

Assembly

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

January 18, 1973

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

Members Absent: None

Guests: None

At 9:20 a.m. the meeting was called to order by Chairman Bremner. He proceeded to discuss the rules. *

The Government Affairs Committee rules were decided for the committee to go by. Chairman Bremner then read each question one by one and stopped after each one for questions and discussion.

There were no discussion on rules 1, 3, 4, and 9; and rule number 10 was deleted from the rule sheet.

Rule number 2 was the first to be discussed, and Dr. Broadbent motioned that the roll call vote be at the option of the chairman, and Mr. Jacobsen seconded his motion. Also, Mr. Lowman motioned that the majority of the members present, instead of the majority of the committee, may pass a bill. It was seconded by Dr. Broadbent.

Rule number 5, involving the amount of time ahead to place an item on the agenda, was discussed and found that certain items require extra time ahead and others not; so Dr. Broadbent motioned that a reasonable time ahead, depending on the item, would be sufficient. Mrs. Ford seconded it.

Mr. Banner asked the chairman if he may be excused, and the Chairman excused him.

For rule number 6, Mr. Lowman motioned that bill introduction will be by affirmative vote of the majority present, instead of six members present; and Mr. Crawford seconded this motion.

All agreed that in rule number 7, the secretary of the committee dispense roll call at each meeting, and just record those present or not present.

Mrs. Ford motioned, in rule number 8, that the secretary record each individual's vote by aye or nay, instead of the number of aye votes and the names of those opposing. Mr. Smalley seconded Mrs. Ford's motion, but Mr. Lowman opposed. Also, it was agreed that the results of each voting not be posted to the public.

* See Ex. I

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Rule number 11, Mr. Lowman motioned that the last sentence be deleted, which stated that no vote shall be taken in the presence of any witness, and Mr. Smalley seconded it. ~~The press was believed to be as witnesses, so it was agreed that they shall be dismissed during voting also.~~

Rule number 12 brought Dr. Broadbent to motion that a minority report be signed by the author and any interested parties, who were present at the time of the vote. Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion.

Chairman Bremner then asked the committee to read the sheet on Public Hearings. Mr. Crawford asked that if a chairman happened to forget about a bill, how would a committee member bring it up. The chairman said that he did not plan to do such a thing and left it as is.

The adjournment was motioned by Chairman Bremner, then motioned, by Mr. Jacobsen.

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COMMITTEE RULES

1. Five members constitute a quorum of the committee.
2. Motions moved, seconded and passed will vote by a simple majority of those present and definite action ("Do Pass" or "Hold") on a bill will require a majority of members present also, and it be taken by a roll call vote at the option of the chairman.
3. In order to reconsider previous actions taken, an affirmative vote of the majority 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 at least a day ahead of time, depending on the importance of the item.
6. Committee bill introduction will be by affirmative vote of the majority of the members present. Committee introduction does not imply in any way a commitment on the part of any committee member to support the bill.
7. The secretary of the committee shall record the members present and the members not present.
8. The secretary of the committee shall record each vote as each individual voted.
9. When the chairman is not present, the vice-chairman shall conduct the meeting.
10. Any final decision of the committee will not be made until all witnesses have been heard, questioned and dismissed.
11. A minority report can be filed with the Chief Clerk at the same time as the committee action is reported. A minority report must be signed by the author and any interested parties, who disagree with the committee action, and who were present when the vote was taken.