

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

May 23, 2001 Hearing Room C  
3:00 PM Tapes 103 - 106

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**       **Sen. Roger Beyer, Chair**  
                                  **Sen. Avel Gordly, Vice-Chair**  
                                  **Sen. Jason Atkinson**  
                                  **Sen. Tony Corcoran**  
                                  **Sen. Ryan Deckert**  
                                  **Sen. Steve Harper**  
                                  **Sen. Charles Starr**

**STAFF PRESENT:**       **Keith Putman, Committee Administrator**  
                                  **Pam Brunell, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**       **HB 3172A – Public Hearing and Work Session**  
                                  **HB 3366 – Public Hearing and Work Session**  
                                  **HB 3596A – Public Hearing and Work Session**  
                                  **HB 3620 – Public Hearing and Work Session**  
                                  **Informational Meeting – Farm Labor Issues**

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<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 103, A</b>		
001	Chair Beyer	Calls meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and opens public hearing on HB 3366.
<b><u>HB 3366– PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
005	Keith Putman	Committee Administrator. Explains HB 3366.
006	Staff	Submits written testimony from Steve Delaney ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
020	Rep. Bob Jenson	House District 57. Introduces HB 3366 and testifies in support.
055	Chair Beyer	Closes public hearing on HB 3366 and opens work session on HB 3366.
<b><u>HB 3366 – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
<b>060</b>	<b>Sen. Gordly</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 3366 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 5-0</b>
		<b>EXCUSED: 2 - Atkinson, Deckert</b>
	<b>Chair Beyer</b>	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
		<b>SEN. CORCORAN will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
070	Chair Beyer	Closes work session on HB 3366 and opens public hearing on HB 3620.
<b><u>HB 3620 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
073	Putman	Explains HB 3620.
090	Tom Lindberg	Oregon Board of Boiler Rules. Testifies in support of HB 3620.
095	Staff	Submits written testimony from Rep. Dan Gardner ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).
148	Paul Phillips	Plumbers Association. Agrees with HB 3620.
150	Chair Beyer	Closes public hearing on HB 3620 and opens work session on

**HB 3620 – WORK SESSION**

158 Sen. Gordly

Chair Beyer

152 Chair Beyer

**HB 3596A – PUBLIC HEARING**

166 Putman

189 Donna Hunter

276 Michael Mason

290 Chair Beyer

**HB 3596A – WORK SESSION**

304 Sen. Gordly

Chair Beyer

311 Chair Beyer

**HB 3172A – PUBLIC HEARING**

318 Putman

323 David Sparks

340 Lynn Partin

444 John McCully

500 Chair Beyer

**HB 3172A – WORK SESSION**

500 Sen. Gordly

Chair Beyer

**TAPE 104, A**

024 Chair Beyer

**INVITED TESTIMONY ON FARM LABOR ISSUES**

030 Jack Roberts

274 Roberts

HB 3620.

**MOTION: Moves HB 3620 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**

**VOTE: 7-0**

**Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

**SEN. HARPER will lead discussion on the floor.**

Closes work session on HB 3620 and opens public hearing on HB 3596A.

Explains HB 3596A.

Department of Employment. Testifies in support of HB 3596A (**EXHIBIT C**).

Federated Tribes of Warm Springs. Testifies in support of HB 3596A.

Closes public hearing on HB 3596A and opens work session on HB 3596A.

**MOTION: Moves HB 3596A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**

**VOTE: 7-0**

**Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

**SEN. ATKINSON will lead discussion on the floor.**

Closes work session on HB 3596A and opens public hearing on HB 3172A.

Explains HB 3172A.

Deputy Director for Policy, Oregon OSHA. Testifies in support of HB 3172A (**EXHIBIT D**).

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS). Testifies in support of HB 3172A.

Tree Fruit Growers. Speaks to the benefits of HB 3172A (**EXHIBIT E**).

Closes public hearing on HB 3172A and opens work session on HB 3172A.

**MOTION: Moves HB 3172A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**

**VOTE: 6-0**

**EXCUSED: 1 - Corcoran**

**Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

**SEN. GORDLY will lead discussion on the floor.**

Closes work session on HB 3172A and opens informational meeting.

Commissioner, Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI).

Introduces the role of BOLI in farm labor issues. Describes the enforcement duties relating to housing and sharing the responsibility with OSHA. Discusses the licensing of farm labor contractors and minimum wage violations.

Speaks to the housing problems in the labor camps and the overall problems of agriculture in Oregon.

342	David Sparks	OR-OSHA. Describes the regulatory and consultative services provided by OSHA and the objectives of the Farmworker Housing Interim Task Force ( <b>EXHIBIT F</b> ).
<b>TAPE 103, B</b>		
030	Sparks	Continues speaking to the farm labor issues and how OR-OSHA is responding to the Task Force recommendations. Talks about the bilingual capabilities of the OSHA investigators. States that there are 400 registered labor camps and probably that many that aren't registered.
187	Ramon Ramirez	Oregon Farmworker Union, PCUN. Speaks to the living and working conditions of the farmworker ( <b>EXHIBIT G</b> ). Notes that minimum wages continues to be a serious problem. Stresses that housing be community based not labor camps which are isolated from community and social services.
<b>TAPE 104, B</b>		
030	Ramirez	Continues relating the hardships caused by inadequate work conditions.
056	Sen. Starr	Relates the personal history of family farm laborers and stresses the financial problems of the farmers.
124	Sen. Atkinson	Asks for reasons for the secondary boycott of Norpac.
136	Ramirez	Explains that Norpac is owned by cooperative of farm owners and the boycott is to force changes in work conditions. Talks about collective bargaining and states that there are 1200-4800 dues paying members and 50 people in union contracts.
400	Norene Goplen	Lutheran Advocacy Ministry. Testifies to the needs of the farm laborers ( <b>EXHIBIT H</b> ). Submits written material on unregistered labor camps ( <b>EXHIBIT I</b> )
<b>TAPE 105, A</b>		
030	Goplen	Continues with discussion on the labor camps and wages.
109	Lois Kenagy	NORPAC Grower. Testifies to the benefits and stability of NORPAC cooperative. Stresses that there are problems that need to be addressed but not by boycotting ( <b>EXHIBIT J</b> ).
<b>TAPE 106, A</b>		
030	Rick Jacobson	NORPAC Foods, Inc. Discusses the work and products of the cooperative ( <b>EXHIBIT K</b> ). Responds to the secondary boycott.
200	Tim Bernasek	Oregon Farm Bureau. Speaks to the issues of at-will employment relationships and the fact that there are no directions ( <b>EXHIBIT L</b> ). Gives examples of inflammatory web sites and propaganda against NORPAC.
<b>TAPE 105, B</b>		
042	Jacobson	Talks about agriculture and the diverse cultural work force.
075	Chair Beyer	Adjourns meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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Committee Assistant

Keith Putman,  
Committee Administrator

## **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A – HB 3366, written material, Rep. Bob Jenson, 1 p.**
- B – HB 3620, written testimony, Rep. Dan Gardner, 1 p.**
- C – HB 3596A, written material, Donna Hunter, 2 pp.**
- D – HB 3172A, written material, David Sparks, 1 p.**
- E – HB 3172A, written material, John McCully, 1 p.**
- F – Farm Labor Issues, written material, David Sparks, 2 pp.**
- G – Farm Labor Issues, written material, Ramon Ramirez, 10 pp.**
- H – Farm Labor Issues, written material, Norene Goplen, 4 pp.**
- I – Farm Labor Issues, written material, Norene Goplen, 4 pp.**
- J – Farm Labor Issues, written testimony, Lois Kenagy, 1 p.**
- K – Farm Labor Issues, written testimony, Rick Jacobson, 2 pp.**
- L – Farm Labor Issues, written testimony, Tim, Bernasak, 2 pp.**