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SENATE ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting --- January 26, 1971

Committee members present:

Thomas Wilson, Chairman  
Emerson Titlow  
Chic Hecht  
Coe Swobe  
Lee Walker  
Clifton Young  
John Foley

Also present were:

Joan Reid  
Fula Forst  
Jean Ford  
Eileen Hinson  
Roy Vanett

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Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

He noted the committee will hold its first public hearings next Tuesday when S.B. 15 and S.B. 20 will be considered. He stated a mailing list is being compiled and asked members to submit names of constituents whom they wish to be notified.

He explained there are several hundred names on the list, thus far, which will require considerable postage for mailing. He asked how the members felt the postage costs should be covered.

Senator Hecht suggested the Finance Committee should be requested to appropriate the necessary funds and the members agreed.

Attention was directed to bills referred to this committee and it was decided that S.J.R. 4 will be considered next Tuesday.

A brief discussion was held on S.B. 39, which involves noise abatement procedures. Senator Hecht suggested airline representatives be asked to attend the hearing to be held on it and Senator Young agreed to contact them.

(On Feb. 1st, Chairman Wilson scheduled S.B. 39 for hearing at 1:30 p.m. on Thurs. Feb. 11th in Room 213; and S.B. 22 at 1:30 p.m. on Tues. Feb. 9th in Room 213.)

Chairman Wilson pointed out that S.B. 48 had been referred to concurrent committees on Public Resources and Ecology. He asked Senator Titlow, Chairman of the Public Resources Committee whether he would care to hold joint hearings but submit separate reports.

Senator Titlow stated he felt the committees should adhere to standard legislative rules which designate separate hearings should be held.

Members were advised the Nevada State Bar Association appointed a committee to review and develop a condominium on legislation as it now stands. That committee was divided into two sub-committees: one, chaired by Andrew MacKenzie, charged with drafting a compendium of Nevada laws; the other, chaired by Bill Lohse, with drafting a compendium on Federal laws.

Chairman Wilson explained the committees' reports would enable comparisons of state laws with federal ones and help determine which federal programs are available to the state and which are not.

"For example, since 1967-68 we've had a Federal Air Quality Control Act which provides for the development of a program by the state, and if that program's planning seriously impresses the Federal agency, they then can appropriate funding --- up to 2/3 of the cost of implementing the plan and 1/2 the cost of maintaining it."

Copies of MacKenzie's committee report on environmental law were requested to be given each member.

Members were also furnished with An Annotated Bibliography on Environmental Affairs, compiled by the Federal Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, which the chairman said he felt would be an excellent source for reference material.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jacqueline Crane  
Committee Secretary