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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
REVENUE AND SCHOOL FINANCE  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON INCOME  
TAXATION

MARCH 12, 1993 8:00 a.m. FOREST PRODUCTS TOUR

Members Present: Representative John Schoon,  
Chair  
Representative Ron Adams  
Representative Tony Federici  
Representative Fred Girod  
Representative Gail Shibley  
Staff: Richard Yates, Legislative Revenue  
Office  
Mary Gottlieb, Committee  
Assistant  
Paula McBride, Committee  
Assistant

The tour got underway at 8:20 a.m. in front of the capitol building. Our hosts were Craig Hanneman, Willamette Industries, and Linc Cannon, Oregon Forest Industries Council, and our guide was Jim James also from Willamette Industries. Willamette Industries owns three particle board plants and is the largest forest products employer in the state, employing 4,000. The company has a total of 320,000 acres of timber in Oregon, but we visited their 120,000 acres west of Falls City.

After a short stop in Dallas to pick up passengers, we proceeded to the George Gerlinger Tree Farm. We stopped in an area overlooking Teal Creek to assess the animal damage. Our guide took us over a short trail noting the damage done by bears. The bears eat the bark off the trees which eventually kills the trees. Another animal that eats at the roots of the trees is the mouse. For this reason, the foresters build hawk perches to attract the birds who will eat the mice.

From Teal Creek, we proceeded to Berry Creek Falls. At this location, we observed a logging crew clear cutting on the side of the mountain. Approximately 99 percent of their tree crop is Douglas Fir because it is the most valuable. Because Douglas Fir will not grow in the shade, a large area of trees are clear cut at one time and then replanted. A row of trees were left standing on each side of the creek as a protective buffer.

Our next stop was a viewpoint in the Black Rock area. In 1987, a forest fire destroyed 5,000 acres and much of the damage is still there.

Lunch was served at Camp Tapawingo, a youth camp run by the Baptist Church.

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The bus returned to Salem at 12:20 p.m.

Mary Gottlieb, Committee Assistant

Kimberly Taylor, Office Manager

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

1. A Packet of the History of Willamette Industries, Jim James.

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