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

Assembly

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

January 31, 1973

Members Present: Chairman Bremner

Chairman Bremner Broadbent
Ford Jacobsen
Gojack Crawford
Banner Smalley

Members Absent:

Lowman

Guests:

None

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. today by Chairman Bremner. He asked if there were any questions or corrections to be made about the minutes from the last meeting. No one had any questions, but Dr. Broadbent motioned that the committee accept the minutes as printed and for the chairman to authorize any technical corrections. Mr. Jacobsen seconded Dr. Broadbent's motion.

Chairman Bremner started to discuss one of the proposed bills, Mrs. Ford brought forth, as a possible committee introduction about the Environment Quality Act. Mr. Crawford, who was absent at the last meeting time, was briefed by Mrs. Ford about this bill and its purposes. She explained that this bill requires state projects and programs; requiring certain reports to be submitted to the governor's environmental council. Dr. Broadbent was reassured that this did include the fish and game agency, and the highway department, for example, but does not cover any private developments. Also, state funds would be involved with this bill.

Then, Jean Ford motioned for committee introduction of the Environment Quality Act, and Mr. Banner seconded it.

The Oregon Bottle Bill was then discussed, and there was no use to introduce it, because it had already been introduced by Mr. Getto (AB 131) with a few slight changes.

Chairman Bremner announced that a hearing will be held next Wednesday morning at 8:00 concerning AB 98 (prohibiting personal garbage hauling). Dr. Broadbent spoke about the bill and his participation in introducting it. He was very concerned about guarding against hauling garbage just anyway and anywhere. It was mentioned by some of the members how they have been notified about this bill and the public's concern with the action of the committee on this bill. Dr. Broadbent said that this area is not considered old cow country anymore and is becoming very civilized and modern, so it must be kept very clean, also. With all of the discriminate dumping, something has to be done, so the bill prohibits such dumping in unincorporated franchise counties.

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The high price of hauling garbage was greatly stressed and discussed. Mrs. Gojack mentioned that one older retired man said that he wouldn't even accumulate more than a barrel of garbage in a whole month, but he still had to pay the full amount of the hauling fee. She thought that it would be much better if those with less garbage to be hauled should pay less, and the ones with more garbage pay more.

Since there were different costs for hauling in different counties, Dr. Broadbent figured that all of the counties get together and compromise to make up an initial fee to be the same everywhere in this state.

Also, Dr. Broadbent said that the most reason for indiscriminate dumping is because a lot of people live so far away from the dump (to dump the extra that the garbage hauling doesn't take away). He mentioned that one might spend money for the fee of hauling, and then spend more on gas and car use to make it up to 30 miles to the dump. A lot of people think this unnecesary, so they dump it in the nearest vacant lot,out in the deserted area, and anywhere they can.

Mr. Jacobsen also mentioned that some towns are too small to be able to afford garbage hauling, so that causes another problem.

Mrs. Ford asked what the results were with the Legislative Functions Committee meeting about the rules. Chairman Bremner said that they decided that all committee chairmen together and discuss and settle this matter, but no news about when yet.

The chairman reminded the committee members of the joint session being held in room 213 at 2:15 this afternoon.

Chairman Bremner then asked if any other business to be brought to the floor. None, so Mr. Banner motioned the meeting be adjourned, and Mr. Crawford seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geanie Armstrong Assembly Attache