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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

April 5, 1991Hearing Room C 8:00 a.m. Tape 127 - 128

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED:Sen. Smith

VISITING MEMBERS: Speaker Campbell Rep. Cease

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

MEASURES CONSIDERED: SJM 1 SJM 2 SJR 2 SB 839 SB 906

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TAPE 127 SIDE A

003 CHAIR SPRINGER CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:00 AM

WORK SESSION ON S 1, S 2, SJR2, SB 839, SB 906

MOTION:

SEN COHEN MOVES SAID BILLS TO THE PRESIDENT'S DESK FOR REFERRAL
CONSIDERATION TO WATER COMMITTEE

VOTE:

IN A ROLL CALL VOTE THE MOTION PASSES UNANAMOUSLY WITH SEN SMITH AND SEN
GOLD EXCUSED

WORK SESSION ON SB 781

MOTION:

SEN KINTIGH MOVES SB 781 TO WAYS AND MEANS DO PASS RECOMMENDATION

VOTE:

IN A ROLL CALL VOTE THE BILL PASSES UNANIMOUSLY with Sen. Smith and Sen Gold excused

WORK SESSION ON SB 190

MOTION:

SEN COHEN MOVES SB 190 TO THE FLOOR DO PASS RECOMMENDATION with a request to the Senate President to rescind the subsequent referral to the Rules Committee TO THE FLOOR DO PASS RECOMMENDATION

Discussion by members

VOTE:

IN A ROLL CALL VOTE THE MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY with Sen Smith and Sen Gold excused

WORK SESSION ON SB 752

MOTION:

SEN TIMMS MOVES THE - 3 AMENDMENTS TO THE FLOOR WITH DO PASS RECOMMENDATION

VOTE:

IN A ROLL CALL VOTE THE MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY with Sen Smith and Sen Gold excused

SEN TIMMS TO CARRY THE BILL

PRESENTATION BY DANA RASMUSSEN, REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR REGION 10 OF THE EPA

128 DANA RASMUSSEN, Regional Director EPA, gives testimony on the impact of EPA's assumption of DEQ programs, and presents over view of EXHIBIT B

228 RASMUSSEN: continues overview of EXHIBIT B and answers questions from members.

357 SPEAKER CAMPBELL: We have gone beyond the Federal requirements. Do you have a clear definition of what Oregon has taken on, and where we have exceeded the Federal requirements?

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003 RASMUSSEN: continues overview and answers questions from committee members and others.

018 KEN BROOKS, EPA, gives overview of permitting program.

036 RASMUSSEN: - answers series of questions from Sen Brenneman regarding funding of State and Federal EPA programs.

081 REP. CEASE: Although we don't like the program, we have more to gain by having direct access to the state administrator and to the legislative committees than we would have with the Federal Agencies. The time frame in dealing with the Federal Government is much longer.

106 SEN. COHEN: What is the expectation for funding from the EPA regarding the Clean Air Act?

124 RASMUSSEN: In concept that was the major rewrite of the clean air act amendments. Fee standards have been set along with a permit fee program so that people causing the emission problems will pay for the cost of operation.

136 BROOKS: Gives overview of the Federal Clean Air Act and its history.

160 SEN. TIMMS: Asks about underground fuel storage tanks. We should allow time for people to assess the problem before putting them out of business.

217 RASMUSSEN: 33 to 44 states in the regional survey, are facing budget problems.

281 RASMUSSEN: EPA budget went through congress, you may see delays in budget processes. The regulatory process is important. We are understaffed.

TMDL's are not set yet

342 CHAIR SPRINGER: SB 1125 would bifurcate responsibility. How would you deal with that?

357 RASMUSSEN: The state can choose who has the authority to deal with water quality. It is the state's decision. We have staff to deal with that. It is a policy matter.

377 CHAIR SPRINGER: Point discharge permits. We have non-point discharge problems.

400 RASMUSSEN: The non-point discharge is a very large issue.

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003 BROOKS: continues overview and speaks about TMDL's and the need to tighten up on the non point source.

059 RASMUSSEN: Washington state shares the same air shed, and must comply with the New Clean Air Act.

068 CHAIR SPRINGER: What will EPA do to encourage the reduction of vehicle use?

079 RASMUSSEN: We do encourage the reduction of vehicle use, but have no particular recommendations.

098 BROOKS: The problem with controlled burning in forestry is generating large quantities of smoke causing populated areas to exceed standards. It can occur but is becoming more difficult to allow this practice.

CHAIR SPRINGER ADJOURNS THE MEETING AT 9:30 AM

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Proposed Amendments to SB 752 - Staff - 2 pages
B - Testimony on EPA Standards - Dana Rasmussen - 5 pages

Submitted by: Reviewed by:

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