	Chair Kropf	Explains the proposed rules ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ), with the caveat that swearing witnesses in and taking on oath will perhaps be added to the committee rules. States a willingness to consider amendments, but not conceptual amendments. States discretion to not hear any particular legislation.
127	Rep. Gilman	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules.</b>
144		<b>VOTE: 6-0-1</b>
151	Chair Kropf	<b>EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Wirth</b> <b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
153	Chair Kropf	Closes the organizational meeting and opens the informational meeting.
<b><u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u></b>		
155	Chair Kropf	Invites committee members to introduce themselves.
157	Rep. Smith	HD 52 encompassing Hood River, East Clackamas County, East

Multnomah County. States her occupation as a farmer and owner of a timber-products business. Affirms a desire to bring balance to the natural resource industries in order to restore the economy.

163 Rep. Hunt HD 40, encompassing north-central Clackamas County. Explains job as an executive director of coalition of farmers, ports, unions, businesses, etc. working together to export Oregon products around the world. States willingness to work to facilitate business.

180 Vice-Chair Gilman HD 55, encompassing Lake, Crook, Jackson, and Deschutes Counties. Attests to the district's rural, agricultural base. Emphasizes the need to utilize natural resources to their full potential.

238 Rep. Nelson HD 24 located in the Willamette Valley. Introduces the natural resource base of her constituency and her background in farming and international business. Explains that we need to build the economy through farming, forestry, and fishing and reduce regulations.

288 Rep. Beyer HD 12, encompassing non-agricultural Springfield. States that she has very little experience in agriculture, but that her office door (H-374) is open and she wants to learn and serve the committee well.

331 Rep. Wirth HD 16. Represents Corvallis and the mid-Willamette Valley. States that she served on the salmon committee last session.

347 Rep. Wirth States that the sales tax is an issue important to her.

353 Chair Kropf HD 17. Represents a rural constituency. Offers that he agrees with Rep. Hunt that the economy and agricultural and natural resources are intricately entwined. States willingness to work across ideological lines Introduces committee staff.

**TAPE 2, A**

024 Don Schellenberg Associate Director of government affairs for Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB). Introduces his staff-Jean Wilkinson, Greg Addington.

044 Schellenberg Introduces aggressive legislative agenda (**EXHIBIT B**). Hopes to pass legislation which is fair to both farmers and laborers. States opposition to the indexing of the minimum wage.

087 Chair Kropf Asks whether Farm Bureau will be proposing legislation to that effect.

090 Schellenberg Confirms the speaker's premonition. Continues with the replacement dwellings issue, land-use planning issues, and corrections necessary to protect farm land.

112 Chair Kropf Asks about replacement dwelling legislation, whether it is to allow granted rights.

117 Schellenberg Confirms that the right would be transferable only to spouse or child.

121 Jean Wilkinson A career farmer in her fourth year at OFB. States OFB's main concerns for this session.

225 Greg Addington Associate Director of Government Affairs Oregon Farm Bureau. States concern with forestry, fish and wildlife, and livestock issues as a resident of rural Jackson County.

241 Chair Kropf Asks where OFB stands regarding farm truck safety inspection and regulations.

244 Wilkinson Affirms that they're working on that issue. Explains the federal grant waiver and its importance.

293 Rep. Hunt Asks OFB what dialogs with the governor's team are being done on the front end to make sure vetoes don't happen on the back end.

300 Schellenberg Responds that they've been talking with everyone they can and asserts desire to have dialog with the Governor, himself.

321 Rep. Wirth Asks the status of those eligible for pollution control tax credit legislation.

326 Wilkinson Acknowledges that these issues are presently being negotiated.

334 Rep. Wirth Asks how many other states are not in compliance with the aforementioned farm-truck exemptions.

344 Wilkinson Comments that she doesn't know the whole list.

346 Chair Kropf Adds that Florida is one of those states with an exemption.  
357 Dr. John Beaulieu Director of State Department of Geology (DOGAMI). Introduces Dr. Vicki McConnell, Deputy Director. States reasons for the Department of Geology and that the benefit to cost ratio is 235/1.

**TAPE 1, B**

005 Dr. Beaulieu Introduces his department through:

- **(EXHIBIT C)** Mission Statement
- **(EXHIBIT D)** Water and Geology informational piece
- **(EXHIBIT E)** benefits explanation
- **(EXHIBIT F)** Legislative interests for the 72<sup>nd</sup> legislative session.

074 Chair Kropf Asks witness to explain the 4(d) problem.

080 Dr. Beaulieu Explains the 4D regulations. Continues with the legislative agenda and unfinished business he still has to tend to.

131 Dr. Vicki McConnell Comments that people are drawn to Oregon because of its unique geology.

141 Rep. Wirth Observes that improved infrastructure is necessary in order to enjoy Oregon's natural sights.

150 Dr. Beaulieu Concurs with Vice-Chair Wirth. Points out specific infrastructure, partnerships, and education which have improved access to Oregon's scenery, but that it is a 20-year plan and there is much work still to do.

190 Rep. Wirth Asks whether our infrastructure is adequate.

198 Dr. Beaulieu Replies that it certainly is not.

219 Michael Carrier Director of Oregon Parks and Recreation. Introduces the commission, aims, finances, and work force of the department.

272 Carrier Introduces **(EXHIBIT G)** Oregon Parks and Recreation biennial report and **(EXHIBIT H)** legislative aims.

296 Rep. Wirth Addresses concerns with reduced fees for disabled access to Oregon parks.

301 Carrier Explains the fee discount system.

329 Chair Kropf Asks how the park system works with corrections.

334 Carrier Responds that inmates produce very much labor for Oregon Parks and Recreation.

348 Chair Kropf Asks about planned acquisitions and FTE requirements for the upcoming biennium.

361 Carrier Responds that about six FTE are used for property acquisition. Points out that a key objective of Parks and Recreation is to minimize labor costs.

**TAPE 2, B**

005 Chair Kropf Asks when the backlog of maintenance bills will be caught up.

014 Carrier Responds that they are working on the backlog. States the belief that they can retire most of it by the end of the Measure 66 expiration in 2014.

033 Chair Kropf Asks whether the SCORP funding comes from general fund dollars.

041 Carrier Responds that SCORP receives federal land and water conservation funding along with Measure 66 funds. Restates that they have no general funds in their agencies.

044 Chair Kropf Praises the program.

057 Al Elkins Oregon Hunters' Association. Introduces their organization. Summarizes issues of concern.

083 Chair Kropf Asks Oregon Hunters' Association's feelings on geese predation.

086 Elkins Replies that he does not know much about the issue, but does know

that the problem is real and in need of addressing.

097 Chair Kropf Underscores that he understands problem from personal experience.

105 Jerod Broadfoot Safari Club International. Represents hunters. States that taxes and license dollars need to be put forth to enforce game laws. Is willing to work with wildlife management to accomplish this aim.

121 Chair Kropf Asks about current state of affairs regarding the bear and cougar issue.

131 Broadfoot Affirms belief that bears and cougars pose a safety problem and need to be managed.

159 Elkins Adds that safety and depavation have been a long-time concern.

171 Phil Ward Director of Department of Agriculture. Introduces structure of the agency through **(EXHIBIT I)** the Oregon Agricultural Resources Directory, the Farmer's handbook, and biennial report.

305 Chuck Craig Deputy Director for Department of Agriculture. Introduces **(EXHIBIT J)**, the four bills to bring to committee.

372 Rep. Hunt Asks whether they have adequate funds to enforce statutory authority.

389 Elkins Responds that SB 242 addresses that issue, resources are always an issue and the agency is working to come up with creative funding.

**TAPE 3, A**

005 Rep. Wirth Asks how this impacts the OSUC lab.

008 Elkins Responds as to how this fits in with the equation.

012 Chair Kropf Adds personal expertise to issue. Adds that it's pretty expensive.

020 Chair Kropf Asks about the budget and staffing levels and where the budget will be in 2004-2005.

028 Elkins Responds as to the loss of funding and positions.

032 Chair Kropf Asks whether they plan to fill the empty position or it them blank.

035 Craig Responds that the position was vacant, but now it's being filled by Lisa Hansen.

038 Chair Kropf Asks if there are any anticipated fee increases.

044 Elkins Replies that they do not.

045 Chair Kropf Asks where we're at with CAFO/AFO.

048 Craig Responds that they're in the second phase of the permit process.

059 Chair Kropf Asks whether they will have their comment period done.

061 Craig Responds affirmatively.

062 Chair Kropf Asks how industry is reacting.

063 Craig Responds that he believes they are reacting favorably to the outreach program. Adds that there is concern over some aspects of the regulations, however.

069 Chair Kropf Provides that he recently traveled to Japan with John Shipanski and was educated to importance of the Identity Preservation (IP) Program regarding agriculture and trade to Japan. Believes that it's a great opportunity for the improvement of local products.

102 Rep. Wirth Asks whether meat in Japan is labeled "Made in Oregon"

109 Elkins States that there is no labeling law in Japan that states as such, but that we could do so and it would be of great benefit to our industries.

115 Rep. Wirth Asks why we can't find "labeled in Oregon" in our own stores?

118 Elkins Replies that we have very few processing facilities.

135 Chair Kropf Submits that he will be introducing a bill addressing Vice-Chair Wirth's concerns. Once again speaks to the importance of IP program.

171 Katie Fast Oregon Cattlemen. Introduction to the Cattlemen's concerns. States

that jobs are difficult to come by and that the Cattlemen will probably only introduce a couple of bills this session.  
Adjourns meeting at 3:07.

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A – Committee Rules, staff, 1 p**
- B – Oregon Farm Bureau legislative agenda, Don Schellenberg, 28 pp**
- C – Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) Strategic Plan, Dr. John Beaulieu, 12 pp**
- D – DOGAMI Water and Geology, Dr. John Beaulieu, 6 pp**
- E – DOGAMI written testimony, Dr. John Beaulieu, 1 p**
- F – DOGAMI Agency Issues, Dr. John Beaulieu, 1 p**
- G – Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Biennial Report, Michael Carrier, 13 pp**
- H – Oregon Parks and Recreation legislative concepts, Michael Carrier, 1 p**
- I – Oversized exhibit, Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) packet, Phil Wood, 332 pp**
- J – ODA 2003 legislative concepts, Chuck Craig, 1 p**