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

Assembly

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

January 24, 1973

Members Present: Chairman Bremner

Chairman Bremner Broadbent
Ford Lowman
Gojack Jacobsen
Banner Smalley

Members Absent: C

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Guests:

None

Chairman Bremner called the meeting of the Environment and Public Resources committee to order at 9:15 Wednesday morning.

The Chairman announced he had been advised that this committee's rules (namely rules #2 and #3) were a bit out of line, because they did not conform to those of the other committees. Both of these rules were concerned with either the majority of the members present, or the majority of the committee to take action. This committee's decision was to make it the majority of the members present and it was told to Mr. Bremner that most of the other committees voted to use the majority of the committee to be concerned in final actions of any committee. So it was asked to change these rules in conformity with all of the other committees.

Discussion about the rule sheet was brought up by Mr. Smalley. He thought that it would be right for the Legislative Functions Committee to set up a standard set of rules for every committee to go by and follow up on. Mrs. Ford quite agreed and it seemed to be favorable to the rest of the committee.

Mr. Jacobsen wondered if it would be a good idea to advise Legislative Functions of this committee's feelings about the rule sheet, and maybe this committee could set up a general rule sheet to bring before Legislative Functions as a recommended set of rules to be discussed and decided on.

Mr. Banner brought up a very good point; that if the majority of the committee was interested in the committee's discussions and actions, then they would be present at all meetings and participate. Mr. Jacobsen agreed and also brought out the fact that if a committee member seems to be continually late or absent, it would be up to the committee to say something to this person.

Mr. Lowman argued that we should be able to defend our rules, and never mind about the other committee's decisions on their rules. He motioned that the committee of Environment and Public Resources retain their revised rules stated in the minutes. Dr. Broadbent seconded Mr. Lowman's motion. A poll vote was taken by Chairman Bremner, after finding both opposed and for members, and the ayes had the vote.



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Discussion was made about how to refer a set of rules to the Legislative Functions Committee. The members figured that one of the members of the Liegislative Functions Committee could motion to have a standard rule sheet for all committees to go by. Mr. Smalley mentioned that with all the different rules for each committee being revised, he almost would forget which set of rules went for which committee, and something should be done about it.

Dr. Broadbent said that someone could possibly talk to the Speaker, Mr. Ashworth, and suggest that all chairman be called together now to settle this matter all at once.

Mr. Lowman then motioned that Chairman Bremner and Mr. Jacobsen, since they are members of the Legislative Functions Committee, to express this committee's concerns over this matter, and Dr. Broadbent seconded.

The chairman then passed around two copies of some bills to the members just to look over. These were brought up and explained by Mrs. Ford. She explained that the Environment Quality Act was stated as a bill on one of the sheets, that were brought up another time and nothing final was done to it. Also, she said that the Oregon Bottle Bill was mentioned in the sheets about banning unreturnable bottles. This Oregon Bottle Bill had worked very well in Oregon, so Mrs. Ford thought this should also work very well in Nevada.

The chairman said there was no need for the scheduled Monday morning meeting next week, so he scheduled the next meeting to be on Wednesday morning, January 31st.

Mr. Smalley motioned that the meeting be adjourned, since no other business needed to be discussed, and Mr. Jacobsen seconded his motion.

Repectfully submitted,

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