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Agency Overviews

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

January 21, 1991Hearing Room C 8:30 a.m. Tapes 8 - 11

MEMBERS PRESENT:Sen. Dick Springer Sen. Joyce Cohen, Vice-Chair
Sen. John Brenneman Sen. Wayne Fawbush Sen. Shirley Gold Sen. Bob
Kintigh Sen. Eugene Timms

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Green, Committee Administrator Chris Beck,
Research Associate Kus Soumie, Committee Assistant

WITNESSES: Jim Brown, State Forester, Oregon State
Forestry Department Janet Neuman, Assistant Director of the Division of
State Lands Peter Green, Administator of Senate Committee on Agriculture
and Natural Resources Susan Brody, Director of the Department of Land
Conservation and Development

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TAPE 8, SIDE A

003 CHAIR SPRINGER CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:30 AM

004 JIM BROWN, STATE FORESTER, gives agency overview and submits EXHIBIT
A.

020 CHAIR SPRINGER: Has your agency exceeded its resources?

028 BROWN: Land owners have established a self insurance fund to pay
for large fires. This revenue is not sufficient to pay for these
services. - continues overview - introduction of House Bills

280 CHAIR SPRINGER: What is the price tag on the tax credit?

279 BROWN: 30 per cent. - continues agency overview - speaks about the
Smoke Management program

355 SEN KINTIGH: Would the brush burning fee be in addition to that paid to DEQ under the Clean Air Bill?

354 BROWN: Yes.

364 SEN BRENNEMAN: Do you see a Role in educating people on forest practices in Oregon?

381 BROWN: That is a concern which was in the Board of Forestry's Strategic Plan.

405 JANET NEUMAN, Assistant Director of the Division of State Lands, speaks of the ODSL's role in looking at the Forest Practices Act.

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003 BROWN: continues overview

062 CHAIR SPRINGER: Are you part of any discussion with OFIC in terms of what they are recommending as far as legislation?

065 BROWN: We have seen the general concepts and my staff has seen the draft language they are considering. It generally embraces the 5 concepts they shared with the Board of Forestry.

096 SEN TIMMS: Have there been any dramatic cuts in your overall budget?

101 BROWN: The Governor's recommended budget is \$122 million, of that \$22 million is general fund, in the Governor's recommended that is down about \$5.6 million from the Agency's base budget request.

146 SEN TIMMS: Are you able to cut these programs without any impact on forestry management? Is the cost paid now by the private sector?

150 BROWN: All timber in the State pay these fees whether it's Federal or private timber. Insect and disease control is a generally funded program, with no increases or cuts.

164 NEUMAN: Speaks of priorities and statutory responsibilities as related to targeted program cuts.

170 SEN TIMMS: What are the regional strategies or economic development schemes you are dealing with?

182 BROWN: In the Agency's request there was money put in that would match recommendations coming out of the interim committee. They did not survive the Measure 5 impacts for the Governor's budget.

248 SEN GOLD: Is there a potential conflict of interest in HB 2149?

243 BROWN: The bill is designed to put a ceiling on the amount collected.

309 CHAIR SPRINGER: We need to address the issue of civil enforcement authority and where money exacted from fines is going.

320 BROWN: continues overview on impact of measure 5

382 PETER F. GREEN, Administrator of Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. introduces Committee Bills, LC 189, LC 1999, LC 2000, LC 2001, at the request of the Regional Solid Waste Policy Commission. EXHIBIT B

402 SEN GOLD: These Bills come as the consensus of the Commission members and represent items that are not handled at this time elsewhere in potential legislation.

MOTION:

SEN COHEN MOVES THE INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE DRAFTS AS BILLS

- LC 189
- LC 1999
- LC 2000
- LC 2001

HEARING NO OBJECTION THE MOTION CARRIES

425 SEN TIMMS: I RELUCTANTLY VOTE IN FAVOR OF INTRODUCTION

TAPE 8 SIDE B

013 PHIL WARD, Assistant Director Oregon Department of Agriculture, presents agency overview and introduces EXHIBIT C

025 CHAIR SPRINGER: Will we see impact on exports to Iran and Iraq of our grain harvest due to the war in the Middle East?

032 WARD: Yes. - continues agency overview and legislative agenda.

062 CHAIR SPRINGER: I would like Mr. Fritz to supply the committee with some written material on what is going on with the collapse of the market to the Middle East.

077 WARD: introduction of 6 House bills

130 SEN COHEN: Will HB 2280 allow you to track people who will be required to report large sales of remedies and drugs as a part of this legislation?

136 WARD: This would establish a registration process.

141 CHAIR SPRINGER: Would this be in addition to current regulation of things like steroids, and other drugs being fed to livestock? Please send some documentation on what branches of government regulates what area.

162 SEN BRENNEMAN: I have a concern with the Department's requests for fees and license increases at all levels. Do those fee increases come back to fund the areas in which increases are being asked for?

181 NEUMAN: All fees are designed to defray costs for the individual program, there are no fees designed to defray cost for any other items.

200 SEN TIMMS: Could we have documentation of cost increases for the last 6 years in these areas in comparison to the increase of the Department of Agriculture's budget.

213 WARD: - discussion with Sen. Brenneman about fee increases

236 BRENNEMAN: There is much constituent concern about fee increases,

and problems are anticipated with all fee increases.

293 CHAIR SPRINGER: What do you foresee in agriculture for the next two years?

297 WARD: Oregon is very diverse in the commodities that it produces agriculturally. Downturn of previously strong wheat prices, and grass seed prices, is balanced by a growing nursery industry.

323 CHAIR SPRINGER: To what extent does Oregon join with its neighbors in marketing its products? Are there any efforts at collaboration with foreign countries?

329 WARD: We have done this type of marketing in the past, and now we market "Oregon" landmark of quality.

345 CHAIR SPRINGER: What is our strategy to penetrate the newly emerging European Market?

358 WARD: We participate annually in major trade shows on the European continent and have sent staff to scope the market there in the past two years. We continue to pursue our trade arrangements with the Pacific Rim Countries, as well as the Eastern Seaboard and the Soviet Union.

373 SEN KINTIGH: There appears to be less water for agriculture due to recreational demands.

400 WARD: We are very involved in water and maintaining agriculture's access to water. We applied for a reservation for economic development in the Willamette/Sandy basin which is currently under consideration. I will supply you with a copy of our reservation request.

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027 CHAIR SPRINGER: I sense some public interest in Organic farming and integrated pest management. Can you report any progress or plans for involvement this session?

030 LAURA YOUNGS, Assistant Director of Food Safety and Pesticides, speaks about the standardization of organic status for the United States and the national interest in organic products and integrated pest management.

053 CHAIR SPRINGER: Requests information on Federal legislation and whether it is preemptive in nature.

057 LAURA YOUNGS: Yes.

063 SEN COHEN: What is the current cost to register a pesticide in the this State?

068 YOUNGS: Average fee is \$80 per formula, the average fee \$120.00.

081 SEN COHEN: How many formulas are registered each year, and where does the money go to?

095 SEN TIMMS: How often is pesticide registration fee paid?

096 YOUNGS: It is an annual fee covering the cost of registrations and investigations

098 SEN COHEN: Investigations of what?

099 YOUNGS: Investigations of alleged pesticide misuse.

116 SEN COHEN: Other States collect 10 times what we do and put the funds into water programs. I would like to see where we are compared to other States in terms of charging chemical companies for registration.

131 SUSAN BRODY, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT, gives department's proposed budget EXHIBIT D

236 - continues agency overview

260 SEN BRENNEMAN: I think there is a need to eliminate more programs rather than ask for a 17 per cent increase in your budget.

281 BRODY: There are decreased general fund dollars and our proposed increases are for lottery and other fund dollars.

- speaks to the issues surrounding budget increase request

308 SEN BRENNEMAN: There are no new fees or increases or user fees for people using the LUBA system. Look to user fees to those programs costing you the most.

319 BILL BLOSSER, Land Conservation and Development Commission, we have no capacity to collect fees. LUBA is not part of our budget.

339 BRODY: We do not want to add fees to those already being exacted on the local level.

374 SEN TIMMS: What percent of your budget is spent in urban areas, and is that where your budget problems are created?

380 BRODY: We give much attention to rural areas. Roughly 30 to 40 per cent of our budget does focus on rural areas.

390 SEN TIMMS: Ballot measure 5 was passed in the Metropolitan areas not the rural areas, put the fees to those who passed the measure.

420 BRODY: Our urban issues usually come up due to their proximity to urban areas.

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062 CHAIR SPRINGER: Where are we on Secondary Lands, and what is on the agenda this week?

064 BRODY: Commission meeting is scheduled this week and a meeting of Secondary Lands Sub-Committee, and we are reaching some conclusions on what a Secondary Lands Program, adopted State wide, would look like and have adopted a pilot program, tested and evaluated it, and are trying to determine what is the appropriate design to be use by all counties.

088 CHAIR SPRINGER: Is documentation of your evaluation available?

096 BRODY: The completed report is before the commission at this time.

147 BLOSSER: We will receive a report on the evaluations and any members are welcome to sit in and listen. At the Mission Mill Building.

184 CHAIR SPRINGER: How will the counties continue to implement these

criteria?

188 BLOSSER: We hear complaints of over engineering our policy, which in fact we have done purposely. There is an optional process if they wish to justify other criteria.

210 SEN COHEN: Back to the budget discussion; If Agencies choose the alternate plan they need to pay the cost.

220 BLOSSER: A good point, that has been discussed however we have not had the courage to raise this issue further to whether we should have the authority to charge fees to the counties for these extra costs.

227 SEN COHEN: Tell them in visiting the Senate Committee with fees and budget and force the mediation to meet the criteria.

244 CHAIR SPRINGER: Who is taking credit for and how did this County option come into being?

248 BRODY: The idea has been out for several months and is not a formal recommendation yet, however has been in all our latest discussions and interest groups have commented and had input.

- continues to address alternate plan funding issue

329 BLOSSER: This is a very difficult problem for the Department because some counties felt they were un equally or arbitrarily. This new set of rules is going to the extreme of setting everything in concrete with 80 percent fixed and 20 per cent negotiation, and those seeing this trend want more room for negotiation.

371 CHAIR SPRINGER: I need to know how well I am protecting primary lands. Some of the same counties who want increased latitude are doing a bad job of protecting their primary lands. I would be willing to confront any commissioner on this issue.

433 BLOSSER: We can make secondary lands issues much simpler for Eastern Oregon.

455 BRODY: Speaks of the companion farm, forest study which looks at how well our primary land protection is working. Studies will be distributed in draft form next week.

487 CHAIR SPRINGER: What uses are we speaking of on secondary lands?

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030 BRODY: Describes two methods used to distinguish secondary resource lands and rural residential lands.

CHAIR SPRINGER ADJOURNS MEETING AT 11:16 AM

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Agency overview - Jim Brown - 37 pages B- Introduction of Committee Bills - Peter Green - 20 pages C - Agency overview - Phil Ward - 58 pages D -Agency overview - Susan Brody - 4 pages

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