

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY**

**May 18, 1999 Hearing Room D**

**8:30 a.m. Tapes 65-66**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Larry Wells, Chair**

**Rep. Terry Thompson, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Jeff Kropf, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Roger Beyer**

**Rep. Ryan Deckert**

**Rep. Jim Hill**

**Rep. Elaine Hopson**

**Rep. Jerry Krummel**

**Rep. Judy Uherbelau**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT: B. Harrison Conley, Administrator**

**Samantha Demchak, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 224A Work Session**

**SB 1212A Work Session**

**SB 670 Work Session**

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
<b>TAPE 65, A</b>		
003	Chair Wells	Opens hearing at 8:35 a.m. Opens work session on SB 224A.
<b><u>SB 224A WORK SESSION</u></b>		
019	Harrison Conley	Committee Administrator discusses provisions of SB 224A.
		Staff distributes proposed -2 amendments to HB 224A ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
039	Charlie Stone	Assistant State Forester. States he is pleased with the -2 amendments to SB 224A.
041	Rep. Beyer	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 224A-2 amendments dated 5/11/99.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 6-0</b>
		<b>EXCUSED: 3- Uherbelau, Rep. Deckert, Hill</b>
		<b>Chair Wells</b>
		<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
067	Rep. Beyer	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 224A to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 6-0</b>
		<b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b>
		<b>EXCUSED: 3 - Uherbelau, Hill, Rep. Deckert</b>
129	Chair Wells	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>
		<b>REP. BEYER will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
137	Chair Wells	Closes work session on SB 224A. Opens work session on SB 670.

**SB 670 WORK SESSION**

140	Rep. Beyer	Notes that the workgroup decided to take all the references to boating out of the bill. Adds the issue of tying the crime to the act was also discussed.
198	Sen. Ted Ferrioli	District 28. Testifies in support of SB 670. Indicates that a permit is required for mushroom hunting.
214	Rep. Thompson	Notes he would like to have Legislative Counsel testify on SB 670.
222	Chair Wells	Closes work session on SB 670. Opens work session on SB 1212A.

**SB 1212A WORK SESSION**

249	Conley	Discusses provisions and 4 amendments to SB 1212A. Indicates the committee should consider conceptual amendments to correct a flaw in the bill.
300	Rep. Kropf	Asks why the reference to disease free herds is being retained in reference to goats.
311	Conley	Indicates it permits the remaining goat milk producers selling raw milk to continue.
321	Rep. Beyer	Asks if there is a minimum size herd of cows allowed to sell raw milk.
337	Ron McKay	Department of Agriculture. Answers the minimum size herd is 3 cows and 9 goats. Notes a license is required to sell milk. States the law exempts farmers that have less than 3 cows.
380	Chair Wells	Notes SB 1212A would prohibit the selling of any raw milk from any cow.
400	Dave Nelson	Oregon Dairy Farmers Association (ODFA). Presents testimony in support of SB 1212A ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).

**TAPE 66, A**

011	Ralph Dayck	President, ODFA. Testifies in support of SB 1212A. Notes it is costly for dairy farmers to comply with environmental issues. Stresses Oregon is a milk deficit state. Reports that Oregon has a perfect climate for the dairy industry.
041	Bob Wellington	New England Dairy Compact. Testifies in support of SB 1212A. Notes milk must needs to be pasteurized and moved off the farm within two days. Notes a dairy compact would allow states to work together for the good of the dairy

		industry.
080	Wellington	Notes any state can exempt itself from the compact. Stresses that the compact is a safety net in regards to the price of milk. Notes the price of milk has gone down .60 cents to farmers in the past few months.
130	Wellington	Notes this is a market- oriented program.
200	Chair Wells	Asks how many states belong to the compact
207	Wellington	Answers that there are six states.
211	Rep. Kropf	Asks if the prices have stabilized since the compact was ratified.
221	Wellington	Responds in most states, yes.
233	Rep. Krummel	Asks where the compact gets its money to pay the farmer.
240	Wellington	Notes the compact sets a price per hundredweight that milk dealers in the compact have to pay.
280	Rep. Uherbelau	Asks where the money comes from for the administration of the commission.
285	Wellington	Responds there is an administrative assessment on processors. Add it is a maximum of 3.2 cents per 100 pounds of milk.
294	Rep. Deckert	Asks if there is a real necessity for the government to intervene on this issue.
310	Wellington	Responds that is important because milk is a vital commodity.
320	Rep. Kropf	Asks what the cost per cow is to comply with the environmental quality.
325	Wellington	Answers the cost figure is not available to him at this time.
340	Chair Wells	Asks how entry into the industry is limited.
355	Wellington	Notes the compact triggers out when the price goes higher than \$14.50 per hundred weight.
375	Rep. Krummel	Asks if the federal order system works.

400	Wellington	Notes it is important but it does not work on its own.
<b>TAPE 65, B</b>		
023	Rep. Beyer	Asks if the market conditions are the federal minimum.
030	Wellington	Answers that is correct.
084	Steve McCoid	Oregon Grocery Industry Association. Testifies in opposition to dairy compact amendments. Notes the proposed amendments would endorse the establishment of a dairy compact by the Oregon Legislature ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).
140	McCoid	Continues testimony in opposition to dairy compact.
200	Chair Wells	Asks if farm prices follow retail prices.
228	McCoid	References exhibit, page 12 <b>EXHIBIT C</b> .
255	Rep. Uherbelau	Suggests the milk price fell substantially in April. Asks for the numbers indicating that.
264	McCoid	Responds he will try to provide those to the committee. Continues with testimony.
285	Rep. Krummel	Asks where AC Neilson gets its numbers.
291	McCoid	Notes the numbers come from the supermarket.
330	Kent Chriss	Fred Meyer. Testifies in opposition to SB 1212A. Notes milk sales will fall as prices rise.
380	Jim Head	Safeway. Testifies in opposition to SB 1212A. Notes the compact is not needed to ensure high quality fresh local milk. Notes Oregon is not a deficit milk state.
019	Head	Notes the increase in milk prices has cut the consumption of milk in the compact area.
	Chair Wells	Indicates this bill will be held for further discussion.

Samantha Demchak, B. Harrison Conley,  
Administrative Support Administrator

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

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