

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

March 24, 1997 Hearing Room C

9:00 AM Tapes 64 - 65

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bob Kintigh, Chair

Sen. Bill Fisher, Vice-Chair

Sen. Bill Dwyer

Sen. Ted Ferrioli

Sen. Gary George

Sen. Veral Tarno

Sen. Thomas Wilde

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Glen Stonebrink, Administrator

Paul Zolezzi, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

SB 107 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 365 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.

Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 64, A		
004	Chair Kintigh	Convenes meeting at 9:05 AM and opens public hearing on SB 107.
<u>SB 107 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
014	Fred Robinson	Introduces himself as representing Oregon Department of Forestry. Discusses bill and submits proposed amendments (EXHIBIT A).

022	Clark Seely	Introduces himself as representing Oregon Department of Forestry and discusses proposed amendments.
045	Seely	Discusses workgroup used to develop SB 107.
058	Sen. Fisher	Comments and asks for definition of "prima facie" as used in bill.
071	Sen. Wilde	Explains definition of "prima facie."
094	Chair Kintigh	Asks for clarification on page 4, line 33 of bill.
096	Seely	Explains Section 5 of bill. Discusses and contrasts definitions of "timberland" and "grazing land."
208	Seely	Explains definitions in ORS 477.205.
217	Chair Kintigh	Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 107.
<u>SB 107 WORK SESSION</u>		
223	Sen. Fisher	MOTION: Moves to send SB 107 proposed amendments dated 03/21/97 to Legislative Counsel for drafting.
	Chair Kintigh	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
232	Chair Kintigh	Closes work session on SB 107 and opens public hearing on SB 365.
<u>SB 365 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
234	Glen Stonebrink	Committee administrator explains SB 365.
248	Robert Panuccio	Introduces himself as State Fire Marshall and explains bill. Gives overhead presentation explaining and discussing Conflagration Act. Discusses history of forest fires in Oregon.
<u>TAPE 65, A</u>		
020	Panuccio	Explains and describes need for bill.
079	Scott Lochard	Explains and states support for bill and submits (EXHIBIT B) . Discusses past wildfires fought under the Conflagration Act.
128	Lochard	Describes federal, state, local, and rural fire fighting efforts and abilities to work together to fight wildfires.
154	Panuccio	Explains need for bill.
190	Sen. George	Comments on fiscal aspects of statewide wildfire suppression programs.
195	Panuccio	Explains funding mechanisms and associated costs of wildfire suppression program. Describes past "Warm Springs" and "Skeleton" fires.
302	Sen. Fisher	States support for changing the language of "wildland" throughout bill.

386	Sen. George	Asks how many acres of unprotected lands currently exist.
394	Panuccio	States that those figures are unknown.
TAPE 64, B		
010	Sen. Ferrioli	Comments on yearly timber mortality report. States support of legislation to promote fuel load reduction on private and public timberlands and states concern that bill lacks that goal.
089	Panuccio	Explains state fire suppression programs.
120	Robert Garrison	Introduces himself as representing Office of State Fire Marshal and submits (EXHIBIT C). Explains past and current state and federal fire suppression activities. Explains and states support for bill.
236	Sen. Fisher	Asks for definition of a "rural fire protection district."
240	Garrison	Explains how rural fire protection districts operate.
295	Chair Kintigh	Closes public hearing on SB 365 and adjourns meeting at 10:23 AM.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Paul Zolezzi, Glen Stonebrink,

Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SB 107 proposed amendments, Fred Robinson, 2 pp.

B - SB 365 written testimony, Scott Lochard, 5 pp.

C - SB 365 written testimony, Robert Garrison, 2 pp.
