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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

February 13, 1991Hearing Room C 8:30 a.m. Tapes 41 - 42

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

VISITING MEMBER:Rep. Novic

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

MEASURES CONSIDERED: SB 66 SB 183

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TAPE 41 SIDE A

004 CHAIR SPRINGER CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:45 AM

SB 66 WORK GROUP REPORTS

RECYCLING MARKETS SUB GROUP

025 BOB DANKO, Sub Group on Recycling Markets, summarizes work group activities, and presents testimony on SB 66. EXHIBIT A

192 CAMERON BIRNIE, Department of General Services, Transportation Division, SUB GROUP gives testimony and presents EXHIBIT B

227 PETER GREEN, Committee Administrator, gives testimony and asks questions of Sub Group chairman.

235 GREEN: Do you think SB 484, dealing with unbleached paper content requirements, should be dealt with in a separate bill or incorporated into the present bill?

254 BIRNIE: We did not deal with that bill.

260 SEN TIMMS: Is the State Parks Division already using recycled materials in many projects?

268 STEVE JOHANSON, Operations Support Manager, Parks Department, yes, the larger projects would go through General Services, smaller projects would be internal.

289 SEN TIMMS: series of questions with Johanson on recycling and State Government.

323 SEN KINTIGH: Did you get to the issue of fertilizer and sludge in your combined report?

334 BIRNIE: We discussed this issue and our recommendations are on the first two pages. Forestry is here to comment on those recommendations.

340 JOHANSON: We had some concerns about public health.

MINIMUM CONTENT SUB GROUP

361 DELYN KIES, MINIMUM CONTENT SUB GROUP, gives testimony and overview on sub group recommendations and suggestions. - minimum content controversy

TAPE 42 SIDE A

007 KIES: marketing strategies for aluminum, plastics, newsprint and glass

014 SEN TIMMS: What has been developed in glass recycling?

021 KIES: A market development proposal was prepared by the Economic Department of DEQ and AOR and released in late summer, which outlines where we are for all materials. More data needs to be developed.

025 GREEN: Minimum Content requirements on the California Experience, relating to glass.

GOALS AND STANDARDS SUB GROUP

037 SEN SMITH: In our first meeting there were 9 issues identified, and at this point, all but 4 have been addressed. A tentative state wide goal of 50 per cent for urban and 30 percent in rural areas, but have not come to an agreement on the definition of composting.

- established menu on how goals are to be met - illustrates spectrum of goals and 1995 priorities - levels and alternatives according to population, single and multi family dwellings - expanded recycling depots - choose three of the list of eight - submit program to EQC as alternative - Cities of 10,000 or more must choose 5 of the alternative methods for solid waste disposal - determine the definition of multi family, and commercial recycling - incineration - defining exactly, waste for recycling

186 PETER GREEN, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR, reference to memo describing various goals in statute from other states EXHIBIT C

225 SEN TIMMS: Meet recycling goals needs breakdown on the size of

area. How were these figures arrived at?

238 SEN SMITH: Copy of bill determines how populations break down.
Remote rural 15 %

280 BOB DANKO, DEQ, gives testimony on local and county goals regarding recycling.

288 SEN SMITH: Goals are for the Counties and standards are for the cities, in providing mechanism for the counties to reach goals.

307 DORIS BJORN, Oregon Waste Systems Incorporated, gives testimony on SB 66 and presents overview of EXHIBIT D

TAPE 41 SIDE B

004 BJORN: continues overview of EXHIBIT D

052 SEN GOLD: Given the filing of the appeal for your company on the fee set through the appeal of our emergency board, we are giving you a forum. In the advent of measure 5 is it fair to ask Oregonians to bear the cost of the waste of bordering states? To object to that is an imposition to the citizens and the taxpayers of this state.

098 BJORN: Oregon Waste Systems waste management, does not have a problem in paying the true cost for out of state disposal to the State of Oregon.

109 MIKE DEWEY, Waste Management, gives testimony on SB 66. We had no choice, we are a partner in developing solutions, and had to talk about funding. We need to look at out of state surcharges.

120 SEN GOLD: In the 1989 Session your company has opposed that they were any additional cost to outside waste.

133 BJORN: We share an excellent relationship with the DEQ, and agree to pay the cost of waste and hope that will impact on our relationship with the state. On the record we say we will go along with increases in the permit fees and the way those are administered. And state that this action is not personal, it is a business decision.

154 SEN GOLD: This will create a potential hardship if we carry your business decision.

160 REP. NOVIC: Your business decisions do not reflect the best policy decisions. Your decision to sue was a business decision. There was ample opportunity to be involved in and comment on decisions. What would you consider a fair cost?

185 BJORN: Our problem is that the rule was interpreted broadly and the fee is excessive. There is a provision to appeal such rules. We disagree with certain components.

200 CHAIR SPRINGER: We will continue to address this issue

215 BOB MARTIN, Director Solid Waste Department of METRO, presents overview of testimony in EXHIBIT E

310 MARTIN: - continues overview of EXHIBIT E - 58 per cent of waste recycled by 2010 - marketing of compost product

401 SEN SMITH: What is your definition of compost?

405 MARTIN: Gives suggested amendments to the definition of compost in SB 66.

TAPE 42 SIDE B

004 MARTIN: continues testimony on SB 66 and EXHIBIT E - answers series of questions regarding sorting and recycling of household waste

079 MARTIN: We expect to send roughly 600,000 tons of waste to the landfill in Gillam County. That is out of a total generation of 1.6 million tons.

087 SEN TIMMS: What part of garbage from this process is transported and what uses can be developed east of the mountains for that garbage?

091 SEN SPRINGER: What about pallets

093 MARTIN: We prefer no to handle pallets. The can be marketed as HOG fuel, fireplace logs, rather than taken to the compost plant. We are targeting residential waste.

SUB GROUP REPORTS, SB 183

131 MARTIN: - SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IN SB 66 - continues overview of EXHIBIT E - SB 183 recommendations - collections of hazardous household waste - cost to expand education promotion to State wide system

185 MARTIN: - issue of utilization of compost for agriculture - much testing has been done on the forestry applications - compost and sewage sludge should not be compared as they are

215 CHAIR SPRINGER: Portland is going to curbside collection of sources separated waste this year, how are the containers being paid for?

217 MARTIN: Loans and fees for collection

225 JOEL ARIO, OSPRIG, presents overview of EXHIBIT F

- there should be goals and standards on the production end - bill to improve the curbside problem - generate a pool of money to produce things more recyclable

325 - ARIO: continues testimony on SB 66 and overview of EXHIBIT F - minimum content requirements

CHAIR SPRINGER ADJOURNS MEETING AT 10:30 AM

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Testimony on SB 66 - Bob Danko - 8 pages B - Testimony on SB 66 - Cameron Birnie - 2 pages C - Testimony on SB 66 - Peter Green - 7 page D- Testimony on SB 66 - Doris Bjorn - 84 pages E - Testimony on SB 66 - Bob Martin - 18 pages F - Testimony on SB 66 - Joel Ario - 4 pages G- Testimony on SB 66 - Wayne Newberger - 26

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