

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

DATE: March 3, 1993 TAPES: 58, 59, 61 PLACE: Hearing Room
C TIME: 8:00 AM MEMBERS PRESENT: Senator Ron Cease, Chair
Senator Jim Bunn, Vice-Chair Senator Joyce Cohen Senator Bob Kintigh
Senator Bob Shoemaker Senator Gordon Smith Senator Dick Springer STAFF
PRESENT: Peter Green, Administrator Chris Warner, Research Associate
Kus Soumie, Clerk MEASURES HEARD: SB 27 WRK SB 195 PUB LC
INTRODUCTION: LC 3324 LC 1513 LC 3328 - THESE MINUTES CONTAIN
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SESSION. ONLY TEXT ENCLOSED IN QUOTATION MARKS REPORTS A SPEAKER'S EXACT
WORDS. FOR COMPLETE CONTENTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS. PLEASE REFER TO THE
TAPES.

TAPE 58 SIDE A 005 CHAIR CEASE CALLS MEETING TO ORDER 8:00 AM PUBLIC
HEARING ON SB 195

WITNESSES: Joel Ario, OSPIRG Quincy Sugarman, OSPIRG Annabelle
Jaramillo, Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs Becky Riley, NCAP
Raymond Meyer, Oregon Landscape Contractors Assn. Tom Brawley, Marion
County Farm Bureau Tim Pheiffer, Pheiffer Farms Eric Nicholson, PCUN
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Bette Disselbret, Citizens for Safe Water Paul Thiers

019 JOEL ARIO, OSPIRG, offers testimony on SB 195, and presents
overview of EXHIBIT B, including background information on bill and
overview of proposed amendments.

092 QUINCY SUGARMAN, OSPIRG, offers testimony on SB 195, and presents
overview of EXHIBIT C (parts 1,2,3).

- emerging pattern of groundwater contamination in Oregon - proposed
program modeled after program in California - proactive approach needed
- research and promotion of alternatives to toxic pesticides need
funding

219 CHAIR CEASE: What is the status of the current ground water
protection program in the Governor's budget?

222 ARIO: Governor's budget continues support for the ground water
protection program. There is continued general fund support at
\$500,000.00 per biennium. We believe that this program would be better
supported with user fees as there are on the industrial side.

- Super Fund paid for entirely by user fees on the industrial side -
letter circulated by opposition alleged to be incorrect - initiative
process is alternative route to inaction of Legislature

WORK SESSION ON SB 27

WITNESSES: Bob Danko, DEQ Chris Warner, Committee Staff

307 CHRIS WARNER, Committee Staff, offers testimony on SB 27, and
presents overview of EXHIBIT A.

326 BOB DANKO, DEQ, offers testimony on SB 27, and presents overview of
EXHIBIT A (-2 amendments to SB 27).

- clarification of amendments with questions from committee members

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005 DANKO: - continues testimony on -2 amendments to SB 27.

MOTION: Chair Cease asks for objections to the -2

VOTE: Hearing no objections MOTION CARRIES ACTION: -2 amendments to SB 27 adopted by the committee

MOTION: Chair Cease moves SB 27 as amended to the FLOOR DO PASS

VOTE: In a roll call vote of 7 - 0 (Sen Cohen voting later in the hearing) ACTION: SB 27 (as amended) TO THE FLOOR DO PASS

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE Lcs 3324, 1513, 3378

VOTE: Sen Cease asks for objections to introduction of LC 3324, 1513, 3378 ACTION: Hearing objection to LC 3324 (dealing with industrial uses of hemp) from Senators Bunn, Smith and Kintigh LC 3324, 1513, and 3378 are ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 195 WITNESSES: Terry Witt, Oregonians For Food and Shelter 078 TERRY WITT, Oregonians for Food and Shelter, offers testimony opposing SB 195, and presents overview of EXHIBIT D.

- data is needed to prove allegations of groundwater impurity

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- wellhead protection testimony from Fred Hanson in error conditions of Oregon's waters are not based in fact - proposed reduction plan process is totally unmanageable and unnecessary - no vote urged

244 SEN SPRINGER: Agriculture runoff and non-point sources are the major problem on the Malheur River. I did not mean to imply that there are chemicals out there. I would be glad to go out with you on Hwy 26, where the bridge crosses over the Malheur River in Vale. Any time of the year I think you would agree that this is a water quality limited river. It is not swimmable and fish can't survive in it.

270 WITT: Pesticides, fertilizers, soil runoff and animal management practices were all lumped together. This demonstrates that in areas of high agricultural use, from a runoff perspective, current management activities are helping to protect our water sources.

284 SEN SPRINGER: Negative impacts are being avoided by the agricultural community. Do you agree to basic principles that the public needs access to information on problems that may exist. Data submitted by you, demonstrates that there is not a problem. I would think that would be information that you would want to share with the public to reassure them.

301 WITT: Scientific data can be used in either direction. The point I am trying to make is that the wide-spread conception that water is in danger is erroneous. Pesticide industry is not launching a massive toxic assault on the groundwaters of Oregon.

WORK SESSION ON SB 27

VOTE: Sen Cohen votes aye on SB 27

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 195 (Continues)

359 ANNABELLE JARAMILLO, Executive Director, Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs, offers testimony on SB 195, and presents overview of EXHIBIT E. Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources March 3, 1993 Page 5

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005 JARAMILLO: - continues testimony in favor of SB 195, and overview of EXHIBIT E.

- pesticide reduction should be a goal of the agricultural industry - environmental and public health concerns need to be addressed - registry proposed in SB 195 will aid in the identification of causal agents for farm workers health problems - farm workers should be notified when they are exposed to toxic chemicals

065 BECKY RILEY, NCAP, offers testimony in favor of SB 195, and presents overview of EXHIBIT F.

- 300,000 farm workers exposed to toxic chemicals directly or indirectly yearly 60% of farm workers report irritations from direct pesticide contamination

124 SEN SPRINGER: Are you aware of a preliminary study establishing a correlation to exposure to agricultural chemicals and the early onset of Parkinson's Disease?

140 RILEY: - comments on Sen Springer and Sen Cohen's remarks

- continues testimony on SB 195, and overview of EXHIBIT F. - referral to Quincy Sugarman's testimony (Malheur County pesticide problems) - map of pesticide contamination in Oregon groundwater - fish and bird kills from pesticides are common - fish kills range from small to very large (238,000 fish at once) - Bald Eagles killed due to pesticides

283 RAYMOND MYER, Oregon Landscape Contractors Assn., offers testimony on SB 195, and presents overview of opposition to the bill.

- we have kept records of pesticides and herbicides used for 15 years - pesticide misuse/overuse is mainly uneducated and untrained consumers at garden centers

340 SEN COHEN: Pesticide registration done only by manufacturers. I believe that there will be an economic impact based on the applicator permit, but you as a user will not pay the registration fee.

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351 MYER: - continues testimony on SB 195.

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005 TOM BRAWLEY, Marion County Farm Bureau, offers testimony on SB 195, and presents overview of opposition to proposed legislation.

- high cost of pesticides restrict excessive use by applicators - excess use of pesticides would be poor management

067 TIM PHEIFFER, Pfeiffer Farms, OWGL, offers testimony on SB 195, and presents overview of opposition to the bill.

- difficult to maintain quality and quantity of crops without pesticides

094 SEN SPRINGER: Denmark, for example, depends on agriculture and deals with an international economy. They are committed to many of the same things represented in this bill. Why can farmers in Denmark do this and Oregon can't?

100 BRAWLEY: Farmers in Marion County are committed to good stewardship. Our main problem with this bill is the increased record keeping. It is not our aim to destroy the land or water we depend on.

119 SEN COHEN: ODOA has the authority to obtain records on your pesticide use? I am concerned that the records are kept for the purpose of research and/or study.

126 PHEIFFER: Most individual farmers keep records and there will be mandates in the future from the Federal Government.

130 SEN COHEN: This 24 hour record is for notification and protection of farm workers.

139 SEN SMITH: Are your customers concerned about the quality of your product. Why do you keep records on pesticides. Would they reject your product if they thought it was unsafe? Are your products tested for safety?

140 PHEIFFER: We keep records in order to deal with problems. It may or may not be for a customer. I would think they would reject the product if shown to be

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150 SEN SMITH: I know these products are tested for safety.

200 ERIC NICHOLSON, PCUN, offers testimony on SB 195, and presents overview of EXHIBIT G.

BETTE DISSELBRET, Citizens For Safe Water, offers testimony on SB 195, and presents overview of EXHIBIT H.

362 NICHOLSON: - continues testimony on SB 195, and presents video tape of pesticide application.

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005 NICHOLSON: - continues testimony on SB 195, and overview of EXHIBIT H.

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005 PAUL THIERS, Representing himself, offers testimony in favor of SB 195, and presents overview of EXHIBIT I, containing information relating to his position on the proposed legislation.

CHAIR CEASE ADJOURNS MEETING AT 10:15 AM

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Information Packet - Staff - 9 pages B - Testimony on SB 195 - -
pages C - Testimony on SB 195 - Quincy Sugarman - 62 pages

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