

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

Assembly

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

March 2, 1973

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

Guests Present:	Wayne N. Capurro	Nevada Wildlife Federation
	Glen Christensen	Nevada Dept. of Fish and Game
	William Parsons	Nevada Dept. of Fish and Game
	Fred Wright	Nevada Dept. of Fish and Game
	Al Bernarda	Nevada Organization for Wildlife

Chairman Bremner called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. The chairman then asked for discussion on last meeting's minutes. He said that they would discuss bills A.B. 98, A.B. 141, and A.B. 268.

A.B. 98

The chairman started discussion on A.B. 98, which is the Garbage Bill. This bill had previously been moved to be held until further notice from the Chairman, which had happened February 9th. Now it was brought out again. Dr. Broadbent moved for indefinite postponement, with the provision that the chairman be directed to refer it back to the floor with the appropriate reasons, which one of them Dr. Broadbent said was lack of interest from the County Commissioners. Mr. Crawford seconded Dr. Broadbent's motion. The committee members concurred.

A.B. 141

A.B. 141, the Flora Bill, was then considered by the committee. Chairman Bremner then asked Mrs. Ford to explain her suggested amendments for this bill. (These suggested amendments are attached as Exhibit I). Mr. Lowman commented on one of the amendments and said that he thinks that the Indians should be treated just like everyone else, and he is in favor of finally getting the Indians out of the ghetto. Mrs. Ford mentioned that there are a few old people (Indians) that go out and get certain herbs and such, but not that many. Dr. Broadbent agreed with Mr. Lowman's comment on the Indians, but he did motion for a "Do pass as amended" on this bill. Mr. Lowman seconded his motion. They discussed the fine on this bill, and decided to leave it as it is. Then Chairman Bremner asked Mrs. Ford to take care of the amendments for the printers.

A.B. 268

The committee then discussed A.B. 268, the Snowmobile Bill. Mr Smalley said there should be something done with the noise of the snowmobiles. The chairman then said that he would like to exempt those used in sanctioned snowmobile races and meter contests with the decibel regulation.

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Dr. Broadbent then discussed the most highlighted areas that the testimonies about this bill had touched upon, and began talking about the registrations of these vehicles and thought it should be brought out in the bill. The reason he thought this was because it would be better in keeping track of the snowmobiles.

Chairman Bremner called attention to the suggested amendment by Stan Warren which says that on page 2, lone 24, of Section 3, add: this section shall not apply to utilites under the jurisdiction of the Nevada Public Service Commission.

Another change in this bill would be to delete Section 5, paragraph 4, stating the requirement of the one-foot snow depth.

Dr. Broadbent asked about section 7, about the words "drive and pursue any animal" and thought maybe it should be "drive, pursue, herd or harass any animal" instead. Chairman Bremner stated that he had no objection. Mr. Crawford asked about the people who round up their cattle and he was answered that these people would be exempt from this part. Mr. Smalley thought that this part should also include "drive, pursue, herd, or harass any animal and livestock," for those who are not owners of cattle or livestock. Chairman had no objection in this case.

Mrs. Ford brought out about the age requirements for crossing high-ways; federal and state. Chairman Bremner asked where they would be able to fit this into this bill, and Mrs. Gojack mentioned that it could be put in Section 3, about the freeways and highways. In comment to this, Mr. Lowman said that the age limit should not less then those limit requirements brought out by the Department of Motor Vehicles for drivers. Mr. Smalley suggested the age of 16 anybody younger than this age would not be able to cross state and federal highways. Mrs. Ford concurred with this suggestion. Dr. Broadbent felt that this age requirement need not be in the bill and left out altogether, because according to the testimonies there were a few children driving these a very young ages, but it was brought up that this age limit would only effect those crossing the highways.

Mr. Jacobsen suggested that maybe this committee could come up with a resolution this session stating that we would admonish every organized group to designate one as a health and safety officer who would maybe tidy things up in their areas like pollution and the whole works. With this and their experiences, these officers may be able to help out with suggestions and so forth for further sessions and laws.

Dr. Broadbent said that where is the state going to be able to do anything with this bill anyway, when the problem exists to the federal lands, and there's not much that we can do.

Dr. Broadbent then suggested that Section 5, paragraph 6, about the private property part be deleted and Mrs. Ford argued that this part cannot be deleted because it is important. Mr. Smalley said that it would be better to keep it in to remind the people of this.

Mr. Lowman then motioned for a "do pass as amended" for A.B. 268, and Mr. Chairman then read off the list of amended sections. Then Mrs. Gojack said that two other items from the bill had been brought up in the testimonies that pertained to Section 12, paragraph 2. It was sug-

gested to bring down the subsequent conviction at a minimum of \$50, instead of \$100. After Mr. Lowman looked up in the General Law books about misdemeanors, the chairman thought that the paragraph 1 of Section 12, that a violation should not be less than \$10 and not more than \$100, (instead of \$200). Mr. Lowman found that you can get anyone up to \$500 on a straight misdemeanor and then Chairman Bremner said that he would be in favor of changing both of these paragraphs into a misdemeanor. The committee members had no objections.

Mr. Gojack asked about the registration of the snowmobile, and Mrs. Ford said that the registration should come when they look at the whole Off-Road vehicle subject, and the chairman concurred with Mrs. Ford.

Chairman Bremner repeated the six amendments, and then Dr. Broadbent seconded Mr. Lowman's previous motion for a "do pass as amended", and all of the members were in favor.

Then the chairman had about seven bills^{*} to read for possible committee introduction and he started reading one by one. Mr. Lowman moved to introduce the first one that the chairman read, and Mrs. Ford seconded. But then Mr. Lowman changed his motion to have committee introduction on all of the seven bills, since they had to do with basically the same subject, and Dr. Broadbent seconded his motion.

The chairman asked Mr. Jacobsen about his bill, and he said that it hadn't come out of the printers yet, so Chairman Bremner decided to schedule A.B. 197 and other Game Board re-organization bills for two weeks from today, which would be on Friday, March 16, at 8:00 a.m. in room 131.

Mrs. Ford discussed about the B.L.M. as trying to have it as a major recreation area, and talked about Mr. Watson's letter concerning this matter, which was supposed to say "don't jeopardize B.L.M.'s opportunity by taking Red Rock Canyon."

The chairman then called this meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. until the next meeting on Wednesday, March 7th at 8:00 a.m. in room 214.

Respectfully Submitted,

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* A.B. 460 (BDR 45-82), A.B. 461 (BDR 45-251), A.B. 462 (BDR 45-1175),
A.B. 463 (BDR 45-83), A.B. 464 (BDR 45-252), A.B. 465 (BDR 45-253),
A.B. 466 (BDR 45-85)

Page 1, line 5: add "and montane" after "desert"

Pg. 1, line 9 and 10: Delete "federal or state agency, which controls or regulates any public land" and substitute "state forester fire-warden or those designated by him throught the State."

Pg. 1, after Sec. 3: Insert new section which reads: "The state forester firewarden is authorized to establish rules anf regulations for the implementation of this Act including the issuance of collecting permits and the designation of other state and federal agencies where permits may be obtained throughout the State."

Delete the entire Sec. 4, and substitute: "Except as to flora declared endangered by the state forester firewarden pursuant to NRS 527.270, the provisions of this section shall not apply to Indians, native to Nevada, who gather any shuch article for food or medicinal use [or for sale] for themselves and [not as employers of] for any other person [except as to private lands.] being treated by Indian religious ceremony."

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BILL NO.: A.B. 268

DATE: February 13, 1973

SPONSOR: Mr. Capurro

SUBJECT: Regulates operation of snowmobiles.

COMMITTEE ACTION

DATE: March 2, 1973

AMENDMENT: YES X

NO _____

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY:

SECONDED BY:

COMMITTEE VOTE	YES	NO	EXCUSED	ABSENT	NO VOTE
BREMNER	X				
FORD	X				
GOJACK	X				
BANNER	X				
BROADBENT	X				
CRAWFORD	X				
JACOBSEN	X				
LOWMAN	X				
SMALLEY	X				

DISPOSITION:

DATE: March 2, 1973

DO PASS:

DO PASS AS AMENDED: X

Motion: Mr. Lowman

INDEFINATELY POSTPONED:

Second: Dr. Broadbent

NOTES: Amendments listed in minutes of March 2nd.

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BILL NO.: AB-141
SPONSOR: Ford, Gojack.
SUBJECT: Restricts removal of flora.

DATE: January 30, 1973

COMMITTEE ACTION
AMENDMENT: YES X
AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY: Mrs. Ford
SECONDED BY:

DATE: March 2, 1973
NO _____

COMMITTEE VOTE	YES	NO	EXCUSED	ABSENT	NO VOTE
BREMNER	X				
FORD	X				
GOJACK	X				
BANNER	X				
BROADBENT	X				
CRAWFORD	X				
JACOBSEN	X				
LOWMAN	X				
SMALLEY	X				

DISPOSITION:

DATE: March 2, 1973

DO PASS:
DO PASS AS AMENDED: X
INDEFINATELY POSTPONED:

Motion: Dr. Broadbent
Second: Mr. Lowman

NOTES: Amendments are listed and attached in the Minutes of the March 2nd meeting.