

Kangaroo

Mr. President, I request permission to use a visual aid.

This wooden object is a windchest for a pipe organ. Our family occasionally restores old pipe organs for fun.

Organ pipes sit in the holes in these chests – like the pipe displayed. The windchest is pressurized and a valve inside the chest opens to let air into a pipe when the note is played.

Why do I bring this up? Because it's fun and interesting, of course. But there is another reason.

Senate bill 764 would ban the importation of Kangaroo leather into Oregon.

The valves in these chests are made of leather. Kangaroo leather is ideal for this purpose.

There is no shortage of kangaroos.

If this law passes, it would be illegal to use Kangaroo leather to service Oregon's many beautiful pipe organs.

I am guessing that very few of the Senators here are aware of this.

It is an example of why laws should be kept to a minimum.

There are many things the Senate does not know.

I expect Pipe Organ repairmen will figure out a way to smuggle in kangaroo leather if they have to. But why should they be put to this trouble?

Let's vote no on 764.

