

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

January 29, 1997 Hearing Room E

1:00 Tape 11

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Leslie Lewis, Chair

Rep. Frank Shields, Vice-Chair

Rep. Michael Fahey

Rep. Mike Lehman

Rep. Dennis Luke

Rep. Mark Simmons

MEMBER EXCUSED:

Rep. Jim Welsh

STAFF PRESENT:

Judith Gruber, Policy Analyst

Pat Zwick, Policy Analyst

Marjorie Taylor, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association

Oregon Wheat Growers League and Oregon Potato Commission

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 11, A		
005	Chair Lewis	Calls the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
<u>OREGON REFUSE AND RECYCLING ASSOCIATION</u>		

007	Kristan Mitchell	Governmental Affairs Director, Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association (ORRA).
013	Mitchell	Provides a description of her organization.
020	Mitchell	ORRA members collect and process most of the commercial and residential recyclables and refuse in Oregon.
025	Mitchell	Many changes have occurred in the industry due to state and federal laws. An example of federal change is Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act - It affects how landfills operate.
028	Mitchell	An example of change in state law is the 1991 Recycling Act which aims to reduce the waste stream in Oregon by 50% by 2000.
036	Mitchell	Residential recycling programs have greatly expanded since the 1991 Act.
040	Mitchell	Indicates that most businesses work with local governments to establish programs that work towards common goals.
043	Mitchell	ORRA is interested in bills related to solid waste and recycling, orphan site funding, and transportation and trucking.
046	Mitchell	Concludes the presentation.
048	Chair Lewis	Calls for Mike Dewey.
<u>OREGON WHEAT GROWERS LEAGUE AND OREGON POTATO COMMISSION</u>		
056	Mike Dewey	Representative of the Oregon Wheat Growers League and Oregon Potato Commission.
070	Dewey	Indicates that demographics and industries were very different in the recent past and agriculture was a major player in the 1970's.
077	Dewey	Agriculture issues are the same today as they were years ago - Focusing on land use issues where prime farm land is being used in other ways.
086	Dewey	Oregon's agricultural diversity is compared to none in the world.
096	Dewey	Farmers in eastern Oregon are looking for other forms of economic development.
106	Dewey	Indicates that the prices of wheat today are the same as they were 20 years ago while prices of other products have changed.

116	Dewey	Describes what has happened to wheat growers in regards to the price of wheat and price of production (EXHIBIT A) .
121	Dewey	Encourages the spending of money on research and development so that the state can maintain a strong agricultural community.
127	Dewey	Indicates that the nursery industry has grown with the help of research and development.
131	Dewey	Points out the Oregon State University has recently had research and development cuts due to Measure 47, but that any money spent on research and development will be regained in production.
156	Dewey	If money isn't put into the system for research and development, production will level off and more valuable land will be lost.
169	Dewey	The Oregon Wheat and Potato Commissions are forced to support research and development to encourage productivity.
175	Dewey	Speaks of a pamphlet which describes wheat production and marketing over two decades (EXHIBIT B) .
188	Dewey	Indicates that government contracts have been helpful in the past, but they are being phased out by the 1996 Farm Bill.
194	Dewey	Concludes the presentation.
198	Rep. Fahey	Asks about the dredging of the Willamette River.
200	Dewey	Answers that the Port of Portland would not be what is it today without wheat activity. We must continue to dredge the river.
208	Chair Lewis	Concludes invited testimony - calls for other interest groups.
217	Chair Lewis	Adjourns the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Oregon Wheat Growers League, Table of wheat acreage, yield, production, and value, Mike Dewey, 2 pp.

B - Dryland Wheat Production and Marketing: Two Decades of Change, Mike Dewey, 16 pp.