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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
WATER POLICY

Hearing Room
Tapes A, 9A

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Chuck Norris, Chair
Rep. Tim Josi, Vice-Chair
Rep. Avel Gordly
Rep. Jim Welsh

MEMBER EXCUSED:

Rep. John Watt

STAFF PRESENT:

Pat Zwick, Committee Administrator
Gail E. Boesch, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

HB 2184 - Public Hearing and Possible Work Session

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TAPE , A

005 CHAIR NORRIS: Calls the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.
Opens PUBLIC HEARING on HB 2184

Witnesses: Tom Byler, Legislative Aide
Martha Pagel, Water Resources Department
Jan Boettcher, Water Resources Congress
Pete Test, Oregon Farm Bureau
Rep. Lynn Lundquist
Richard Koesan, Water For Life
Ves Garner, Natural Resource Conservation Districts
Jim Myron, Oregon Trout

032 TOM BYLER, REPRESENTATIVE NORRIS' LEGISLATIVE AIDE: Submits and gives brief overview of Exhibit A regarding similarities and differences between HB 2184 and HB 2419.

060 CHAIR NORRIS: Explains why he requested this report (Exhibit A).

066 BYLER: Reads from Exhibit A. HB 2184 involves 8 separate concepts.

094 CHAIR NORRIS: Addresses question to Ms. Pagel regarding problems dividing bill would generate.

100 MARTHA PAGEL, WRD: Prefers to keep bill intact to reflect internal balance, cohesiveness with strategic plan.

119 CHAIR NORRIS: Questions whether Ms. Pagel agrees with Exhibit A.

124 PAGEL: States she hasn't had time to review.

130 CHAIR NORRIS: Will address HB 2184 again next meeting. Suggests interested parties review HB 2419 to streamline process, eliminate duplication.

150 REP. JOSI: Comments in support of dividing HB 2184 into several bills

155 REP. WELSH: Considers that maybe only "problem areas" be put into separate bills.

158 REP. GORDLY: Prefers one bill.

166 JAN BOETTCHER, OREGON WATER RESOURCES CONGRESS (OWRC): Prefers issues be separated; ability to pass in pieces more likely than as whole bill. Comments regarding overlap of bills already in process and HB 2184; assures OWRC's willingness to work together with WRD.

195 PETE TEST, OREGON FARM BUREAU: Speaks to livestock watering portion of HB 2184. Submits Exhibit C. Explains change in position on livestock watering cap; not necessary. Expresses criticism of expectations for voluntary involvement in a program that will be costly to livestock owners.

274 CHAIR NORRIS: Discusses Mr. Kosesan's submittal of livestock watering information regarding limit on amount of diverted water per 1000 head of stock, submitted per request of last meeting. (Exhibit D)

289 REP. LUNDQUIST: Presents cattleman's perspective concerning livestock watering exemption; sees off stream watering as a "win-win" situation. Question is not about adequate water; issue is creation of more unnecessary, unenforceable regulations. Perceives this as watershed health issue, not livestock or water issue.

346 CHAIR NORRIS: Questions if Rep. Lundquist primary objection is to the watering cap.

355 REP. LUNDQUIST: Yes, specifically that. Strongly supports the idea of the livestock watering exemption.

360 CHAIR NORRIS: Questions if cattle will stay away from creek.

366 REP. LUNDQUIST: Shares that cattle prefer trough, nice clear water; trough can be significant distance from stream, promotes watershed health.

376 CHAIR NORRIS. Solicits Rep. Lundquist's opinion of how cattle community might react.

379 REP. LUNDQUIST: Observes that implementation of off stream watering will go "faster than you think"; livestock owners don't want to ride and keep cattle off stream.

TAPE 9, A

005 RICHARD KOSESAN, WATER FOR LIFE: Submits Exhibit D.

009 CHAIR NORRIS: Fax from Jill Zarnowitz, Habitat Manager, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Exhibit E): Suggests amendment to HB 2184, section 8, that a new subsection 4 be added regarding adding a voluntary education program on reasons and means to keep livestock away from streams.

050 VES GARNER, WATER RESOURCES CO-CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS: Endorses concept of offstream watering. Supports suggested amendment.

070 JIM MYRON, OREGON TROUT: (EXHIBIT B) Speaks first regarding the Water Supply Fund; suggests that any water conservation projects funded with public dollars go through the Conserve Water Statutes. Suggests that funds be used for purchase of water rights rather than lease of rights.

- Regarding livestock watering exemption, moderates original position slightly. Still thinking best solution is fencing livestock away from streams.

- Submits BPA suggestions on how to manage livestock and riparian zones.

Proposes amendments included in Exhibit B, Page 2.

138 CHAIR NORRIS: Decides not to proceed with work session at this meeting.

178 CHAIR NORRIS ADJOURNS MEETING AT 2:15 pm

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Gail E. Boesch Pat Zwick
Committee Assistant Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

- A - Comparison of HB 2419 and HB 2184, Jeanette Holman, Deputy Legal Counsel, 2 pages
- B - Testimony on HB 2184, Jim Myron, Oregon Trout, 2 pages
- C - Documents regarding the Watering Behavior of Cattle, Pete Test, Oregon Farm Bureau, 6 pages
- D - Livestock Watering Requirements, Richard Koesan, Water for Life, 4 pages.
- E - Faxed Testimony on HB 2184, Jill Zarnowitz, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1 page.