

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

May 19, 1993 Hearing Room D 3:30 p.m. Tapes 88 - 91

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen, Chair Rep. Sam Dominy
Rep. Bill Fisher Rep. Tim Josi Rep. Dennis Luke Rep. Bill Markham Rep.
Chuck Norris

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Ray Baum Rep. Marilyn Dell

STAFF PRESENT: Catherine Fitch, Committee Administrator Sue
Nichol, Committee Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED:

Overview - Projected Lumber Supply for Oregon's Future HB 3510 - Public
Hearing and Work Session HB 2353 - Public Hearing

WITNESSES: Fred Van Natta, Oregon State Home
Builder's Association Dan Goldy, Consulting Economist Ray Craig,
Department of Forestry Jill Boling, Department of Forestry Greg Miller,
Oregon Forest Industries Kay Brown, Oregon Department of Fish and
Wildlife Cindy Ziel, Oregon Pet Industry Association Michael Twain,
Oregon Pet Industry Association Rep. Kevin Mannix, District 32 Rebecca
Owen Anderson, Oregon Animal Welfare Alliance Phil Ward, Department
of Agriculture Sharon Harmon, Oregon Animal Welfare Alliance Janice
Hixon, Metro Washington Park Zoo Bret Sellers, Metro Washington Park Zoo
Dr. Marc Hayes

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005 CHAIR VanLEEuwEN: Calls the meeting to order at 3:45. OVERVIEW
PROJECTED LUMBER SUPPLY FOR OREGON'S FUTURE

015 FRED VAN NATTA, Oregon State Home Builder's Association:
Our organization commissioned Dan Goldy to conduct a study on
the

availability of lumber supply needs for new home construction (Exhibit
A).

048 DAN GOLDY, Consulting Economist: Summarizes the results of his
study on the supply of lumber for new housing construction and
remodeling

(Exhibit A).

144 The study shows the price increase was due to a decrease in supply.

175 Explains chart on trends in public timber contract volumes (Exhibit B).

245 The lumber shortage will cause counties to lose revenues and jobs to be lost.

286 REP. DOMINY: What is happening to the actual lumber cost?

290 GOLDY: The price has been abnormally spiked. The composite price has gone up to \$507. If you get the kind of demand that the homebuilders

are forecasting, there will be no limit to how high the composite price can get.

333 The only substitutes are steel and aluminum. To produce the amount of steel and aluminum necessary to replace lumber lost due to the spotted

owl would cost much in oil, pollution, etc.

370 CHAIR VanLEEUEWEN: This affects school funding.

375 GOLDY: The problem of the schools is a problem of revenues of the state. Revenues are reduced when timber sales are stopped.

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025 REP. LUKE: What is the multiplier for a house, on how much money it puts into the economy?

029 GOLDY: I don't have the exact multiplier but it is the greatest leveraged area of any economic sector in the economy.

043 VAN NATTA: On jobs, it's 1.7 person-years of employment for every single family house that's built.

046 REP. MARKHAM: What is the overcut of the private supply of timber because of the limitation on federal timber?

052 GOLDY: As the public timber has been shut down, the cut on private lands has increased enormously. Younger and younger trees are being

cut.

109 CHAIR VanLEEUEWEN: I think we were almost to a place of having a sustainable supply a few years ago.

110 GOLDY: Yes. Our future is going down the drain.

119 REP. MARKHAM: Do our Northwest U.S. Congressmen have an understanding of the problem?

123 GOLDY: I'm not sure if they know the O & C lands, as a

separate management entity and a source of revenue, has been wiped out. The

future is in the hands of the Clinton Administration. I think the legislature of Oregon should have a say in this.

146 REP. JOSI: Are you familiar with Mr. Whitelaw, an economist in Eugene? He claims the timber industry impacts the economy very slightly. Please comment on his ideas.

162 GOLDY: His argument is that price runoffs are due to an increase of demand, not supply. He works for the preservationists. He said you

could totally close up the owl forests for sales and it would have no effect on the economy. That should say enough about his judgement.

192 REP. JOSI: We hear the argument that we can shut it down now or shut it down in ten years because the supply will be gone.

196 GOLDY: I reject that thesis. The federal timber is sold on a sustained basis. The south is overcutting. The Pacific Northwest grew 15% more

than it harvested. Old growth is only cut 1 to 2% per year.

249 REP. JOSI: I hear from people that you can see that the forests have been decimated.

263 GOLDY: Management prescriptions have changed. Douglas firs need clearcut areas in order to grow back.

312 REP. FISHER: People are taking timber off their property because they're scared an owl might be found on their land and they won't be

able to sell it.

360 VAN NATTA: The Elliot State Forest is governed by the legislature; it does not have to be controlled by the Federal Government.

390 RAY CRAIG, Department of Forestry: Gives a summary of the past and projected lumber harvests on Oregon state lands. Shows chart on

breakdown of the 19,400,000 acres of Oregon's commercial forests (Exhibit C).

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050 The lands we manage are not old growth.

060 JILL BOLING, Department of Forestry: Shows and explains charts on the amount of lumber harvested; the value of timber harvested; and the price trends of timber harvested (Exhibit C). The volume is going down, but

the price is going up. 111 REP. FISHER: According to figures I was given by the Forestry Department, harvest is \$10 million less for this biennium than for

biennium before.

115 BOLING: Were those figures just for the Elliot?

119 REP. FISHER: Yes.

120 BOLING: Continues to explain price fluctuations.

125 CRAIG: There is an opportunity to explore the non-industrial private supply.

140 REP. MARKHAM: That's the land we're overcutting.

144 I don't know to what extent that's happening.

170 GREG MILLER, Oregon Forest Industries Council: Gives a state timber purchaser's view on the effect of federal timber supply shortage.

Submits information (Exhibit D). Explains the purpose of his organization.

338 VAN NATTA: The State of Oregon should step out with harvests with the owl and show the federal government how it can be done. Maps of private industrial production can be made where it is below the maximum. The

legislature could be a player in the forest summit.

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PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 3510

021 CATHERINE FITCH: HB 3510 refines the statutes prohibiting the possession of live walking catfish, caribe or piranha to refer

specifically to specific subfamilies of these species which pose potential threats to the balance of fish populations or human health

(Exhibit E).

039 KAY BROWN, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife: Reads testimony in support of HB 3510 and requests amendments (Exhibit F).

095 REP. NORRIS: Can either of these survive in the wild up here?

099 BROWN: Possibly.

118 In response to a question from Rep. Fisher, we refer to the species that have teeth and are specifically known as piranha.

123 CINDY ZIEL, Oregon Pet Industry Association: We would suggest

that taddyella be added to the list of true piranha.

153 MICHAEL TWAIN, Oregon Pet Industry Association: Has nothing else to add.

159 CHAIR VanLEEuwEN: Closes public hearing on HB 3510. WORK SESSION ON 3510

165 MOTION: REP. DOMINY: Moves to adopt the proposed amendments from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and also include taddyella in the list.

184 CHAIR VanLEEuwEN: Repeats the motion.

185 VOTE: CHAIR VanLEEuwEN: Hearing no objection, the amendments are ADOPTED.

192 CHAIR VanLEEuwEN: Is there any additional cost to government?

193 TWAIN: There should be a savings because we won't end up in court with these problems.

195 MOTION: REP. DOMINY: Moves HB 3510, as amended, to the full committee with a DO PASS recommendation.

200 CHAIR VanLEEuwEN: Repeats the motion.

204 VOTE: On a roll call vote, all members present vote AYE. REPS. BAUM and DELL are EXCUSED.

206 REP. FISHER will carry the bill.

208 CHAIR VanLEEuwEN: Closes work session on HB 3510.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2353

210 REP. KEVIN MANNIX, District 32: HB 2353 adds to the definition of exotic animal any reptile species not indigenous to Oregon. It also

adds any amphibian species not indigenous to Oregon. There is a problem with people bringing in reptiles and amphibians from outside the area.

Proposes amendments (Exhibit G).

279 REP FISHER: The fiscal impact statement indicates that there would only be 50 additional permits (Exhibit H)?

291 REP. MANNIX: That's an estimation by the Department of Agriculture as to how many situations will require a permit. There are probably only

50 boa constrictors or special kinds of lizards or whatever that will require a permit.

295 REP. FISHER: Do they require that if I have a boa constrictor, I need a permit?

297 REP. MANNIX: My assumption is yes.

304 REBECCA OWEN ANDERSON, Oregon Animal Welfare Alliance: The intention was to oversee animals that represented a danger to indigenous

populations, to the public or to endangered populations in the wild.

320 PHIL WARD, Department of Agriculture: That number of permits was our best guess based on conversations with the proponents of the bill. My

reading of the amendments is that a permit would be required from all three of the classes. Our fiscal impact did not anticipate a permit from class 3.

345 REP. MARKHAM: Will you get into the frogs, lizards and turtles that are not dangerous? Why do we need to license that sort of thing?

351 REP. MANNIX: Yes, I think the word "shall" should be changed to "may" because they don't need to license all those categories.

367 REP. FISHER: Why do you need separate permits for every class?

372 REP. MANNIX: They could end up saying that a Class A permit will be good for all the other classes.

381 REP. FISHER: If you're not going to charge the individual for having the class 3 animals, why do you need to charge the pet store for selling the same thing?

398 WARD: The sellers would be required to submit care guidelines and there would be an approval process.

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011 REP. FISHER: How many instances of problems have you had with the reptiles and amphibians escaping?

019 WARD: I believe in the last year that we've had a couple of instances of problems. I'm aware of two instances in the recent past.

030 REP. MANNIX: Disease control is not the only reason we may want to control these animals.

046 CHAIR VanLEEuwEN: Why did you ask for the bill?

049 SHARON HARMON, Oregon Animal Welfare Alliance: Our concern is for the animal. The bullfrog is an instance of an amphibian brought in that has negatively impacted Oregon.

065 REP. MANNIX: The bill addresses the need for owners who will properly care for these animals so they don't escape to the community and so they are properly cared for. The amendments address the realistic needs of

the Department of Agriculture to regulate someone who has these animals.

081 REP. FISHER: I don't see how these regulations will change how

these animals are cared for.

094 HARMON: Testifies in favor of HB 2353. Principle interest is in protection of the animals. Up to 90% of these animals are dead within

two years. Summarizes testimony (Exhibit I).

160 JANICE HIXON, Metro Washington Park Zoo: Testifies in favor of HB 2353 in order to protect the animals. Reads letter from Dr. Mark Burgess

telling of the sick reptiles he saw because of inadequate diet and environment (Exhibit J). Distributes testimony (Exhibit K) and additional information on care of reptiles (Exhibit L).

263 BRET SELLERS, Metro Washington Park Zoo: Details problem of individuals owning dangerous reptiles.

349 DR. MARC HAYES: Amphibians harbor much bacteria. Native fishes are vulnerable to some of the viruses amphibians carry.

393 REP. FISHER: Why don't we prohibit these animals from being sold?

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015 HIXON: Most of us probably want the sales of these inappropriate animals banned, but we thought we may be able to get this passed.

037 CINDY ZIEL, Oregon Pet Industry Association: There are problems with the bill, including the cost to the Department of Agriculture, some of

the logistics of implementation and the fact that the bill does not address some of the problems brought up. Submits testimony (Exhibit M).

040 REP. FISHER: What would be the impact on the pet trade if some of these exotic animals were not available?

044 MICHAEL TWAIN, Oregon Pet Industry Association: Questions how permits can be issued for low cost reptiles and amphibians. Submits testimony

in opposition to HB 2353 (Exhibit N).

Also submitted for the record: - Testimony in support of HB 2353 and the amendments by Rep. Lisa Naito (Exhibit O).

063 REP. DOMINY: Closes hearing on HB 2353.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07.

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