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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PARKS

January 16, 1997 Hearing Room 137

3:00 PM Tapes 1A - 2A

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Gary George, Chair

Sen. Bill Dwyer, Vice-Chair

Sen. Joan Dukes

Sen. Veral Tarno

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Glen Stonebrink, Administrator

Brad Harper, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Organizational Meeting

Adoption of Committee Rules

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 1A		
006	Sen. George	Chair requesting that members share their views of the future of Oregon Parks.
		Introducing Committee Administrator Stonebrink.
019	Glen Stonebrink	Introduces self.
027	Sen. George	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules dated 01/16/97. (Exhibit A).
	Sen. George	Hearing no objection, chair declares the motion CARRIED.
049	Sen. George	Presentation of video from Oregon Parks Department.
457	Sen. George	Introducing Representative Mark Simmons
TAPE 2A		
001	Sen. George	Discussing Oregon quality of life and preservation of natural resources. Park system relatively close to being self-sufficient and committee should explore this possibility. Very optimistic about future of Oregon Parks. Senator expresses gratitude to fellow committee members.
032	Sen. Dwyer	Discusses connection between this committee and House Ways & Means. Solution will likely involve a combination of funding sources.
050	Sen. Dukes	Parks Dept. doing a very good job. Long range planning has been done well, but considering Measure 47 new solutions are necessary. User fees are increasing, but quality of parks declining. Beverage tax has questionable future. Closing of parks will be unpopular with citizens and local governments and communities not prepared to handle independently.
094	Sen. Tarno	Attended three presentations/meeting with Parks director Bob Meinen. This committee must find solutions. Past funding lost through use of trip permit fees instead of park permits. Raises issue of placing trip permit fees into the park system for additional revenue. Previous parks budget was approximately \$6 million with a shortfall of a couple million. Additionally, DMV raises considerable revenue which might be directed toward parks.

154	Sen. Dukes	Reallocation of DMV funds would require constitutional amendment.
161	Sen. Dwyer	Trip fees may be a sources of funding/
178	Sen. George	Questions are being directed to Nan Evans, who will appear before committee next Tuesday.
182	Sen. Dwyer	Combination of smaller revenue raising measures will be necessary on at least an interim basis, or a constitutional measure to establish permanent funding solution.
199	Sen. Dukes	Citizens support parks and will fund them.
204	Sen. Dwyer	Citizens may not support bond raising measures.
216	Rep. Simmons	Corresponding House committee addressing same issues. Park system is dear to Oregonians and permanent funding source is necessary.
233	Sen. Dukes	Questions whether a joint committee can be formed to address the Parks issues.
242	Sen. Tarno	An informal cooperation always possible.
245	Sen. George	In order to guarantee parks viability in 2010, must reassess volunteer participation. One suggestion involves linking computerized park reservation system to a broader clearinghouse for volunteer activism. May be an issue to prepare for next session. Asks whether there are any further issues.
296	Sen. Tarno	Wishes to know exactly where and how much land Oregon State Parks own. Also, why are the buildings deteriorating.
313	Ms. Evans	Perhaps a field trip would clarify issues.
320	Sen. George	Committee may also want to explore land trading and other options. Encourages audience to address long term creative solutions.
335	Sen. Tarno	Proposes welcome to Oregon state park on Oregon-California border.
355	Sen. George	Adjourns meeting at 4:05 PM.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Senate Model Committee Rules, 1997 Session, Senate Parks Committee (2 pages).
