

SENATE ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting --- January 20, 1971

Committee members present:	Thomas Wilson, Chairman Emerson Titlow Chic Hecht Coe Swobe Lee Walker Clifton Young John Foley
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Also present: Esther Nicholson	League of Women Voters
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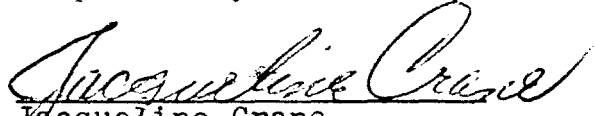
Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and opened discussion for consideration of committee rules.

Senator Young moved for adoption of committee rules similar to those adopted by the judiciary committee, seconded by Senator Swobe. The motion was amended, adding a rule covering committee bill introductions. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion as amended.

The members also discussed tentative meeting times and dates and ultimately agreed that they will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. or following adjournment of the Senate, whichever time comes later.

It was also agreed that the first public hearings to be conducted by the committee will be scheduled for 1:30 p.m., February 2nd in Room 213.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Jacqueline Crane  
 Committee Secretary

1. The Ecology Committee has an assigned meeting time and, unless prior arrangement is agreed upon by the committee, will meet at that time each day. Members are urged to plan their work so that they can be present at the appointed hour each day.
2. A list of the bills to be considered on a given day will be prepared and will be submitted to the members on the day previous as early as possible so they may be read and studied by the members. In the event any member, for a legitimate reason, is unable to read or study the bills as assigned for hearing and desires further time to look them over before the committee takes final action, the bill or bills will be rescheduled. But they will then be heard, and if no further information appears to be required, will be acted upon.
3. Committee members having an interest in a particular bill should consult with the chairman as to scheduling of time for consideration and/or hearing.
4. Bills requiring public hearing will be scheduled for committee attention at least a week in advance, giving all parties concerned an opportunity to plan to be present for the hearing. Notices of such hearings will be posted on legislative and public bulletin boards.
5. A quorum shall consist of 4 members and final action shall not be taken on any measure by the committee unless a quorum is present. A majority vote of the committee shall be necessary for committee action. But, if a majority vote favors reporting out a bill with a "do pass" or a "do not pass" recommendation, then the minority may file a report showing the recommendation of the minority of the committee.
6. A two-thirds majority vote of the committee will be required for reconsideration of a bill on which final action has been taken; provided that a motion to table shall not be considered final action; and, provided further, that, in the event new or additional information on a measure becomes available or a witness who claims not to have been notified of a pending hearing on a bill on which final action has been taken requests to be heard, the committee, by a majority vote, may move to hear such additional testimony or witness. But, if the bill is to be reconsidered on the basis of the new information, a two-thirds majority vote shall be required.
7. Committee bill introduction will be by a majority vote of those members present.
8. Adherence to these rules will facilitate the committee in handling the heavy work load assigned to it, but no set of rules can adequately guide us in the conduct of all actions and certainly it is expected that unforeseen situations will arise from time to time which may require modification of any rule. It is hoped that the spirit of cooperation will prevail and will assist the committee in reaching a solution to any or all problems with which we are confronted. The chair extends that cooperation to all members.

ADOPTED: January 20, 1971