

Visit to Willamette Egg Farms
No tapes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
HOUSE REVENUE AND SCHOOL FINANCE
PROPERTY TAX SUBCOMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 17, 1993 7:30 AM WILLAMETTE EGG FARNS

Members Present: Representative Tom Brian, Chair Representative Margaret
Carter Representative Fred Girod Representative Jim Whitty

Members Excused: Representative Mike Burton Representative Delna Jones

Witnesses Present: Jim Manary, Department of Revenue

Staff: James Scherzinger, Legislative Revenue Officer Steve Meyer,
Legislative Revenue Office
Paula McBride, Committee Assistant
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7:50: Group left Capitol.

8:00 JOHN DILORENZO introduced members of the tour.

8:10 JOE HAGEN said Willamette Egg Farm was a farming operation that was
commodity driven and money driven. He discussed the original law (1969)
that exempted farm machinery and equipment as personal property and, thus,
exempt. The original bill was amended in 1973 to include all farm
equipment. By 1983 some counties began to tax farm machinery and equipment,
and by 1993 all counties were doing so. LC 2533 would once again classify
farm machinery and equipment as personal property, and he urged the members
to support this bill, especially to support competition with other states.

8:25 MERLE KIRK gave a description of the tour and a history of Willamette
Egg Farms. He spoke about the importance of being an Oregon employer.

8:45 GORDON SATRUM explained the disposition of chicken manure at the
Willamette Egg Farms. Additionally, the Farms planted 350 acres of filberts
three years ago to diversify.

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8:50 Tour of facility egg laying building processing and packaging of eggs

9:55 Breakfast provided to tour members.

10:30 JOE HAGEN recapped: He clarified the 1969 and reiterated that they
believed personal property was now being taxed as real property. He
supported the proposed LC, which would effect only four to five companies
in Oregon.

Paula K. McBride, Committee Assistant

Kimberly Taylor , Office Manager

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

1. Agenda: Fact Finding Tour For Members and Staff of the House
Subcommittee on Property Tax: House Bill 3031; attached to LC 2533 (HB
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