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Transcript

HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

March 10, 1971 3:35 p.m. Room 15

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Sitting In: Rep. Markham, Ripper

Witnesses: Carl Stoltenberg, State Board of Forestry

Ed Schroeder, State Dept. of Forestry

Vance Morrison, State Dept. of Forestry

John McKean, Oregon Game Commission

Kess Cannon, Governor's Office

Jim Haas, Water Resources Analyst, Fish Commission

Ward Armstrong, Associated Oregon Industries

Bob Kintigh, Small Woodlot Operators

Gery Bartz, Department of Revenue

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

HB 1624 – Relating to Forest Practices Act

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and the proper procedures for harvesting in consideration of the effect on water purity, air quality, and fish & wildlife habitat.

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ED SCHROEDER testified in favor of the bill. He presented a “Digest of HB 1624” which explains section by section what the act proposes to do. The last page contains a chart which attempts to graphically show how the Act would operate. (Attached to Minutes).

He stated the philosophy of the act is based on the forest landowner and forest land managers moving to take action to face a responsibility they must take toward the preservation and the impact of their operation on the environment. It in no way attempts to usurp the existing regulatory authority of environmental agencies.

VANCE MORRISON stated the Act provides for total administration of regulatory action to the Board.

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