

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

January 19, 1999 Hearing Room D

8:00 AM Tapes 1 - 3

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Larry Wells, Chair

Rep. Terry Thompson, Vice-Chair

Rep. Roger Beyer

Rep. Ryan Deckert

Rep. Jim Hill

Rep. Elaine Hopson

Rep. Jeff Kropf, Vice-Chair

Rep. Jerry Krummel

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Judy Uherbelau

STAFF PRESENT: Judith Callens, Administrator

Stephen Kosiewicz, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Organizational Meeting

Adoption of Committee Rules

Introduction of Members and Committee Staff

Informational Meeting

Agency Overviews: Department of Agriculture and Division of State
Lands

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 1, A

003

Chair Wells

Calls the committee to order at 8:06 a.m.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES

010

Rep. Kropf

MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed committee rules (EXHIBIT A).**VOTE: 8-0****EXCUSED: 1 - Rep. Uherbelau**

011

Chair Wells

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. Reviews the material that the members received this morning at the dais.**INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE STAFF**

030

Chair Wells

Invites committee staff to introduce themselves.

069

Judith Callens

Committee Administrator. Explains how the committee members can use staff to keep constituents updated on the progress of legislation in the committee, and that she is available to assist members when carrying a bill on the floor.

084

Chair Wells

Comments that legislative staff can utilize committee staff for this as well. Comments on the possibility of changing the regular meeting time to 8:30.

102

Rep. Thompson

Comments that he would prefer to meet at 8:30 a.m.

104

Rep. Kropf

Asks if we need the full two hours to meet.

106

Chair Wells

Responds that they will most likely need the two hours, especially as they get more bills referred to the committee.

113

Rep. Krummel

Suggests that the committee meet at 8:30, and then as things pickup they can move the time back to 8:00.

124

Chair Wells

States that he will check with the Speaker to see if they can move the time. Comments that the committee needs to be considerate of staff and witnesses.

AGENCY OVERVIEWS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DIVISION OF STATE LANDS

148	Chair Wells	Comments that there is supposed to be an announcement today from the Governor regarding his appointment of a new director for the Department of Agriculture.
154	Lorna Youngs	Acting Director, Department of Agriculture. Explains what their overview will cover today.
166	Youngs	Begins overhead presentation by discussing the agricultural industry in Oregon.
224	Youngs	Continues overhead presentation by giving an overview of the role and activities of the Department of Agriculture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three-fold mission • Food Safety Division • Measurement Standards Division
267	Chair Wells	Comments that their fuel quality monitoring program was funded with special funds, and asks how long it will go on.
270	Youngs	Responds that it is now a permanent program.
272	Chair Wells	Asks for information on how this program started.
274	Chuck Craig	Legislative Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, gives background information on the establishment of the fuel quality monitoring program.
281	Chair Wells	Asks where the money comes from now to fund this program.
282	Craig	Responds that it comes from a \$5 fee on gas pumps.
285	Youngs	Continues overview of the role and activities of the department: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory Services Division • Animal Health and Identification Division
359	Youngs	Continues overview of the role and activities of the department: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Resources Division
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006	Youngs	Continues overview of the role and activities of the department: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant Division • Pesticide Division

056	Youngs	Continues overhead presentation by discussing the economic development area of the department: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commodity Inspection Division
070	Rep. Hill	Asks what farm gate value means.
071	Youngs	Responds that it is the wholesale value of the product sold by the farm.
080	Chair Wells	Comments that processors used to do the grading themselves, and explains why there was a desire to bring in a third-party grader.
090	Youngs	Continues overview of the economic development area of the department: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture Development and Marketing Division
123	Chair Wells	Asks if the department is still involved in the inspection of honey bee operations, and asks whether Ms. Youngs mentioned Christmas tree inspection in her presentation.
127	Youngs	Responds that in 1991 they deregulated the honey bee industry, and that they still have a Christmas tree licensing, inspection, and certification program.
139	Rep. Kropf	Asks why the measurement and inspection of gasoline pumps falls under the Department of Agriculture.
149	Youngs	Responds that generally all weighing and measuring activities are kept together in one agency, regardless of the commodity.
173	Rep. Thompson	Asks how they calculated distant water fleet in their 2% figure for fisheries.
179	Youngs	Responds that they used figures that were prepared by the Federal Statistical Services.
184	Rep. Thompson	Comments that he knows the statistics and that it was less than what our distant water fleet is doing.
196	Rep. Beyer	Comments that the Christmas tree licensing program works very well.
226	Chuck Craig	Legislative Coordinator, Department of Agriculture. Submits written material (EXHIBIT B) and reviews ODA's 1999 legislative concepts.
290	Craig	Continues reviewing ODA's legislative concepts.

345	Rep. Beyer	Asks if ODA has run SB 235 by their Christmas Tree Advisory Committee and their Nursery Advisory Committee, and if these groups agree with the proposal.
352	Craig	Responds that he believes they have. Continues reviewing ODA's legislative concepts.
397	Chair Wells	Asks Mr. Craig to discuss what the Board of Agriculture is for the benefit of the new members.
402	Craig	Discusses the role of the Board of Agriculture.
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016	Craig	Continues reviewing ODA's legislative concepts.
034	Rep. Kropf	Referencing the legislative proposal for non-nutrient labeling, asks whether ODA is wanting to set a state standard.
042	Youngs	Responds that the bill primarily gives them the authority to do that.
053	Rep. Kropf	Asks what authority to take action on an emergency basis is ODA specifically asking for in terms of their weed control program.
058	Youngs	Responds that they are requesting authority to be able to go onto private land and control weeds in specific instances in areas where there is no county weed control district currently active.
071	Rep. Kropf	Asks for clarification that the emphasis is not to fund the current weed control districts, but that ODA is looking to assume greater authority where there aren't currently any weed control districts operating.
077	Youngs	Responds that they have a dual approach here, and that they aren't envisioning taking over this responsibility from the counties.
088	Rep. Beyer	Asks how ODA gets involved in foreclosures of agricultural property.
093	Craig	Responds that they don't get involved in foreclosures directly, but property owners who are inquiring about resolution programs to settle a dispute contact them.
107	Rep. Beyer	Asks when this agricultural mediation program law was enacted.
108	Craig	Responds that it was originally enacted in 1989.

109	Rep. Beyer	Asks if this was at the request of ODA.
112	Chair Wells	Comments on how this program came about. Comments that the committee members will want to look into this program and the veterinary products registration bill before they decide whether or not to sunset these programs.
186	Paul Cleary	Director, Division of State Lands (DSL). Submits and reviews written material (EXHIBIT C) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency overview and status report • Programs, services, and functions
250	Rep. Kropf	References the 800,000 acres of submerged and submersible land under the state's navigable waterways that are owned by the Common School Fund and asks if the state owns the portion of Muddy Creek that lies on his property.
262	Cleary	Responds that the State of Oregon has not claimed Muddy Creek as a navigable waterway.
270	Rep. Kropf	Asks for clarification that Mr. Cleary is referring to waterways that are listed as a navigable waterway under the current state definition.
273	Cleary	Responds that this is correct.
292	Chair Wells	Asks for clarification that over the last two years DSL has been working on its administrative rules.
294	Cleary	Responds that they've been working with the Joint Interim Committee on Navigability.
300	Rep. Beyer	Asks if the Tillamook State Forest is a substantial ownership.
304	Cleary	Responds that they have a small percent of this, and that the rest is Board of Forestry land.
309	Rep. Beyer	Asks for clarification that the Board of Forestry also manages Elliot State Forest.
310	Cleary	Responds that they contract with them for the forestry management. Continues reviewing DSL's programs, services, and functions.
354	Cleary	Continues reviewing submitted material by discussing DSL's work plan and objectives.
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025	Chair Wells	Asks when the decision was made to replace the leasing program with a registration fee program.
027	Cleary	Responds that they started this last summer.
028	Chair Wells	Comments that on a visit he made to Astoria a few months ago, and that DSL's dock leasing program was the main issue people wanted to talk about. Asks if this issue has settled down.
032	Cleary	Responds that the Chair was probably hearing about their commercial dock leasing.
052	Chair Wells	Comments that DSL is not an easy agency to manage.
060	Cleary	Continues reviewing DSL's work plan and objectives.
137	Chair Wells	Comments that unclaimed property and unredeemed gift certificates are two hot issues that DSL has had to deal with.
144	Cleary	Comments that the issue of unredeemed gift certificates was resolved last session.
158	Cleary	Continues reviewing submitted material: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work plan and objectives • Long range goals • Benchmarks • 1997 legislation affecting DSL
200	Rep. Thompson	Asks how satisfied the people are with the clam and oyster bill that was passed last session.
204	Cleary	Responds that he has not heard any negative comments. Continues reviewing submitted material by discussing DSL's 1999 legislative concepts.
309	Rep. Thompson	Comments on the agreements the fishing industry has made in regard to the laying of fiber optic cable with the help of DSL.
387	Cleary	Continues reviewing DSL's 1999 legislative concepts.
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014	Rep. Thompson	Asks Mr. Cleary to comment on noxious weed control in water.

017	Cleary	Responds that this is a big problem, and that there are different fixes to it.
026	Rep. Thompson	Asks if this weed control would fall under DSL and the Department of Agriculture.
028	Cleary	Responds that it would fall under a number of different agencies. Continues reviewing submitted material by discussing the Governor's 1999-01 recommended budget.
046	Rep. Hopson	Thanks the chair for bringing in agencies for these overviews.
052	Chair Wells	Explains that the committee will still meet at 8:00 for the meeting this Thursday. Adjourns the committee at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Stephen Kosiewicz, Judith Callens,
Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ Proposed committee rules, Staff, 2 pp.

B ñ Agency overviews, written material, Chuck Craig, 4 pp.

C ñ Agency overviews, written material, Paul Cleary, 24 pp.