

S U B - C O M M I T T E EM I N U T E S -- 57th Session**Assembly**

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

April 3, 1973

Members Present: Chairman Gojack Mr. Crawford
Mrs. Ford Mr. Lowman

Guests Present: Ernie Gregory Nevada Division of Health
Mike Classen Deputy Attorney General
Daisy Talvitie League of Women Voters
Ray Knisley Interested Party
Elmo DeRicco Department of Conservation
Roland Westergard State Engineer

The Sub-Committee meeting came to order at 7:15 a.m., with Mrs. Gojack as Chairman. The purpose for this meeting is to come up with amendments for A.B. 472--Enacting the Water Pollution Control Law.

Mr. Elmo DeRicco, Director of the Department of Conservation, spoke first and drew a diagram of how the departments and such are going to be situated.

Mr. Lowman asked how many are on the staff, and Mr. Gregory answered that there are 22.

Daisy Talvitie, League of Women Voters, said that that new situation does not look like it has changed much from the last one, and Mr. Lowman agreed. She said that she would like to see a lot more people represented instead of industry.

Mr. DeRicco said that the Governor agrees with the new change, but he said that the Governor like it the way it was and is now, since it is working fine, but did agree with these changes.

Ms. Talvitie mentioned that she still did not like the Health Appeals Board, and the Environmental Appeals Board being together, because of conflicts of interest.

After further discussion on the boards, Mr. Mike Clasen went over the suggested amendments, that is in the April 2nd Minutes. He went through , section by section.

Section 12, #1 Daisy Talvitie mentioned that they do not have a definition of "Person" so they changed it to the following:

1. "Person" means the state or any agency or institution thereof, any individual, partnership, firm, or private corporation, trust, estate, commission, board, public or private institution, utility, cooperative, muncicipal, or other political subdivision of this state, any interstate body or any other legal entity.

Then the Sub-Committee added a second part to Section 12 as follows:

2. "Person" includes the United States to the extent authorized by federal law.

Then on Section 14, it was suggested to delete "from a point source" on line 33 on page 2 of the original bill.

After discussion on Section 22 of the suggested amendments, the members decided that it need changing in Sub-Section 2 of this section. The change is as follows:

2. In promulgating regulations, water quality standards and effluent limitations pursuant to Section 2 to 39 inclusive, of this act, the commission shall recognize the historical irrigation practices in the respective river basins of this state, and the economy thereof, and their effects on the waters of the state.

Because of the problems of people being charged for hearings, in which they might not be able to afford, Daisy Talvitie said that there should be protection of the people in such cases against these costly hearings. So the Sub-Committee suggested to add a sub-section 3 as follows:

3. The commission shall in no event provide by such rules and regulations that the cost of such a public hearing shall be taxed to the requesting person.

There were no other problems with the rest of the suggested amendments as Mr. Clasen went through. They did make one last change, and that was in Section 60, page 11, line 32 of the original bill. They changed "Chapter 439 of NRS" to Senate Bill 488.

The Sub-Committee decided that Mr. Knisley, Ms. Talvitie, and Mr. Clasen get together and have these amendments type up for the committee meeting the next morning.

The Sub-Committee meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Assembly Attache