

SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

March 8, 1995    Hearing Room 343  
3:00 P.M.        Tapes 45, 46,

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bob Kintigh, Chair  
Sen. Bradbury  
Sen. Bill Dwyer  
Sen. Tom Hartung  
Sen. Rod Johnson, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Marilyn Shannon

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Bruce McIntosh, Committee Administrator  
Catrina Victor, Committee Assistant  
MEASURES HEARD: SB -530, Public Hearing and  
Work Session

SB -627, Public Hearing and Work Session  
SB -944, Public Hearing and Work Session  
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Tape 45A.

02        Opens PUBLIC HEARING/POSSIBLE WORK SESSION on 627  
04        Chair Kintigh: Meeting called to order at 3:12 P.M.  
10        Roger Byer: Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association. Currently  
everyone pays.        This bill will create a user fee only. Therefore, no non-user will have to  
pay the        increase. Our group is unanimously in favor of this bill.  
45        Lorna Youngs: Oregon Department of Agriculture. We are in favor of this  
bill.        This program is funded through license fees.  
65        Sen. Dwyer: How many people are we talking about?  
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70        Youngs: About 1000 growers in Oregon and around 2000 total certificates  
are issued        a year. Also, this will be a better mechanism for tracking.  
96        Sen. Johnson: How do you determine these trees are free of pests?  
100 Bob Obermeier: Oregon Department of Agriculture. This is similar to a  
letter of credit to tree healthiness. Two visual inspections are conducted  
on the trees.  
120 Youngs: Wishes to change the wording from "inspection" to  
"certificate."  
140 Stan Low: Christmas tree farmer. Gives growers opinion of this bill.  
Notes that paperwork being sent to foreign markets are held up at the  
borders when certification is required to show the trees are acceptable to  
be transported and are healthy. Supports this bill.  
190 Sen. Johnson: Of the truck loads of trees being shipped out of the  
state what is the price of the trees sold vs. in state sales?

200 Low: The trees are roughly the same cost.

220 Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB -627

222 Opens WORK SESSION on SB -627

245 Chair Kintigh: Publicly states personal "conflict of interest."

250 MOTION: SEN. DWYER: Moves to ADOPT 627 AS AMENDED to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

270 VOTE: 6-0. MOTION CARRIED.  
All members present.  
Sen. Kintigh to carry this item.

278 Closes WORK SESSION on SB -627

280 Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB -944

290 Chair Kintigh: Moves to next first witness.

299 John Burns: Brief overview and introduction of Steve Duca. See exhibit E.

350 Stephen Duca: MSRC. Describes the vessels and equipment currently being used. Explains about "hazardous discharge violations."

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Tape 46A,

05 Duca: Reviews the basic process of "skimming" the oil off.

11 Sen. Dwyer: How much oil are we talking about putting back?

21 Low: We would be governed under both DEQ the Federal guidelines and restrictions.

Explains that the product is run through the separator twice.

39 Sen. Dwyer: Re-clarifies what the witnesses have stated.

45 Sen. Bradbury: What would you do if you couldn't get this bill passed?

55 Duca: We would have to arrange for many more barges. Stop our operations while working,

move into port, switch barges, and then re- look up.

75 Low: Bob Danko of DEQ has given approval on this bill.

77 Bob Danko: DEQ. Is in the audience and confirms his support.

79 Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB -944

80 Opens WORK SESSION on SB -944

85 MOTION: SEN. BRADBURY: Moves to ADOPI SB -944 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

90 VOTE: 6-0. MOTION CARRIED.

All members present.

Sen. Bradbury to carry this item.

97 Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB -530

100 Sen. Johnson: Test)files on SB -530. In the original drafting of this bill doesn't fall under the Reforestation Act. Provides proposed amendment. This bill is about getting under productive land back into production.

135 Chair Kintigh: An amendment by LC has been submitted defining "parcel" further.

150 Sen. Dwyer: Do you think people might plant trees just to prevent what may happen in the future? Say 40 years from now?

160 Sen. Johnson: Yes.

170 Sen. Hartung: Is it possible for Christmas tree farms to fall under marginal stand?

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197 Chair Kintigh: Yes. Douglas fir may. But noble fir, in low areas, no.

206 Sen. Hartung: Recites a story of a patch of land that may fit into a category in this bill.

219 Sen. Bradbury: Reads the exact definition of marginable stand. Also that it varies from what the committee may believe. Asks for further clarification of wording within the bill.

245 Sen. Johnson: Responds with an example.

259 Sen. Bradbury: What you say is true, assuming no one does manage the land.

290 Sen. Johnson: An example of the land I am talking about is the hills in my area that have been bare for 20-30 years.

301 Sen. Dwyer: So this will exempt you from the Forest Practice Act?

312 Sen. Johnson: Yes.

320 Sen. Hartung: How does that relate to poplar trees?

330 Sen. Kintigh: They could fall under this bill.

340 Sen. Johnson: I'm not opposed to "tightening up" the definitions within this bill.

363 Chair Kintigh: Relays his personal story of tree planting and being able to harvest it at a later date. Currently is unable to harvest trees as the law stands.

Tape 45B,  
390 Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB -530

395 Chair Kintigh: The committee will schedule this bill in the near future and review it with the proposed amendments. Meeting adjourned 4:10 P.M.

Submitted by,

a Victor~McIntosh  
Committee Assistant ~ommittee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A-Senate Bill 627 and Staff Measure Summary- 4 pg.

B-Lorna ~ounlJs. ODA SB -627- 1 pg.

C-SB -627 amendments- 1 pg.

D-Packet of information provided by Stephen Duca- 38 pg. 515 qWY

E-Senate Bill 944 an Staff Measure Summary- 2 pg.

F-Senate Bill 530 and Staff Measure Summary- 2 pg.

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