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NEWSLETTER

WRITE...WRITE...WRITE...your Senators and Representatives, and editors on these bills. There is not a moment to lose. No legislator is indifferent to the voters back home. It's your job to make them aware of your strong feelings.

YES

SJR 12 By Senator WILLNER (at the request of State Treasurer Robert Straub)—Proposing an interim committee to study Oregon estuaries and developing a long-range management plan.

2-19(S) First reading.

2-20 Second reading. Referred to Ways and Means.

SJR 12 would be a good first step toward protecting our prized bays and esuaries.

**** Please write Ways and Means members demanding prompt action.**

Note: The highway budget will be passed as either HB 2058 or HB 2108. We want included in the budget \$15 million to purchase beach lands and access. Please ask Ways and Means members for a specific \$15 million appropriation for beaches. The Highway Commission says it can spare this much money; let's get it into the budget.

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HB 1045 By HIGHWAYS (at the request of the Interim Committee on Highways)—Relating to land, including but not limited to areas along the Pacific Ocean shore, state parks, state recreation areas and highways; creating new provisions; amending ORS 273.105, 308.235, 390.610 and others; repealing ORS 274.075 and 274.080; and providing penalties.

1-24(H) First reading.

1-29 Second reading. Referred to Judiciary.

4-24 Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be printed engrossed, and amendments not be printed.

4-25 Placed on April 30 calendar.

4-30 Third reading. Passed.

Ayes, 56—Nays, 3, Hanneman, Macpherson, McKenzie—Excused, 1, Hart.

5-1(S) First reading.

HB 1045 is a revision of HB 1601, the beach bill passed in 1967. It would discard the 16-foot zoning line and substitute a series of 2005 different reference points. Bob Straub urged the House Judiciary Comm. to incorporate the natural vegetation line instead as an obvious and easy to understand boundary. Currently, the committee has juggled the points to bring the boundary closer to the vegetation line, but the definition is still based upon the coordinate points.

More serious, they have modified the state's authority to protect public rights and acquire by purchase beach lands and access. The changes may well jeopardize court decisions now on appeal and in the future.

In this form the bill passed the House, and is now in the Senate. This may be an important step backwards. Write your senators at once, demanding a full public airing of these amendments, which were made public just hours before the bill passed the House. A special committee has been set up to deal with this one matter, consisting of: George Eivers, Chairman, Clackamas County; John Burns, Vice Chairman, and Bud Lent, both Multnomah County; Harry Boivin, Klamath County; Anthony Yturri, Malheur County.

SB 156 By Senator BOIVIN, Representatives HEARD, HOWE, COLE, GWINN, HAAS, HANNEMAN, RIPPER—Relating to vesting of title on vacation; amending ORS 271.060.

1-30(S) First reading.

1-31 Second reading. Referred to Local Government.

3-19 Recommendation: Do pass.

3-20 Third reading. Passed.

Ayes, 18—Nays, 10, Atiyeh, Cook, Eivers, Elfstrom, Fadeley, Hallock, Ouder Kirk, Stadler, Willner, Yturri—Excused, 2, Holmstrom, Roberts.

3-20(H) First reading.

3-21 Second reading. Referred to Local Government.

4-18 Tabled.

NO

SB 156 is a "Sleeper". It would permit the sale of county park lands including some 30 miles of ocean front in Lincoln County. The Oregon Environmental Council (see below) can take credit for getting this bill tabled. When writing House members be sure to tell them that you oppose it and hope it remains tabled.

ROAD TO RUIN, by A. Q. Mowbray, just published by Lippincott and Co., recaps in some detail our fight against construction of Highway 101 across the Nestucca Sandspit. The book is highly critical of highway construction policies which discount social values such as scenery and recreational lands.

The enclosed brochure urges your membership in the Oregon Environmental Council which has worked hard this Session to lobby for good conservation legislation and against some potentially dangerous bills. Maradel Gale, who was Lane County Beaches Forever chairman, is the Council's first president.

As always, we are dependent upon your contributions to find postage stamp money to send this newsletter to the 3000 BEACHES FOREVER friends. Please send a small contribution in the enclosed envelope. Many thanks for your continued interest.

Keith Burns, Chairman

Janet McLennan, Exec. Dir.