

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 201

By COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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1 Delete lines 6 through 10 of the printed joint memorial and insert:

2 “Whereas the unique revested Oregon and California Railroad grant lands, commonly known as  
3 O&C lands, once provided revenues vital to the economic survival of many county governments in  
4 Oregon; and

5 “Whereas failures in federal management of the O&C lands have resulted in a drastic decline  
6 in revenues from those lands and left many of the 18 Oregon counties in which O&C lands are lo-  
7 cated without adequate revenues to provide essential public services, including the protection of  
8 public safety; and

9 “Whereas federal management of the O&C lands has reduced timber harvests by 90 percent over  
10 the last 20 years and deprived communities and industries of the raw material necessary to sustain  
11 local economies and provide employment opportunities; and”.

12 In line 18, delete “now, therefore,” and insert “and

13 “Whereas three members of the Oregon Congressional Delegation have proposed a bipartisan  
14 plan for an Oregon trust operating under Oregon laws to manage nearly 60 percent of the O&C  
15 lands in Oregon for sustained-yield timber production to benefit the Oregon counties in which O&C  
16 lands are located and all Oregonians; and

17 “Whereas Representatives DeFazio, Schrader and Walden have offered the O&C Trust, Conser-  
18 vation and Jobs Plan, which would result in the restoration of sufficient county revenues to avert  
19 the financial crisis currently confronting many Oregon counties and allow those counties to con-  
20 tinue functioning with acceptable levels of public safety services and other essential services; and

21 “Whereas the O&C Trust, Conservation and Jobs Plan would ensure a sufficiently stable timber  
22 supply to justify investments in new plants and equipment, would provide raw material to support  
23 manufacturing and other jobs and would create up to 12,000 new jobs in parts of Oregon where ex-  
24 traordinarily high unemployment rates are a chronic problem; and

25 “Whereas, in addition to helping revive an ailing economy, the O&C Trust, Conservation and  
26 Jobs Plan would ensure that timber and other resources are conserved for the benefit of current and  
27 future generations by requiring sustained-yield forestry, permanently protecting all remaining old-  
28 growth timber on more than one million acres of O&C lands, adding more than 90,000 acres to  
29 wilderness protection and giving an additional 150 miles of streams wild and protected status; now,  
30 therefore,”.

31 In line 23, delete “either” and after “cost” insert a comma and delete “or”.

32 In line 24, after “amount” insert “or by enacting without delay the O&C Trust, Conservation  
33 and Jobs Plan proposed by Representatives DeFazio, Schrader and Walden”.

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