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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PARKS

January 23, 1997 Hearing Room 137

3:00 PM Tapes 5A - 6B

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Gary George, Chair

Sen. Bill Dwyer, Vice-Chair

Sen. Veral Tarno

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Joan Dukes

STAFF PRESENT:

Glen Stonebrink, Administrator

Brad Harper, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Further Overview of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

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 5,A		
005	Sen. George	Chair convenes meeting at 3:05 PM. Introduces Robert Meinen.
010	Bob Meinen	Director, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Discussion of "The 2010 Plan." (EXHIBIT A).
055	Sen. George	Comment regarding historic heritage lands.
062	Meinen	Discussion of heritage for future. Continues review of 2010 plan.
111	Meinen	Consequences of increased, more diverse population.
140	Meinen	Beach access issues.
195	Meinen	Development and recreational needs in Central Oregon.
220	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding off-road vehicles and proposed interstate trail systems.
235	Meinen	Overview of all-terrain vehicle trail concept.
280	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding California's efforts.
285	Meinen	Response. Discussion of future park development opportunities for park use and education.
305	Sen. George	Statement regarding foreign tourists and economic development.
317	Meinen	Comment regarding John Day region of Eastern Oregon and development potential.
388	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding overall regional strategies.
403	Meinen	Response.
TAPE 6,A		
028	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding federal fee plans.
038	Meinen	Response. Discussion of recreational entertainment.
057	Sen. George	Question regarding acceptance of policy of multiple parks uses.
069	Meinen	Multiple approach is well suited for Oregon parks. Smith Rock as example.
087	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding liability.
089	Sen. Dwyer	Discussion of liability and fees.
097	Meinen	Discussion of past experience.

103	Sen. Tarno	Comment regarding potential risk.
108	Meinen	Discussion of liability issues and risk assessment.
127	Sen. George	Question regarding number of lawsuits filed annually.
131	Meinen	Response. Most common claims.
143	Sen. Dwyer	Comment.
147	Meinen	Discussion of partnerships with other government agencies.
187	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding Marine Board.
192	Meinen	Response. Estimation of projects and past cooperation.
211	Meinen	Other potential for federal land in Eastern Oregon.
222	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding extent of federal land along Snake River.
229	Meinen	Explanation of ownership issues.
248	Meinen	Future of local government partnerships.
274	Meinen	Private partnership arrangements.
281	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding specific property.
289	Meinen	Explanation of cooperative agreement.
304	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding "adopt-a-park" program. Question regarding use of prison labor.
331	Meinen	Explanation of prison labor uses.
387	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding Governor's plan.
389	Meinen	Answer and further discussion.
TAPE 5,B		
015	Meinen	Discussion of potential development in partnership with private landowners and private entrepreneurs.
035	Sen. Dwyer	Comment regarding potential risks of mixing private and public ventures.
060	Sen. George	Discussion of partnership issues.
072	Meinen	Further discussion of partnership options.
088	Sen. Dwyer	Comment
092	Meinen	Necessity of development options for people who cannot afford to pay for recreation.
097	Sen. Dwyer	Further discussion of issue and need for balance.
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114	George	Question regarding cooperation with timber industry.
128	Meinen	Response.
143	Sen. Dwyer	Comment regarding past efforts.
150	Meinen	Explanation of classification system for state parks.
200	Sen. Dwyer	Comment.
202	Sen. George	Comment.
205	Meinen	Discussion of endowment properties.
215	Sen. Dwyer	Question.
225	Meinen	Response.
232	Sen. Dwyer	Question.
235	Meinen	Response.
238	Sen. George	Request that Meinen return at next meeting with additional information for the committee.
247	Meinen	Response.
251	Sen. Dwyer	Discussion of Oregon history. Comment regarding development.
263	Sen. George	Question regarding endowment of land.
280	Meinen	Discussion of land donation and living estates.
306	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding staff and department policy.
331	Meinen	Response.
340	Sen. Dwyer	Question.
344	Meinen	Response. Explanation of park evaluation and development.
428	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding logging.
430	Meinen	Response.
TAPE 6,B		
042	Meinen	Continuation of discussion.
055	Meinen	Explanation of endangered species issues.
069	Sen. Dwyer	Comment regarding land management.
075	Meinen	Examples of prior logging experience and practice.

090	Sen. George	Question to Sen. Dwyer.
093	Sen. Dwyer	Comment regarding Opal Creek.
099	Meinen	Discussion of further development opportunities with private timber companies.
131	Sen. George	Comment.
135	Sen. George	Chair adjourns meeting at 4:39.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - The 2010 Plan, Robert Meinen, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (5 pp).
