

Senate Interior Group Schedules Land Hearing In Bend On November 7

By TOM STIMMEL

Whether vast tracts of primitive, unspoiled land in Oregon should be preserved permanently or opened to logging and grazing will be debated in Bend November 7.

The occasion is a public hearing called by the U.S. Senate Interior Committee. It promises to be a stirring debate. The issue, despite its calm appearance, is highly controversial.

What the issue amounts to is whether Congress should establish a National Wilderness Preservation System from existing national forests and other government-owned land.

Backers of the proposal, which twice has failed to meet Senate approval, envision "an adequate system of areas of wilderness to serve recreational, scientific, scenic, educational, conservation and historical needs" of a growing population.

They would preserve areas almost as they were before man arrived, "where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."

Detractors, and there are many, maintain that such wilderness areas would "lock up millions of acres of land in the West . . . in which no timber would be cut, no live stock ranged, no roads built, and which could not be put to beneficial use."

Opponents include lumbermen, stockmen, sportsmen, fire protectors and others. One critic, speaking of the effect on Oregon, alleged: "It is the intention of the promoters . . . to gobble up the acreage lying along the crest of our Cascade Mountains, including a large volume of merchantable timber."

Two previous attempts to create wilderness areas failed to get through the Senate (where one of the bill's sponsors is Senator Richard Neuberger of Oregon). The first attempt was called S. 1176; the second was S. 4028. Both died in committee.

It still is being considered actively, however, and it would include not only land in Oregon but land in all western states. Consequently the Bend hearing is the first of four scheduled in the West. The others are to be at San Francisco, Salt Lake City and Albuquerque. All these regional hearings resulted from a hearing in Washington last spring, when broader discussion was demanded.

Two organizations very much interested in the result are the Association of Oregon Counties and the Interstate Association of Public Land Counties. Both are organizations of county officials, but the latter incorporates counties in five states.

The two associations have not yet taken a stand on the Wilderness Preservation bill as it is expected to look in its third appearance, but they will be asked to.

Forrest Cooper, a Lakeview attorney who is counsel for the Interstate Association, returned this week from a trip through Colorado and Utah where, he said, sentiment generally opposed the measure.

At Bend, Cooper said, he would recommend that a restraining clause be amended to that, or any other bill, providing that single use dedication be conditioned upon consent of a state legislature.

Opposition to the first such bill, S. 1176, was based upon what Cooper said was historic policy to provide the greatest good for the greatest number by creating multiple use areas wherever possible. These would best serve farming, cattle, timber, mining and other interests.

Creation of single use areas, such as national parks and monuments and wilderness areas, was an exception rather than the rule, Cooper said. The U.S. Forest Service, he added, "even has abolished single use areas, known as wilderness areas, (in) its judgment based upon experience and changing times."

Permitting a state legislature to rule on single use adoption would in the case of our state, "let old Oregon try it on for size and if he wants to buy it, okay," Cooper said.

Klamath County Judge Charlie Mack, a vice president of the Interstate Association and chairman of the Public Lands Committee of the state association, emphasized that no stand has been taken yet. That may come after the hearing in Bend. But it is certain that local government officials in five states are very much interested.

New Missile Pact Signed

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — A multi-billion dollar contract for assembling and testing of the Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile was signed Wednesday by the Air Force and Boeing Airplane Co.

The contract reportedly is worth 10 to 12 billion dollars to Boeing and associated contractors.

Parties to the signing at the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division here were Edward Wells, vice president of Boeing, and Lt. Gen. Samuel E. Anderson, commander of the Air Research and Development Command.

Boeing's selection as a prime contractor on the Minuteman program was announced by the Air Force Oct. 10. Other prime contractors are AVCO Manufacturing Co., North American Aviation, Inc., Thiokol Chemical Corp. and Aerojet-General.

Boeing's role in the program is similar to that of Convair in the Atlas ICBM program, Martin Co. in the Titan program and Douglas Aircraft Co. in the Thor program, all under the management of the Air Force.

The Minuteman is a land-based solid propellant missile.

GOP Solons Blast Fair

SALEM (AP)—Two Republican legislators Wednesday said the State Fair Commission has engaged in improper or poor practices.

Sen. Walter Leth of Salem and Rep. Joe Rogers of Independence wrote Gov. Robert D. Holmes a list of eight complaints.

The governor said he would investigate them.

The complaints include: The fair accountant was given an extended vacation so that facts can't be obtained.

Carnival space was doubled at the expense of space for agriculture.

The carnival operator wasn't bonded, and that the carnival space wasn't awarded to the high bidder.

Some 20 concession spaces were rented for \$200 each to a California firm, which resold them for \$350.

Fishing Leaders To Hold Meeting

SEATTLE (AP) — Fishing industry leaders from Oregon, Washington and Alaska met here Wednesday to discuss proposals for voluntary industrywide standards for the grading and processing of frozen halibut steaks.

The meeting was held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service technological laboratory. Fish packers, brokers and distributors were represented.



ANXIOUSLY AWAITING the first steps of a crippled infant daughter is a worried father. Child congenital amputees are the subject of a new program by centers in several states.

Babies Getting Artificial Limbs In New Congenital Amputee Slate

By JERRY BENNETT

WASHINGTON (NEA)—A young mother and father nervously watch their crippled infant daughter as she gets ready to take her first step.

It's an agonizing moment, even for the trained doctors and nurses who never are able to shake the tension that grips them on these occasions.

"Wonder if the little kid can make it the first time?" they keep asking themselves. "How will her parents react if something goes wrong and —?"

And then the baby takes one step. Followed by another—little steps made possible by two miniature artificial legs.

This scene is a common occurrence today in clinics which specialize in treating congenital amputees, children who have been born without arms or legs. It's the result of an amazing rehabilitative program which fits these unfortunate kids with artificial limbs soon after they are born.

This unique treatment is being successfully practiced by crippled children's centers in several states. The U.S. Children's Bureau provides financial support for these programs in Los Angeles, Calif.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; and New York City.

But just a few years ago this dramatic technique seemed unrealistic, almost impossible to perform. Congenital amputees were usually forced to spend their early years on crutches or with armless sleeves pinned to their small shoulders.

Today, however, doctors have discovered that it's often harmful to make these children wait several years before teaching them how to use an artificial arm or leg. They explain that a child's healthy growth and development demand that he get exercise and participate in normal activity.

Also, older children have more trouble learning how to use mechanical limbs than younger kids, doctors say. They explain that children who are fitted at an early age seldom miss the loss of their arms and legs since they grow up wearing the artificial ones.

Thus, infants are being given artificial legs as soon as they are old enough to stand and walk. These are often highly simplified limbs without even a knee joint. But as the child grows older, they are exchanged for more complex, movable legs.

This is also true of mechanical arms and hands. Some physical therapy experts believe these artificial limbs are necessary in preparing a child for walking and should be applied while he's still in the crawling stage. They explain that in addition to providing balance an artificial upper limb enables a child to pull himself into a standing position so he can take that always eagerly awaited first step.

Miss Clara M. Arrington, physical therapy expert for the Bureau's Division of Health Services, explains that some children become so used to their artificial limbs that they even wear them when they go to bed.

She credits much of the program's success to improvements that manufacturers are making in artificial limbs. Miss Arrington explains that new types of limbs are constantly being turned out that enable an amputee to perform more complicated movements with less effort.

Some of the congenital amputee centers teach crippled children to lead normal lives with a combination hospital-home care program.

At the hospital, the child is fitted with his new limb and taught how to use it. Instruction is also given to at least one of the parents to insure that the child operates it correctly when he goes home.

Portland Radio Stations To Switch Affiliations

NEW YORK (AP) — A major shuffle of National Broadcasting Co. radio and television affiliates in the Pacific Northwest was announced by the network here Wednesday.

NBC said it has dropped its affiliation with a Seattle radio and television station, a Portland television station and with an Oregon City, Ore., radio station. The network said it has entered into new affiliation agreements with stations of the KING Broadcasting Co. in Portland and Seattle.

The new NBC outlets in Seattle will be KING radio and KING-TV and in Portland KGW radio and KGW-TV.

KC Man Races To Pay Fines

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Sheriff's officers came to William Nevins, 34, with a warrant for his arrest on a bad check charge.

Nevins, however, had paid the complainant and only owed \$11.03 court costs. The officers suggested he go to court and pay. Nevins agreed but insisted on driving his car.

The officers, following Nevins, noticed his car was drawing farther and farther away. They said they clocked him 70 m.p.h. in a 60-mile zone; 55 in a 20-mile zone and 65 in a 30-mile zone.

Outside the court, Nevins was handed a speeding ticket. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$43. Total payment: \$54.03.

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Fruit, Vegetable Bargains Balance High Meat Prices

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bargains in vegetables and fruits counterbalance continuing high prices for meats in the nation's supermarkets and neighborhood grocery stores this weekend.

Fresh produce from nearby fields and orchards is still available in many areas. Poor growing weather curtailed West Coast crops of lettuce, citrus fruits, grapes and vegetables but so far this has had little effect due to nearby supplies.

Supermarket meat experts seem to have scattered their fire trying to find bargains guaranteed to catch the shopper's eye. A variety of cuts of pork appear slightly more numerous than offerings of beef, while turkeys and frying or roasting chickens are featured in scattered locations. Pork specials are about evenly divided between cooked hams and less expensive fresh ham, pork loin and smoked picnic hams.

Atom Scientist Guards Briefcase

DENVER (AP)—One of the nation's top atomic scientists carefully guarded a bulging briefcase he brought to the Energy Resources Conference here.

Dr. James L. Tuck, of the Los Alamos laboratories in New Mexico, was asked if a miniature nuclear reactor was concealed inside.

Replied Dr. Tuck: "No, it's part of my wife's vacuum cleaner. There is no repairman in Los Alamos and she insisted that I have it fixed in Denver."

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