

MINUTES OF MEETING - FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE - 56TH ASSEMBLY SESSION

FEBRUARY 25, 1971

PRESENT: Ronzone, Olsen, Smith, Fry, May and Dreyer

ABSENT: Homer

OTHERS: Brookman

Chairman Ronzone called the meeting to order at 10:25 A.M. for the purpose of discussing the bills that have been referred to the Committee and to adopt some general rules. The same committee rules adopted by the Government Affairs Committee were presented for adoption. Following a short discussion, Mr. Dreyer moved the rules be adopted as presented. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried. (See Attached) Chairman Ronzone added that the Committee will attempt to meet on Tuesday and Thursday each week until all bills referred to the Committee are covered.

Chairman Ronzone continued by saying that it appears that some of the bills referred to this Committee should be re-referred. Two of these bills being A.B. 266 and A.B. 267 dealing with siltation and thermal pollution. It was discussed that perhaps these bills should be re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Resources. Mr. Smith said he felt these should be included in that committee's omnibus bill on water pollution and should not be handled by Fish and Game at all. Mr. May added, however, that both of these bills refer to action that should be taken by the Fish and Game Commission. A.B. 266 dealing with siltation becoming so great in the streams that it endangers the fish. Chairman Ronzone concurred with him stating that in some of the logging areas, siltation in creeks is so increased that the fish cannot live. Mr. Smith still maintained, however, that these bills should be re-referred to Environment and Public Resources because they were placing a responsibility on the Fish and Game Commission that he didn't believe they could live with or were staffed for. He moved and it was passed that these two bills be re-referred to the committee on Environment and Public Resources.

Discussion followed on A.B. 104. Mrs. Brookman wants to amend this bill whereby senior citizens, 65 or over being residents for at least five years, would be allowed reductions on Fish and Game licenses. Her amendment provides that the fee for a hunting or fishing license for these people be \$1.00. This \$1.00 fee takes care of paper cost but more importantly retains their eligibility for receiving government matched funds. Mrs. Brockman said she has spoken to the introducers of A.B. 104 and they are willing and agreeable to adding this amendment. Mr. Smith questioned the five-year residency. He felt that resident requirements were no longer valid. He said Nevada needs and wants these people. It was decided that a few changes should be made in the amendment first so any action was postponed until such changes are made.

Chairman Ronzone then brought the discussion to A.B. 265 relating to hunting licenses and the requiring of certain persons to take a hunting safety course before receiving a license. He commented that this bill was drawing criticism from outlying counties where it would be inconvenient to administer training courses and issue licenses. He added it was his understanding that safety training in several states is mandatory. Mr. Smith questioned Section 6 of this bill which exempts nonresidents from this training course. He didn't see

why nonresidents were any different than residents. Mr. Olsen commented that an opinion on this may depend on whether you are a hunter or a merchant. By requiring nonresidents to take a safety course, you preclude a lot of people coming in and thus a lot of money. Mr. Smith said game is being depleted for resident hunters and in effect is being "sold" to nonresidents but he agreed with Mr. Olsen that money from out-of-state hunters is a matter of importance.

At this point, it was moved by Mr. Smith that further discussion of A.B. 265 and discussion of A.B. 396, 397 and 399 be postponed until Tuesday, March 9, when there will be a hearing at which representatives from the Fish and Game Commission should be present. Seconded by Mr. Olsen. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

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COMMITTEE RULES - 56TH NEVADA ASSEMBLY SESSION

1. Four members constitute a quorum of the committee.
2. Motions will be moved, seconded and passed by a simple majority of those present, except that definite action ("Do Pass" or "Hold") on a bill will require a majority of the entire committee.
3. In order to reconsider previous actions taken, an affirmative vote of four members of the committee will be required.
4. Mason's Manual will be followed as to parliamentary procedure.
5. Any member of the committee may request an item on the agenda by contacting the chairman a day ahead of time.
6. Committee bill introduction will be by affirmative vote of four members present. Committee introduction does not imply in any way a commitment on the part of any committee member to support a bill.

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