

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, SALMON AND WATER

April 02, 2001 Hearing Room B
8:00 a.m. Tapes 75-76

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Ken Messerle, Chair
Sen. Frank Shields, Vice-Chair
Sen. Jason Atkinson
Sen. Roger Beyer
Sen. Ginny Burdick
Sen. Bill Fisher

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Ryan Deckert

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Solomon, Committee Administrator
Cheryl Young, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 653, Public Hearing and Possible Work Session
SB 715-1, Public Hearing and Possible Work Session
SB 892, Public Hearing and Possible Work Session
SB 872, Public Hearing and Possible Work Session
HJM 16, Public Hearing and Possible Work Session

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 75, A		
005	Chair Messerle	Calls the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. Opens public hearing on SB 892
SB 892, PUBLIC HEARING		
008	Staff	Introduces SB 892.
022	Francis Rosica	American Farmland Trust. Offers support for this bill. Supports Oregon's position in being a leader of strong farmland protection.
034	Mike Propes	Representing Associated Oregon Counties. Speaks in favor of this bill.
051	Chair Messerle	Notes that he and others on the House Committee on Natural Resources are trying to put together a bill dealing with his concerns. Speaks of some solutions. States he does not want to amend this bill at this time, that he would rather move it through. Closes public hearing on SB 892. Open work session on SB 892.
SB 892, WORK SESSION		
073	Sen. Atkinson	MOTION: Moves SB 892 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
074		VOTE: 5-0
		AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
		EXCUSED: 2 – Burdick, Deckert
	Chair Messerle	The motion CARRIES.
		SEN. ATKINSON will lead discussion on the floor.

079 Chair Messerle

Closes work session on SB 892. Opens public hearing on SB 872.

SB 872, PUBLIC HEARING

080 Staff

Summarizes SB 872.

086 Mike Propes

Association of Oregon Counties. Speaks in support of SB 872.

094 Carl Scheeler

Wildlife Program Manager for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Speaks in support of SB 872.

Submits written testimony. **(EXHIBIT A).**

125 Chair Messerle

Comments on earlier statement regarding SB 892 regarding purchasing property, which is much more permanent as opposed to an easement. Closes public hearing, opens work session on SB 872.

SB 872, WORK SESSION

140 Sen. Shields

MOTION: Moves SB 872 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

141 Sen. Shields

Asks if this will go back and address the background story told here, referring to the past tense wording “that the Umatilla Tribe wanted to be a co-holder of the conservation easement”.

150 Scheeler

Responds that this is the driver behind today’s action.

166 Chair Messerle

VOTE: 5-0

AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.

EXCUSED: 2 – Burdick, Deckert

The motion CARRIES.

SEN. SHIELDS will lead discussion on the floor.

173 Chair Messerle

Written testimony submitted for SB 872. **(EXHIBIT B).** Closes work session on SB 872. Opens public hearing on HJM 16.

HJM 16, PUBLIC HEARING

175 Staff

Summarizes HJM 16.

187 Rep. Betsy Close

Representative House District 36. Speaks on behalf of all Oregon growers. States she introduced this bill. Submits written testimony. **(EXHIBIT C).**

228 John McCully

Representing the Fruit Tree Growers. Asks for approval on this bill and addresses other issues.

262 Camille Hukari

One of the founders of the Tractor Coalition of Hood River. Testifies in support of HJM 16.

410 Pieper Sweeney

Citizen from Dayton. Speaks in support of this bill. Urges a yes vote. We need to feed ourselves in America.

482 Sen. Burdick

Notes that American consumers need to know where their food is coming from. Asks if they are planning on educating the public on different pesticides used in other countries, and notifying Americans of this.

Tape 76, A

050 Hukari

Responds to questions and issues.

075 Randy Gilbert

Citizen and farmer. Asks for support for the family farmer.

097 Chair Messerle

Comments on there being three family farmers on this committee.

100 Sen. Shields

Asks for comments regarding fair trade vs. free trade and how it benefits the American farmer.

108 Sweeney

Speaks of differences and clarifies.

139 Sen. Shields

Notes that Chile is becoming a huge competitor, yet that country is not required under free trade agreements to reciprocate.

145 Sweeney

Responds not at this point.

148	Chair Messerle	Written testimony submitted for record from Jim Welsh.
		(EXHIBIT D). Closes public hearing on HJM 16. Opens work session on HJM 16.
152	Sen. Atkinson	MOTION: Moves HJM 16 be sent to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 6-0
		AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
		EXCUSED: 1 – Deckert
159	Chair Messerle	The motion CARRIES.
		R. BEYER will lead discussion on the floor.
160	Chair Messerle	Closes work session on HJM 16. Opens public hearing on SB 715.
SB 715, PUBLIC HEARING		
164	Staff	Summarizes SB 715.
182	Ron Eber	Department of Land Conservation and Development. Worked on the amendments with several groups to avoid any unintended consequences from this kind of bill, as requested by the committee.
202	Leann Collins	Citizen, Clackamas County Speaks in favor of this bill. Bill as written now, should be passable to other individuals involved. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT E).
225	Chair Messerle	Closes public hearing on SB 715. Opens work session on SB 715.
SB 715, WORK SESSION		
227	Sen. R. Beyer	MOTION: Moves SB 715-2 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
228	Chair Messerle	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
231	Sen. R. Beyer	MOTION: Moves SB 715 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED recommendation.
231		VOTE: 6-0
		AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
		EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. Deckert
	Chair	The motion CARRIES.
		SEN. R. BEYER will lead discussion on the floor.
239	Chair Messerle	Closes work session on SB 715. Opens public hearing on SB 653.
SB 653, PUBLIC HEARING		
244	Staff	Summarizes SB 653.
266	Bob Neathamer	Professional Land Surveyor and Water Right Examiner. Opposes this bill. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT F).
280	Steve Kafoury	Representing the Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon. Opposed to the processes of this bill.
306	Ed Graham	Administrator, State Board of Engineering and Land Surveying. Available to answer questions and supports Bob Neathamer.
309	Chair Messerle	Asks if there is resolution. Chastises those responsible for keeping the bill out so long. Interested in what the proposed resolution entails.
326	Neathamer	States that he is aware of the situation, and expands on response.
388	Chair Messerle	Asks if he is suggesting a delay of the regulations of board for two years.
392	Neathamer	Responds to question. Feels they can resolve this issue.
428	Chair Messerle	States that with the committees shutting down for Senate Bills next week, there is a tight time frame.

444	Neathamer	Notes OSU's agreement to be part of this compromise.
450	Chair Messerle	Asks if that is the final act of the board.
451	Kafoury	Main decision would cover the October examination application date.
464	Neathamer	States he is not speaking for the whole board, and continues with comments.
507	Ray Wilkeson	Oregon Forestry Industries Council. Clarifies issues regarding entry level examinations. Supports this bill. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT G).
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035	Ray Wilkeson	Continues with testimony.
072	Chair Messerle	Asks if this impacts out of state graduates.
074	Wilkeson	Responds.
083	Jim James	General Manager of Western Timber and Logging for Willamette Industries. Requests support for this bill. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT H).
116	Dr. John Garland	Forest Engineering Professionals Association. Supports this bill. Supports professional licensing exam. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT I).
186	James	Make comments regarding earlier statement on deficiencies in OSU program.
208	Steve Tesch	Department Head for Forest Engineering at OSU. Asks for support in access to this exam. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT J).
295	Robert J. Schultz	Professor OSU Civil Engineering Department. Speaks in favor of this bill. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT K).
428	Hal Salwasser	Dean, College of Forestry at OSU. Asks for support for this bill.
481	Ray Craig	Assistant State Forester. Speaks in favor of this bill. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT L)
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030	Scott Huff	Representing Board of Director of the Oregon Section of American Society of Civil Engineers. Supports this bill. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT M).
050	Rob Ward	Owner Ward NorthWest. States concerns. Supports bill. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT N).
111	Lisa Jeffryes	Former OSU student. Speaks of not being able to sit for exam and the serious repercussions because of it. Asks for SB 653 to be passed. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT O).
135	Scott Bushnell	Student at OSU. Asks for support in passing this bill. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT P).
151	Jim Dennison	Surveyor. Speaks in support of this bill. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT Q).
189	Wesley Schlenker	Licensed surveyor. Speaks in support of this bill. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT R).
208	John Minor	Menasha Corporation Land & Timber Division. Reads a paragraph into the record. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT S).
248	Kevin LaVerdure	Project Manager in Development for Westlake Consultants. Speaks in favor of this bill. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT T).
277	Rex Storm	Certified Forester. Speaks in favor of this bill. Seeking level playing field.
324	Tyler Parsons	Owner Parsons Surveying. Speaks in favor of this bill. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT U).

377	Jessica Harris	Speaks on behalf the Associated General Contractors of Oregon who supports this bill.
388	Chair Messerle	Closes public hearing on SB 653. Opens work session on SB 653.
SB 653, WORK SESSION		
390	Sen. Fisher	Makes comments regarding boards not doing their business in a timely manner.
411	Sen. Fisher	MOTION: Moves SB 653-1 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 7-0
	Chair	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
420	Sen. Fisher	MOTION: Moves SB 653 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
420		VOTE: 7-0
	Chair	AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. The motion CARRIES.
		SEN. FISHER will lead discussion on the floor.
428	Sen. Burdick	Gives a vote explanation. Wants to show her support for this bill with her vote.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

Cheryl Young,
Committee AssistantJennifer Solomon,
Administrator**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

A – SB 872, written testimony, Carl Scheeler, 1p.
B – SB 872, written testimony, Dean O'Reilly, 1p.
C – HJM 16, written testimony, Rep. Betsy Close, 2pp.
D – HJM 16, written testimony, Jim Welsh, 1p.
E – SB 715, written testimony, Leann Collins, 1p.
F – SB 653, written testimony, Bob Neathamer, 1p.
G – SB 653, written testimony, Ray Wilkeson, 5pp.
H – SB 653, written testimony, Jim James, 1p.
I – SB 653, written testimony, John Garland, 22pp.
J – SB 653, written testimony, Steven Tesch, 2pp.
K – SB 653, written testimony, Robert Schultz, 71pp.
L – SB 653, written testimony, Ray Craig, 2pp.
M- SB 653, written testimony, Scott Huff, 3pp.
N – SB 653, written testimony, Rob Ward, 2pp.
O – SB 653, written testimony, Lisa Jeffryes, 1p.
P – SB 653, written testimony, Scott Bushnell, 1p.
Q – SB 653, written testimony, Jim Denison, 1p.
R – SB 653, written testimony, Wesley Schlenker, 2pp.
S – SB 653, written testimony, John Minor, 3pp.
T – SB 653, written testimony, Kevin LaVerdure, 1p.
U – SB 653, written testimony, Tyler Parsons, 1p.
V – SB 653, written testimony, Ronald Stuntzner, 2pp.