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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES**

**January 31, 1997 Hearing Room C**

**9:00 AM Tapes 16-17**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Sen. Bob Kintigh, Chair**

**Sen. Bill Fisher, Vice-Chair**

**Sen. Bill Dwyer**

**Sen. Gary George**

**Sen. Veral Tarno**

**Sen. Thomas Wilde**

**MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Ted Ferrioli**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Glen Stonebrink, Christin Smith Administrators**

**Brad Harper, Paul Zolezzi Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**Introduction of Committee Bills**

**SB 107 Public Hearing**

**SB 108 Public Hearing**

**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.**

<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 16, A</b>		
005	Chair Kintigh	Opens meeting at 9:03 AM
<b><u>INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS</u></b>		
022	Glen Stonebrink	Committee administrator introduces and explains LC 2247-1.
034	Stonebrink	Introduces and explains LC 2247.
<b>043</b>	<b>Sen. Dwyer</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves LC's: 2247 dated 01/27/97 and 2247-1 dated 01/27/97 BE INTRODUCED as committee bills.</b>
<b>044</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>  <b>(LC 2247 has been introduced as SB 365)</b>  <b>(LC 2247-1 has been introduced as SB 360)</b>
<b><u>SB 107 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
049	Chair Kintigh	Opens public hearing on SB 107.
072	Fred Robinson	Introduces himself as Assistant State Forester of Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). Introduces <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> .
083	Clark Seely	Introduces himself as Fire Program Director for ODF.
086	Robinson	Comments on other bills currently sponsored by ODF.
121	Sen. Dwyer	Asks if this is appropriate committee for SB 107. Comments on nature of SB 107.
136	Sen. Fisher	Discusses interpretations of SB 107.
162	Robinson	Discusses content of SB 107.

213	Robinson	Discusses current statutes relating to fire suppression. Discusses SB 107 chapters relating directly to fire suppression.
243	Robinson	Discusses language problems of current statutes relating to fire suppression. Discusses relating fiscal implications.
274	Sen. Dwyer	Asks about liability limitations of SB 107.
276	Robinson	Discusses current liability limitations and limitations of SB 107.
298	Sen. Tarno	Asks for recent example of problems relating to fire suppression
304	Robinson	Cites and discusses 1992 wildfire near Sisters, OR.
330	Sen. Tarno	Comments on fire suppression responsibilities.
337	Seely	Explains current responsibilities of fire suppression for private landowners.
358	Seely	Cites recent fire in Northeast Oregon.
369	Chair Kintigh	Asks if destroyed homeowners of above fire were successful in collecting insurance payments.
373	Robinson	Comments on ability of landowners to collect payments from destroyed property.
403	Seely	Summarizes section 1 of SB 107 ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
435	Seely	Explains section 2 of SB 107.
442	Seely	Explains section 3 of SB 107.
<b>TAPE 17, A</b>		
033	Seely	Explains section 4 of SB 107.
073	Seely	Explains section 5 of SB 107.
102	Seely	Comments on nature of 1994-1996 fire seasons.
113	Seely	Explains section 6 of SB 107.
122	Robinson	Summarizes testimony.
135	Chair Kintigh	States that the current dollar amount of liability is unchanged from SB 107.
139	Sen. Fisher	Comments on language in paragraph 5 of SB 107.
152	Seely	Explains language.
162	Seely	Explains lines 26-30 of SB 107.
169	Sen. Dwyer	Comments on current statutes relating to fire suppression. Questions language of current statutes.
190	K.C. VanNatta	Introduces himself as an Oregon Small Woodlands Association member. Admits initial skepticism of SB 107, but states current support of SB 107 ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).
212	Sen. Tarno	Asks if concerns have been passed on to legal council.
213	VanNatta	States they have.

218	Mike Miller	Introduces himself as representing the Associated Oregon Logging Association. States current law needs to be revised. States support for SB 107.
241	Sen. Fisher	Asks if the committee needs more information about current statutes.
245	Miller	States he would be happy to work with committee.
269	Sen. Dwyer	Comments on collaborative efforts of ODF and committee. Comments on need for committee education.
280	Miller	Comments on fire control tax.
312	Ray Wilkeson	Introduces himself as a representative of Oregon Forest Industries Council. States sections of SB 107 need to be worked on, but supports concept.
344	Chair Kintigh	Closes public hearing on SB 107
<b><u>SB 108 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
349	Chair Kintigh	Opens public hearing on SB 108
363	Fred Robinson	Introduces Ted Lorensen as representing the Forest Practices Department of ODF.
390	Ted Lorensen	Explains SB 108 ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).
408	Sen. Dwyer	Comments on nature of bill and states support for.
420	Sen. Fisher	Comments on landslide issue in regard to forest practices program.
435	Lorensen	States landslide issue is not addressed in SB 108.
<b><u>TAPE 16, B</u></b>		
039	Lorensen	Discusses liability limits relating to wildfires.
061	Sen. Fisher	Asks about definition of "protection" in context of SB 108.
064	Lorensen	Explains language of SB 108. Further discusses bill.
101	Sen. Fisher	Comments on state liability of wildfire damage.
123	Jill Zarnowitz	Introduces herself as the Assistant Director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. States support for SB 108.
133	Sen. George	Asks if she would support bill if liability was further extended.
134	Zarnowitz	Does not comment for agency. No position.
140	Sen. George	Comments further on liability limits.
146	Chair Kintigh	Closes public hearing on SB 108.
150	Chair Kintigh	Makes announcements concerning future meetings.

**Submitted By, Reviewed By,**

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - SB 107, written testimony, Fred Robinson, 29pp.**

**B - SB 107, written testimony, K.C. VanNatta, 1p.**

**C - SB 108, written testimony, Ted Lorensen, 42pp.**

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