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Government Needs Science, Says Governor

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Gov. Tom McCall Monday night asked scientists to participate in government.

"Government needs the benefit of the tremendous pool of scientific knowledge that is available, and let me say the need is acute," he said.

He spoke at a dinner in connection with a symposium on the biological impact of pesticides attended by more than 400 scientists.

He said each state should establish its own committee on science and technology, counseling and advising the governor.

"One week from this Wednesday," McCall said, "I am going to swear in members of a new 11-member committee. This is the Governor's committee on Synthetic Chemicals, established by action of the recent Oregon Legislature. It will establish pesticide policy, and set the rules for the control, handling, storage and disposal of these chemicals in Oregon.

"I am extremely pleased with this action and the law is already being hailed as a model in a number of other states."

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