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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PARKS**

**February 25, 1997 Hearing Room 137**

**3:00 PM Tapes 15 - 16**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Sen. Joan Dukes, Chair Pro Tem**

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

**Sen. Verne Duncan**

**Sen. Veral Tarno**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Glen Stonebrink, Administrator**

**Brad Harper, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**Informational Meeting - Oregon Parks & 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.**

<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 15, A</b>		
005	Chair Dukes	Convenes meeting at 3:16 PM.
<b><u>Oregon Parks &amp; Recreation Department</u></b>		
022	Robert Meinen	Director, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department. Submission of written materials ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ). Discussion of privatization concept and public enterprises.
057	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding savings realized by privatization.
063	Meinen	Question regarding scope of committee's interest in privatization.
067	Sen. Duncan	Statement regarding benefits of park system to public.
082	Meinen	Discussion of "public trust."
088	Sen. Duncan	Comment
090	Sen. Dwyer	Discussion of state government's role and impact of budgetary concerns.
110	Meinen	Discussion of complexity of privatization issues: contract agreements with private enterprise and franchise agreements.
135	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding current use of concessionaires.
142	Meinen	Food service and marina facilities concessionaires currently used in some Oregon parks.
160	Sen. Dwyer	Statement regarding problems facing committee. Need for \$30 million in funding. Solution should not negatively impact consumer.
181	Sen. Tarno	Question to Sen. Dwyer regarding pending legislation.
185	Sen. Dwyer	Committee can introduce legislation immediately.
190	Chair Dukes	Certain bills must begin in House.
195	Sen. Dwyer	Discussion of funding options.
215	Chair Dukes	Suggests that committee staff draft committee bill.

225	Sen. Tarno	Discussion of cooperative effort and readiness to go into work session.
232	Sen. Dwyer	Discussion of Ways & Means considerations. Question regarding necessary funding levels.
245	Meinen	Governor's funding level at \$6-7 million, but some closures would still be necessary. To keep parks open, \$6.2 million additional funds necessary.
266	Sen. Duncan	Statement
270	Sen. Tarno	Statement
273	Sen. Dwyer	Statement
284	Sen. Duncan	Question regarding availability of funding options.
294	Meinen	Response
300	Chair Dukes	Suggestion to involve committee staff and recommend that Chair George set agenda accordingly.
310	Sen. Dwyer	Agrees with Chair Dukes.
319	Sen. Tarno	Issue of privatization must be resolved.
327	Sen. Dwyer	Discussion of bottle tax.
340	Chair Dukes	Redirects discussion to privatization.
347	Meinen	Discussion of privatization, volunteerism, service shedding, assets sales.
381	Chair Dukes	Question regarding priority of potential park closures.
389	Meinen	Issues facing camp grounds and revenue.
407	Chair Dukes	Question
411	Meinen	Response
422	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding marginal parks.
<b>TAPE 16,A</b>		
030	Meinen	Response
040	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding specific parks.
042	Meinen	Response
049	Sen. Dwyer	Comment regarding operation of parks if limited to profitability.

056	Sen. Duncan	Question regarding labor costs and fee differences between public and private parks.
071	Sen. Tarno	Comment regarding privatization of OHSU and state fair.
078	Sen. Dwyer	Statement regarding involving local community.
091	Chair Dukes	Question regarding contracting laws.
094	Meinen	Response
100	Chair Dukes	Question regarding changes in park practices if goal was to make profit.
111	Sen. Duncan	Comment regarding necessity of keeping parks open despite profitability.
118	Sen. Dwyer	Agrees with Sen. Duncan that government has obligation to fund parks.
134	Chair Dukes	Statement regarding measure 47 and local communities.
139	Sen. Dwyer	Comment
142	Sen. Duncan	Comment
148	Meinen	Question regarding how committee wishes to proceed.
161	Chair Dukes	Discussion of future process.
166	Sen. Tarno	Emphasizes need to get to work session.
172	Chair Dukes	Question
175	Meinen	Discussion of proposed legislation effecting parks.
189	Chair Dukes	Question regarding relating to clause of SB 393.
194	Meinen	Discussion of SB 393 & 394.
204	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding League of Oregon Cities and League of Oregon Counties.
210	Meinen	Discussion of groups who have been involved in inquiry process.
227	Chair Dukes	Question
228	Meinen	Response
234	Sen. Dwyer	Comment regarding lottery funds.
250	Chair Dukes	Chair adjourns meeting at 4:02 PM.

**Submitted By, Reviewed By,**

**Brad Harper Glen Stonebrink**

**Administrative Assistant Administrator**

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - Oregon Parks & Recreation Department, written Materials, Robert Meinen, 3 pp.**

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