

Chris Attneave, Eugene Future Power Committee, spoke in favor and commented on the difficulty of getting certain information from the AEC.

Chm. Fadeley asked the committee to submit any amendments on the nuclear bills for early committee consideration.

HB 2867

Janet McLennan, Counsel, explained the bill.

Norma Jean Germond, Committee for the Conservation of Energy, spoke in favor (copies to the committee) and gave the committee copies of a booklet, "Nuclear Energy: Promises, Promises," by Dr. George Weil.

Douglas Heider, Portland General Electric, spoke in opposition and refuted previous testimony, saying that PG-E encourages planning and that there have been no accidents in connection with commercial nuclear plants. He expressed concern over the difficulty of determining bond amounts, their possible prohibitive cost, problems with bond availability, the uncertain duration of plant operation, and the lack of information on dismantling costs and regulations in other areas of the country. Mr. Heider agreed to provide the committee with available dismantling plans for Trojan and suggested that the committee have a general informational hearing on nuclear power, at which various documents could be presented (e.g. "Public Health Risks of Thermal Power Plants," a UCLA study).

Fred Keppel endorsed the intent of the bill but suggested that the phrase "safe dismantling and restoration" be required for inclusion in the initial siting plans. He commended the committee for its efforts and interest in the complicated field of nuclear energy.

John Perrin suggested an amendment (copies to committee) and said that as a rate-payer he would be glad to help pay for dismantling as a normal business operation cost. He also referred to OSCC's position on the other nuclear bills being heard.

HB 2439

Richard Sabin, Oregon Public Utilities Commissioner, spoke in favor (copies to committee). He called the priority list a human, rather than economic, needs formula. He answered committee questions on past and present advertising policies and power use and abuse.

Jack McIsaac, PP&L suggested amendments (copies to committee) and expressed concern that people not suffer physical hurt or harm due to lack of power. He also spoke on changes in utility advertising over the years.

Pam Leszar spoke in opposition, saying that not enough information was available as yet for the establishment of priorities.

Fred Keppel spoke in favor but suggested "shall have and make public a plan" on page 2, line 9.

Richard Sabin said that nursing homes are in the commercial, rather than institutional, category; categories may be changed at any time, however.

HJR 53

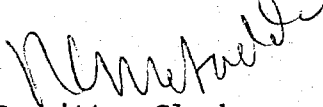
William Bree, Oregon Recycling Information and Organizing Network, spoke in favor, calling the bill a commitment to policies already in practice in many state agencies.

Rep. Paulus said that the Resolution rather than Bill form had been chosen because the purpose was to encourage government to lead industry.

HJR 39

Steve Hamilton, Division of State Lands, spoke in favor but noted the general lack of oil in the State of Oregon.

Respectfully submitted,


Committee Clerk

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HB 2809

Rep Whiting moved that HB 2809 as amended be sent to the floor with a do pass recommendation.

Douglas Heider, Portland General Electric, said that he was not in opposition to the original bill, but that he questioned the meaning of the new Section 3 and wondered if emergency plans were to be published in newspapers.

Rep Hanneman suggested revised wording to Section 3 of HB 2809, which the committee adopted 11 - 0.

Rep Kafoury moved that HB 2809 as amended be sent to the floor with a do pass recommendation. The motion passed 11 - 0.

HB 2779

Rep Kafoury moved that HB 2779 as amended be sent to the floor with a do pass recommendation. The motion passed 6 - 5 (no: Burrows, Hanneman, Paulus, Stults, Wolfer).

HB 2282

Rep Paulus moved that HB 2282 as amended be sent to the floor with a do pass recommendation. The motion passed 7 - 2 (no: Hanneman, Stults; excused: Groener, Gwinn).

HB 2439

Dave Piper, PUC, submitted amendments.

Rep Stults moved that the amendments to HB 2439 be adopted. The motion passed 11 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Bean McFadden, Comm. Clerk

Diarmuid O'Scannlain, DEQ director, spoke in support of comprehensive planning as opposed to chaotic development (copies to committee).

John Porter, American Institute of Planners, Oregon chapter, spoke in support. He said that his organization looked forward to working with the commission and offered it help to the committee.

W.J. Kvarsten, Mid Willamette Valley Council of Governments, spoke in favor (copies to committee).

Loren Kramer, Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, spoke in favor but questioned Section 19 (1) as being contrary to the bill's purposes and a late Senate addition to the bill.

Dorothy Anderson, League of Women Voters of Oregon, spoke in favor of land use planning and submitted amendments (copies to committee).

Nan Dewey, Oregon Wheat Growers League, spoke in support (copies to committee).

Jim Allison, president, Oregon Rural Landowners Association, spoke in opposition. He said that changes in the bill represented improvements, and that one more version is needed. He proposed that the goals be established by the Legislature, that the word "guidelines" be defined, and that SB 849 be inserted into SB 100 Eng, Re-Eng. to provide compensation and other provisions. He also asked that no action be taken on SB 100 Eng, Re-Eng. until the Senate acts on SB 769.

George Bell, assistant Secretary of State, spoke on behalf of the Secretary of State. He said that at present neither the purists nor the opponents are happy with the bill, but that it is the best bill that could come out of the Senate.

Joyce Cohen, Tri County New Politics, Land Use Task Force, spoke in favor (copies to committee), asking for reinstatement of the emergency clause.

SB 693

Rep Burrows moved that SB 693 be sent to the floor with a do pass recommendation. The motion passed 10 - 0 (absent: Groener).

HB 2439

Rep Kafoury moved that the amendments to HB 2439 be adopted. The motion passed 11 - 0.

Rep Kafoury moved that HB 2439 as amended be sent to the floor with a do pass recommendation. The motion passed 11 - 0.

New Legislation

Rep Groener asked the committee to introduce a bill providing for

SENATE BILL 487
HOUSE BILL 2439

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE

June 5, 1973

3:00 PM

315 State Capitol

Members present: Sen. Ted Hallock, Chairman
 Sen. John Burns, Vice Chairman
 Sen. Victor Atiyeh
 Sen. Hector Macpherson
 Sen. Jack Ripper
 Sen. Michael Thorne
 Sen. George Wingard

Sen. Hallock introduced Ted Meece, who is replacing John Toran as Administrative Aide to the Environment and Land Use Committee, as Mr. Toran has returned to his law practice in Portland. Mr. Meece has been an intern in Sen. Hallock's office since Jan. He is a graduate of Willamette University with a degree in political science.

Sen. Atiyeh made a motion to confirm the re-appointment of Dr. Morris Crothers to the Environmental Quality Commission. Roll call vote, ayes, Sen. Atiyeh, Macpherson, Wingard and Hallock. Sen. Burns, Ripper and Thorne, late. Motion carried. Sen. Atiyeh to carry the message to the floor.

SE 487 Sen. Macpherson explained the amendments to the bill which had been referred back to the committee June 1. He stated that he had met with most of the same people who had originally worked on SB 487. Minor land partitioning was the area looked at by the ad hoc committee; substituting "may" for "shall". Lot line adjustments have been excluded within the minor partition. "Four" rather than "six" lots for subdivisions has been restored. In Sec. 5, "leases for more than one year" was deleted. The area relating to the builder having to comply with subdivision zoning ordinances and leaving it up to the governing bodies to solve conflicts between the subdivisions and the comprehensive plan. Steve Hawes, Legislative Counsel further explained the amendments to the bill.

Sen. Macpherson made a motion to adopt the amendments to SB 487. Roll call vote, ayes. Sen. Atiyeh, Macpherson, Thorne, Wingard and Sen. Hallock. Sen. Burns and Ripper excused. Motion carried. (Copy attached)

HB 2439 Roger Colburn, PUC testified in favor of the bill and stated that he was a member of the Energy task force. He feels that the bill is the right step in meeting the energy crisis.

Sen. Wingard was concerned about the utility companies not being liable for damages due to power curtailment. He was also questioning notices being sent to the customers.

Sen. Atiyeh made a motion to send HB 2439 to the floor with a Do Pass recommendation. Roll call vote, ayes, Sen. Atiyeh, Macpherson, Ripper, Thorne, Hallock. No, Sen. Wingard. Motion carried. Sen. Hallock will carry the bill to the floor.

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OREGON STATE ARCHIVES

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Last winter some firm customers of two of Oregon's natural gas distribution companies had their source of gas curtailed. In one case, it was because of pipeline supply problems, while the other was due solely to the fact that customer demand exceeded the distributor's capability to supply.

With the minimal snow pack in the Northwest this year, the filling of reservoirs in the federal system, the delay in federal hydro projects and the continuous growth in demand, it is also reasonable to expect that some Oregon electric utilities may have to curtail customers during the 1973-74 winter. The spring runoff is one of the lowest on record due to poor snow pack and minimal rainfall. This dry season could hardly come at a worse time, as three federal reservoirs are scheduled for filling this year. This causes a permanent loss in acre-feet of water to bring the reservoir up to the minimum for efficient generation. Mica Reservoir will be closed for filling starting April 1, and two other major projects in the Northwest are scheduled for initial fill--Libby Dam on the Kootenai River and Dworshak on the Clearwater River.

There has been a serious lag in the construction of federal hydro generation projects at Bonneville, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, Libby and Grand Coulee, which is one reason that the privately owned utilities are currently in a tight power situation. The construction of combustion turbines for the peaking power that the federal hydro projects were scheduled to provide has been questioned due to the shortage of both natural gas and fuel oil to fire the turbines and the questioned use of fuel oil because of air pollution problems.

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We should be ready for this potential shortage situation by having procedures for each gas and electric utility in the state which establish what the priority of curtailment should be in the event customer demand exceeds the resource. The Northwest Natural Gas Company has such a priority rule on file with us now and we have held hearings on proposed priority rules for Cascade Natural Gas Corporation and California-Pacific Utilities Company. In addition, we have been working with the electric utilities to understand the physical system difficulties in trying to selectively interrupt customers.

The Public Utility Commissioner's jurisdiction allows these actions only for the privately owned utilities. Unfortunately, the problem exists in all utility operations, so in order to protect all Oregon residents, the Commissioner's jurisdiction, on this item only, should be extended to include the public utilities. This is the only way in which the policy can be uniformly applied.

House Bill 2439 requires that each utility in the state have a plan, approved by the Commissioner, for the curtailment of service in the event of an emergency. It further establishes a priority for the general categories of service. The plans to be submitted by the individual utilities would refine general category priorities and delineate the procedures to be followed on such items as billing, uniformity of interruption and notification of impending interruption. If hearings are necessary they are provided for in the bill.