

M I N U T E S -- 57th Session

Assembly

ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC RESOURCES & FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE--Room 214

January 17, 1973

Members Present: Chairman Bremner
Ford
Gojack
Banner
Broadbent
Crawford
Jacobsen
Smalley

Members Absent: Lowman

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bremner at 9:15 a.m. Since this was the first meeting of the Environment and Public Resources Committee, the Chairman said it would be just a brief session to organize, introduce the members, and discuss the rules of the Committee, Ways and Means, and Suggested Rule Sheets.

He also included that no decision will be made about the rules at this meeting, but just would be discussed and any decisions will be made in the next meeting, which he mentioned will be held tomorrow.

Chairman Bremner then asked the committee secretary to read the Ways and Means rule sheet to the committee, and he proceeded to suggest that the committee will be able to establish the rules so they would be more compromising for the committee.

Mr. Smalley brought up the fact about the Chairman of the committee vote rule, which allows the Chairman to only vote to break a tie, and Chairman Bremner announced that this rule be optional to this committee. Mr. Broadbent mentioned about his (the Chairman's) position in this type of rule, and Chairman Bremner announced that this would make his position bad, so he said they will decide this at the next meeting.

Mrs. Ford questioned about the differences of one rule on two separate rule sheets which read:

Committee rule sheet: stated that motions will be moved, seconded and passed by a simple majority of those present, except that definition action ("Do Pass" or "Hold") on a bill will require a majority of the entire committee.

Ways and Means rule sheet: stated that it will require a simple majority of the committee to pass or reject a bill or budget.

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It was wondered (with a quorum established) would it mean a majority of the committee or majority of the members present that would count in action to pass or reject a bill or motions be seconded and passed. Mr. Jacobsen commented that if a member did not show up the only way to proceed is to act regularly as long as they had a quorum established. The chairman agreed that this was a questionable subject and he said that he preferred that this committee hold such action in accordance with the majority of the members present, instead of the majority of the committee, whether members were absent or not. This was quite favorable to the rest of the committee.

The voting tally sheet was directed to Mr. Jacobsen by Chairman Bremner to explain the use of the sheets and procedures done with them. Mr. Jacobsen said that the vote sheets be filled out by the secretary of the committee and the results be posted outside the door of the meeting room, to be seen by anyone interested.

Chairman Bremner then reported that Mr. Wilson, an expert in the field of Federal Land Law Legislation, will be appearing with our committee on January 21st, at 2:00 p.m., and he asked if there would be any conflicts with the members in attending this joint session. They figured they would have no trouble to make it to this meeting with Mr. Wilson.

Toward the end of the meeting, Chairman Bremner asked if any other business needed to be brought up on the floor, and with no reply, announced an adjournment until Wednesday morning, January 18th, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geanie Armstrong
Assembly Attache