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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 3343

June 19, 1991Hearing Room C 12:30 p.m.Tapes 3

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Springer Sen. Kerans Sen. Kitzhaber

HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Parkinson, Chair Rep. Campbell Rep. Whitty

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Whitty

STAFF PRESENT: Kathryn VanNatta, Committee Administrator Andy Sloop, Committee Assistant Jeannette Holman, Legislative Counsel

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TAPE 3, SIDE A

05CHAIR PARKINSON: Opens the work session at 12:35.

WORK SESSION - HB 3343

10MOTION:SPEAKER CAMPBELL moves to adopt the dash B17 LC amendments dated 6/19/91 (EXHIBIT A) to HB 3343 B.

14SPEAKER CAMPBELL: Speaks to the motion.

>Policy statement in staff summary (EXHIBIT B) is important, because sets tone for compromise.

>Agree with Sen. Keran's proposal that EQC have authority for rule making.

>Key to compromise and success of phase down is that the state fund research into alternatives. To this end, this compromise proposal includes funding and a plan for research.

>Willingness of industry to pay higher fees for research also is key, as is burning acreage allowed under the dash B17 amendments.

>Open burning figures in the dash B17 amendments exclude the 25,000-acre Silverton Hills exception area.

>Remaining acreage allowed after 1998 will be for emergency infestation control.

>Compromise proposal makes every effort to keep administrative cost to a minimum and to maximize research dollars.

>Work group agreed to continue local field burning control in Eastern Oregon, but Eastern Oregon counties will contribute to research funding through burning fees.

75CHAIR PARKINSON: Recesses for call of the house.

76SEN. KERANS: Offers general comments about the compromise proposal.

>Speaker Campbell's overview accurately reflects discussions, and staff summary accurate.

>Questions language in Section 12, page 6, line 7: "We discussed the 20 pounds of particulate matter, and that has gone through the third rewrite. First it was '20 pounds', then it went '20 pounds of PM 10', and now we have a new subparagraph b on line 7, 'another equivalent standard adopted by rule by the commission. Our understanding of 'another equivalent standard' means 'no more than 20 pounds of particulate matter of 10 microns or less', and, in fact, could be used as both air quality standards are upgraded and as technology and processes permit could be a standard lower than that."

102 JEANNETTE HOLMAN, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL: This allows some flexibility by the commission to adopt a standard that reflects conditions when this measure goes into effect. That standard is intended to achieve the same air quality goal as the 20 pounds of particulate standard used in earlier drafts of this bill.

105 SEN. KERANS: So it is not read to be something other than or less than 20 pounds?

107 HOLMAN: Correct.

109 SEN. KERANS: So that language is to allow flexibility to the EQC to allow for lower standard as technology improves?

115 SPEAKER CAMPBELL: Clarifies that if farmers find alternative use for waste straw collected as part of preparations for propaning, they don't have to pay a stack burning fee. Moreover, there is no additional stack burning charge for residue stack burned after propaning.

124 SEN. KERANS: Concurr with Speaker Campbell's remarks. Stack burning materials cleared in preparation for propaning would not require a fee in addition to the propaning fee. Moreover, there is not an additional stack burning fee for waste straw left after processing for alternative uses.

135 SPEAKER CAMPBELL: "We're together."

138 SEN. KERANS: Could anyone who wants to add names as sponsors do so before final action on this?

149 SPEAKER CAMPBELL: That's allowed under House rules. All welcome to sign on. "This is a celebration."

153 SEN. KERANS: Supports motion to adopt the B17 amendments. "I'm quite happy to draw down the curtain on 22 years of struggle over this issue and bring up a curtain on a new era that permits research into alternatives, that brings us cleaner summer skies, and provides for a healthy future for a significant element of Oregon's agricultural community."

162 PRESIDENT KITZHABER: Thanks Sen. Kerans and Speaker Campbell for bringing the two chambers together on this issue. "It's a very significant contribution, and we owe them a debt of gratitude."

166 SEN. SPRINGER: "Six terms, a lot of work, and glad we reached our goal. Thank you all."

169 MOTION:SPEAKER CAMPBELL moves his previous question.

171 VOTE:Hearing no objection, CHAIR PARKINSON so moves.

173 MOTION:SPEAKER CAMPBELL moves to concur in the Senate amendments dated 06/04/91 to HB 3343 B and the bill be amended as HB 3343-B17 and be repassed.

176 SPEAKER CAMPBELL: Rep. Whitty has indicated his full support and is prepared to sign the conference committee report.

180 VOTE:In a roll call vote, the motion carries, with all members present voting AYE.

184 CHAIR PARKINSON: Appoints Sen. Kerans and Speaker Campbell to carry the measure and to lead floor discussions.

191 CHAIR PARKINSON: Closes work session and adjourns at 1 p.m..

Submitted by:      Reviewed by:

Andy Sloop              Kathryn VanNatta Committee Assistant      Committee  
Administrator

EXHIBIT LOG:

A              -Dash B17 Amendments to HB 3343 B - Conference Committee on HB 3343  
- 16 pages B              -Summary of HB 3343 Conference Committee Field Burning  
Proposal - Committee Staff - 2 pages