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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

March 6, 1991Hearing Room C 8:00 a.m.Tapes 69 - 70

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

VISITING MEMBER:Rep. Tom Novic

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

MEASURES SB 248(WRK) CONSIDERED:
229(PUB) SB 262(PUB) SB 519(PUB) SB 669(PUB)

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TAPE 569 SIDE A

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

SECONDARY LANDS ISSUES UPDATE

WITNESSES: Susan Brodie Bill Blosser Craig Greenleaf Phil Ward

078 SUSAN BRODIE, Director Department of Land Conservation and Development, gives overview of Secondary Lands Programs.

087 BILL BLOSSER, Chairman, Land Conservation Commission, gives overview of the process for Secondary Lands and presents EXHIBIT A

149 SEN BRENNEMAN: Did the commission get a directive in statutes that is a trade off to Secondary Land?

155 BRODIE: We were asked by the E board to undertake a study of how well our statutes and administrative rules were protecting our primary Lands.

162 SEN BRENNEMAN: You don't have the power to make policy decisions. We have not given you the statutes on Primary Land.

171 BRODIE: That is one of the values of the VITA BILL.

176 SEN BRENNEMAN: You did not receive this charge.

182 CHAIR SPRINGER: What are recommendations in finding the break point between non-productive and productive land?

198 BLOSSER: We discovered no easy way to find criteria. All criteria therefore have a backup feature.

219 CRAIG GREENLEAF, Deputy Director LCDC, gives testimony on secondary lands issues and overview of EXHIBIT A

259 - Answers series of questions from members.

296 GREENLEAF: continues overview of EXHIBIT A.

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020 GREENLEAF: Continues testimony on Secondary Lands issues

036 PHIL WARD, Department of Agriculture, gives testimony on Secondary Lands Issues.

- answers questions from members

PUBLIC HEARING ON 229

WITNESSES: Rep. Tom Novic Mike Katz Ron Euchus Joan Smith Tom Barkin Gary Wilhelms Jim Anderson Maurey Astley George Starr Margot Beutler Kimberly Webster

115 MIKE KATZ, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, gives testimony on SB 229 and presents EXHIBIT B

170 RON EUCHUS, gives testimony on SB 229.

229 JOAN SMITH, Public Utilities Commission, gives testimony on SB 229.

235 SEN TIMMS: - series of questions to KATZ AND EUCHUS.

369 REP NOVIC, gives testimony on SB 229. Testimony from 1987. EXHIBIT C

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003 REP NOVIC: Continues testimony on SB 229. - Intervenor funding - Issues that happened 7 years ago - this bill is sponsored at the request of the utilities commission - this is an issue of equity - recommend the bill passes

042 REP NOVIC: - answers questions from committee members

056 REP NOVIC: It seemed the utility rate making would provide a window to make the process public. The public agreed with this process. There is a need to provide a balanced advocacy position to the commission.

075 SEN TIMMS: - questions to Rep. Novic

119 SEN SMITH: - questions to Rep. Novic and Tom Barkin.

141 TOM BARKIN, Public Utilities Commission, gives testimony on the reimbursement rate for customers and industrial users.

157 SEN BRENNEMAN: What does Idaho do that is more progressive than Oregon?

158 REP NOVIC: They have intervener funding and have awarded groups that have intervened on behalf of consumers. The difference in our proposals are the caps for funding.

164 CHAIR SPRINGER: Do you see small business benefitting from intervenor funding?

175 REP NOVIC: The issues between residential consumers are closer than those of the large commercial consumers. Yes, and I would have no objections to that.

202 GARY WILHELMS, Representing US West and other utilities, gives testimony on SB 229 and presents EXHIBIT D

273 - Series of questions to WILHELMS from committee members

367 SEN TIMMS: Give information the PUC rate per capita.

377 JIM ANDERSON, Pacific Power and Other Utilities, presents testimony on SB 229 and EXHIBIT D

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005 ANDERSON: continues testimony on SB 229 and EXHIBIT D

070 MAUREY ASTLEY, Executive Vice President Oregon Independent Telephone Association, gives testimony on SB 229. Gives overview of the Association's dealings with interveners and how the costs are dealt with.

140 SEN SMITH: You said in your testimony that you were speculating on the reason PUC requested this bill, what do you mean?

147 WILHELMS: I believe that this bill would authorize the PUC to make more decisions than they are able to make now. - gives examples of extended decision making power this bill would award.

167 SEN SMITH: Did you imply the PUC staff could not adequately represent all classes of rate payers, and it should charge you more money and expand its staff?

173 WILHELMS: I suggested the law allows the PUC to charge up to \$25,000.00 and they are currently charging .20. They could levy a higher assessment against the utilities.

179 SEN SMITH: Would this be preferable?

184 WILHELMS: PUC has grown dramatically. Many said this was deregulation of the telephone company, but it is more costly now than ever. Regulation is growing. We are doing better overseas due to the lack of regulation there.

228 SEN SMITH: Do you oppose intervention in rate cases generally?

234 WILHELMS: No. We should peruse an alternative form of regulation that would eliminate rate cases or eliminate the number of cases the Utilities have to go through at this time. oversight.

286 GEORGE STARR, concerned citizen, gives testimony on SB 229, and presents overview of EXHIBIT E

345 MARGOT BEUTLER, gives testimony on SB 229

372 KIMBERLY WEBSTER, Citizen's Utility Board, gives testimony on SB 229

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS: LC 3084 , 3227, 3886, 3221, 3224,
3229, 322 3,

MOTION: Chair Springer moves the introduction of LC 3084, 3227,3886,
3221, 322 4, 3229, 3223 as Committee Bills EXHIBIT F

VOTE: HEARING NO OBJECTION THE MOTION IS ADOPTED

MEETING ADJOURNS AT 10:00 AM

EXHIBIT LOG:

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|---|---|---|
| A | - | Testimony on Secondary Lands issues - Susan Brodie - 34 pages |
| B | - | Testimony on SB 229 - Thomas Barkin - 2 pages |
| C | - | Testimony on SB 229 - Gary Wilhelms - 4 pages |
| D | - | Testimony on SB 229 - George Starr - 1 page |
| E | - | Introduction of LC's - Committee staff - 49 pages |
| F | - | Testimony on SB 229 - Scott Lowrie - 2 pages |

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