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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PARKS**

**January 30, 1997 Hearing Room 137**

**3:00 PM Tapes 9 - 10**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**Sen. Joan Dukes**

**Sen. Veral Tarno**

**MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Gary George, Chair**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Glen Stonebrink, Administrator**

**Brad Harper, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**Public Testimony - Friends of Oregon State Parks**

**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 9, A</b>		
009	Vice-Chair Dwyer	Convenes meeting at 3:07 PM. Will begin as subcommittee and hear public testimony. Comments regarding funding issues facing parks.
030	Martha Weaver- Brittell	Friends of Cape Blanco. Discussion of usefulness of parks.
046	Vice-Chair Dwyer	Comments regarding Cape Blanco and parks system.
055	Sen. Tarno	Consensus between both houses regarding preservation of parks system. Agreement with Senator Dwyer's comments.
072	Louis Lagenbach	Friends of Cape Blanco. Support for park system.
077	Vice-Chair Dwyer	Question regarding options for park funding.
081	Weaver-Brittell	Discussion of bottle bill.
096	Sen. Dwyer	Comments regarding bottle bill options.
101	Weaver-Brittell	Believes there is public support for bottle bill increase.
111	Vice-Chair Dwyer	Calls Steve Martin to testify.
117	Steve Martin	Business person in Bend. Comments regarding broad based funding efforts to finance parks. Position of private ranchers and potential cooperation with parks system - joint venture.
175	Vice-Chair Dwyer	Appreciation for comments and time.
180	Sen. Tarno	Question
183	Martin	Response
188	Vice-Chair Dwyer	Welcomes new speakers
195	Genevieve & Clifford Angdahl	Park volunteers - Park Host's Program. Support for additional funding. Limitations on what volunteers can accomplish without support and assistance.
222	Vice-Chair Dwyer	Welcome
226	Mark Chamber	Director, Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses. Discussion of Oregon Parks volunteers. Discussion of park infrastructure and use levels. Concern for

		future economic situation. 200 members - group cooperates with government agencies. Discussion of park management.
326	George Watrous	Member, Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses. Importance of parks to economy.
355	Vice-Chair Dwyer	Welcomes new speaker
360	Dan Haynacki	President, Friends of Silver Falls. Discussion of "co-ops." Support for additional state funding. Issue of attracting new members. Discussion of Silver Falls. Impact of Park Closures.
<b>TAPE 10,A</b>		
040	Haynacki	Legacy of parks system.
053	Rex Swarzsinger	Private citizen. Support for preserving parks system.
054	Sen. Dwyer	Welcomes next speaker, Ruth Pennington.
055	Sen. Dukes	Acknowledgment of audience member, June Spence, Park Director.
086	Ruth Pennington	Friend of Tryon Creek State Park. Nature and history of Tryon as urban park. Summary of current park programs, including only "all abilities" state park trail. Necessity of long term funding.
130	Vice-Chair Dwyer	Welcomes next speaker
132	Dell Isham	Oregon Association of Conservation & Visitors Bureaus. Introduction to organization ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ). Discussion of impact of parks on state economy.
170	Sen. Dukes	Question regarding abolition of park room taxes.
180	Isham	Association members have two views of issue. Primarily concerned that state parks remain open.
205	Vice-Chair Dwyer	Welcomes next speaker
209	Michael Rich	Silver Falls Conference Center. Contribution of Silver Falls to state economy. History of conference center.
230	Vice-Chair Dwyer	Welcomes next speaker.
232	Todd Davidson	Oregon Tourism Commission. ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ). Issues facing committee are vital to state tourism. Visitors to Oregon pay 20 percent of gas tax. Tourism marketing program.
295	Vice-Chair Dwyer	Welcomes last speaker.
301	Mike Riley	Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Committee. Introduction and history of volunteer organization. Need for long-term stable funding.

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Adjourns meeting at 3:56.

**Submitted By, Reviewed By,**

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - Introductory Comments on State Parks, Dell Isham, Oregon Association of Convention & Visitors Bureaus (2 pp).**

**B - Oregon Tourism Commission Resolution & Written Testimony, Gerald W. Frank, Oregon Tourism Commission (2 pp).**

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