

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY
 Today is Wednesday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2019. There are 307 days left in the year.

2-TERM AMENDMENT IN FORCE AS THE 36TH STATE RATIFIES; TRUMAN EXEMPT FROM LIMIT

Text of the 22d Amendment
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 Automatically as Two
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 Would State Law Creation
 Changing House' Prerogative

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
 On Feb. 27, 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

ON THIS DATE
 In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.
 In 1911, inventor Charles F. Kettering demonstrated his electric automobile starter in Detroit by starting a Cadillac's motor with just the press of a switch, instead of hand-cranking.

In 1922, the Supreme Court, in *Leser v. Garnett*, unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, was gutted by fire; Chancellor Adolf Hitler, blaming the Communists, used the fire to justify suspending civil liberties.

In 1943, during World War II, Norwegian commandos launched a successful raid to sabotage a German-operated heavy water plant in Norway.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, California. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

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 9-24-26-40-41-47

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 4-6-14-20-32-PB 13-x2

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 11-26-28-61

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "He that respects himself is safe from others. He wears a coat of mail that none can pierce."
 — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (born this date in 1807, died in 1882)

Baker County citizens weigh in on cap-and-trade

By Casey Crowley
 WesCom News Service

Baker County citizens on Monday evening had what's likely their only face-to-face chance to comment on Oregon's proposed carbon cap-and-trade bill.

Between 200 and 300 people gathered at the Baker Community Events Center for the hour-long hearing with the Legislature's Joint Committee for Carbon Reduction.

About 25 people testified to the committee by video connection, most expressing concerns about how the bill could harm the local and state economy.

Monday's event was one of five public hearings the committee has scheduled to gather comments about House Bill 2020, which would cap limits on carbon emissions in the state and also create a system by which companies that exceed the limit could buy credits — the "trade" part of the bill — with companies that don't.

Attendees filled a conference room with overflow seating in the larger section of the Events Center. Those standing in the back of the conference room reported difficulty hearing while in the overflow area you could not hear anything from the hearing for the majority of the time.

Some people resorted to live streaming the hearing on their cellphones.

"I had 300 more people out there that couldn't even begin to talk to you or hear you, so we would like another venue to do this better," Baker County Commission Chairman Bill Harvey said as the hearing closed.

Harvey was the first to

testify. Speakers were given two minutes each.

The committee has had two public hearings on the bill in Salem, where most people supported the bill.

That was not the case Monday in Baker City. All but one speaker opposed the bill. Most said they're concerned that Ash Grove Cement, which owns a plant near Durkee that employs 115 people, would not be able to comply with the carbon limit and would have to close.

Terry Kerby, who manages Ash Grove's Durkee plant, said 65 percent of the carbon the plant produces comes from the resources they mine when making cement, and this would prevent the plant from meeting the carbon reduction benchmarks in the current version of the bill.

"In the event that this bill passes and results in the shuttering (of the Durkee plant), the irony would be the (carbon dioxide) emissions would globally increase," Kerby said.

Several other speakers repeated Kerby's claim that the closure of the Durkee plant would result in more cement being made in China, which has less stringent emissions laws.

Malheur County officials said they're concerned the passage of the bill would prompt businesses to move from Ontario to Fruitland, Idaho, just across the Snake River. Idaho is not proposing a carbon cap-and-trade system.

Several speakers also expressed concerns about increases in the cost of gasoline and natural gas some lawmakers say would result if the bill passes.

Suzanne Fouty of Baker City was the only person who testified in support of the bill.

However, Fouty emphasized she favors a version of the bill that doesn't lead to Ash Grove closing its Durkee plant, or that threatens local farmers and ranchers.

"I support the strong Clean Energy Jobs Bill (the official name of HB 2020), one that brings funds and jobs to rural Oregon, one that jump-starts innovation by leveling the economic playing field," Fouty said.

Although Monday's event was the only public hearing scheduled in Baker City, residents could also submit testimony prior to the meeting.

Ten Ash Grove employees submitted letters, as did Fred Warner Jr., Baker City manager.

Warner's letter also expressed concern about how the bill could affect the Ash Grove facility.

Dan Shaffer, the manager of Dykman Electrical in Boise, which does work at Ash Grove, also submitted a letter, writing if Ash Grove closes the Durkee plant, his company would have to lay off some employees.

If the bill passes, Oregon would become the second state to pass a statewide carbon emissions law. California is the only other state that has passed multi-sector cap-and-trade legislation. Some states have cap-and-trade systems specifically for power companies.

The virtual hearing was split between Baker City and Newport. The hearing in Newport started just after the Baker hearing. Hearings are scheduled

Friday in The Dalles and Saturday in Bend.

Those who wish to comment on the bill but weren't able to give testimony Monday can submit comments by email at jjccr.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov. Those who testified are also able to submit additional comments via email.

The Baker City Council also discussed the bill during its Tuesday meeting.

Near the end of Monday's hearing, state Sen. Cliff Bentz, whose district

includes Baker County and who is a vice chair of the Joint Committee for Carbon Reduction, announced Gov. Kate Brown will be visiting the Ash Grove Durkee plant on Friday afternoon. Brown's visit to the plant is a private tour.

Brown will be making an appearance with the Baker City Chamber of Commerce at the Baker Heritage Museum, 2480 Grove St., at 3:30 p.m. Friday, which is open to the public. ■

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OREGON IN BRIEF

From wire reports

Dennis Richardson, Oregon secretary of state, dies

SALEM — Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson, who last year announced he had been diagnosed with brain cancer, has died.

Richardson's office said in a statement he died at home Tuesday night surrounded by family and friends.

The 69-year-old Republican was a six-term member of the Oregon House before being elected secretary of state in 2016. He was the only Republican holding statewide office in Oregon.

Gov. Kate Brown ordered all flags at public institutions to be flown at half-staff in honor of Richardson.

Brown will appoint Richardson's successor. In a statement her office said she would make a choice in the coming weeks and would consider a Republican who commits to not entering the 2020 election.

Portland cops to no longer carry knives on outer vests

PORTLAND — Portland police have banned officers from carrying open knives in

their outside ballistic vests, noting they are "easily accessible by suspects."

The new rule comes after an officer on Jan. 6 fatally shot Andre Gladen, a 36-year-old legally blind man with schizophrenia who ran inside a stranger's home.

Several law enforcement sources told The Oregonian/OregonLive that Gladen was found holding a dagger-type knife that he had grabbed from the vest of the officer who killed him.

The Portland Police Bureau has not said whether the knife Gladen dropped after he was shot belonged to Officer Consider Vosu.

Police Chief Danielle Outlaw signed the rule last week, saying it was created after proactively identifying a shortcoming in policy.

A Multnomah County grand jury found no criminal wrongdoing by Vosu in the shooting.

The grand jury transcripts are expected to be made public in coming weeks.

Owner of emotional support dog sued for airport mauling

PORTLAND — The mother of a 5-year-old girl mauled by a pit bull at Portland International Airport has filed

a \$1.1 million lawsuit against the Port of Portland for allegedly letting a dangerous "emotional support animal" into the airport without a carrier.

The Oregonian/Oregonian reports the lawsuit filed by Mirna Gonzalez lists two other defendants: the dog's owner, Michelle Brannan, and Alaska Airlines.

The suit claims Brannan should have known that her dog had "vicious propensities."

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