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Hansell praises Oregon's wheat industry

Salem, OR – On Thursday, in conjunction with the Oregon Wheat Growers League visit to the Capitol, Senator Bill Hansell (R-Athena) spoke from the floor of the Senate on the importance of wheat production to the State of Oregon.

Hansell drew the attention of his colleagues to the carpet of the Senate floor which has a wheat motif, and then explained that Oregon wheat matters, which was also the theme of the grower's visit. Hansell added that Oregon's top exported crop is wheat and the top product exported at the Port of Portland is wheat.

"It was special for me to be able to bring to the attention of the Oregon Senate how important wheat production is to the State of Oregon," said Hansell. "Wheat has over \$500 million in sales, and is an economic engine for much of rural Oregon."

Hansell concluded his remarks by inviting everyone to enjoy a piece of birthday cake served by the Wheat Growers League in the rotunda to celebrate Oregon's 154th birthday.

"I am proud of my roots, and proud to be associated with the fine people who came to the Capitol on February 14th," said Hansell.

Senate District 29, which Hansell represents, is the bread basket of Oregon. Hansell was raised on a wheat and cattle ranch north of Athena.

Hansell has been a campus minister, a rancher, a farmer and a county commissioner. He is a graduate of Athena Public Schools, the University of Oregon, and the Harvard University JFK School of Government.

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