

H E A R I N GM I N U T E S -- 57th SessionAssembly

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

April 9, 1973

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

Members Absent: Banner

Guests Present:	R.G. Miller	Advisory Committee on Envir. Ed.
	Don Crosby	Nevada Highway Department
	Jan MacEachern	League of Women Voters of Nevada
	Ray Knisley	T.R.P.A.
	R.S. Leighton	Sierra Pacific Power Company
	Merle Atcheson	Sierra Pacific Power Company
	Ben Bartlett	City of Fallon
	Leroy Gethcell	City of Fallon
	Bob Warren	Nevada Municipal Association
	Warren Meacham	City of Reno
	C.M. Skau	Self
	E.L. Miller	Self
	Mike Brierley	City of Sparks
	George Zappettini	Division of Forestry
	Ed Stuart	Feather River Lumber Company

Chairman Bremner called the meeting to order at 7:10 a.m. and said that the bills that are scheduled to be heard are A.B. 557, A.B. 629 and S.B. 395 and A.B. 902.

The first to be discussed and heard were A.B. 557 and A.B. 629.

557--Adds to requirements for control of erosion in timbering operations.

629--Sets forth guidelines for slash and debris disposal in furtherance of fire prevention and suppression.

Mr. Ed Stuart, from the Feather River Lumber Company and a resident of Reno, spoke first on these bills. He had a few suggested amendments. One of them was on page 1, line 6 deleting the rest of the paragraph after the word "map,". Also, on page 2, line 48 about the definition of "lopping" he said that the original definition that they had bracketed off for a new definition was better, because the new definition was not quite correct. This was on A.B. 557. He thought that A.B. 629 had some disadvantages.

S.B. 395

This bill requires variances for certain types of logging operations.

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Mr. Jim Thompsen spoke and said that he thought that the bill was strong in some areas, and weak in others. He said that on page 3, line 18 about the variances committee, there are no guidelines or standards set in the bill for this committee to go by. He thought that this was weak and it should be strengthened by putting in some guidelines.

Mr. Clarence Skau, speaking for himself, testified in relation to A.B. 629. He commented on the snags, and said that basically, snags do protect wildlife of various sources. He questioned the definition of the words "natural water course" and had a lot of concern over it. He suggested that this section (Section 2) should be deleted or better clarified.

Mr. Richard Miller, from Washoe Valley, and a concerned Ecologist, had comments on these bills. He said that there is a problem with this type of thing because "man is manager, and as manager, they see what is best for him, not nature." (A copy of "timber management" presented by Mr. Miller is attached.) \*

A.B. 902

This bill enacts the Nevada Environmental Policy Act.

Mrs. Ford said that this bill takes over the previous introduced bill on the Environmental Quality Act Bill. (A.B. 177) She said that this bill is similar to the Colorado Bill pertaining to this subject.

Mr. Ray Knisley said that he thought this bill very necessary but some parts were in conflict with the land use bill. He listed some suggested changes in the bill. He said that passing this bill at this time would only confuse the other laws, such as the Air Control Bill, and Water Control, and the Land use bill. They should wait until next session to fix this bill up.

Mr. Don Crosby, from the Highway Department, said that their main concern is their provisions on the Federal Act, and would like to see this bill come into compliance with the Federal Act. He said he would not like to see this bill vetoed by the Federal Government after going through so much to get it out.

Mr. Richard Miller spoke on this bill also. He said that this bill is a beautiful piece of legislature and urged the committee to proceed to advocating enactment as soon as possible. He had a few suggested amendments for the bill and explained them to the committee.

Next to testify on A.B. 902 was Mr. Robert Warren, from the Nevada Municipal Association. He mostly spoke on the impact statements. He said that they have no quarrel with the concept of the bill.

Ms. Jan MacEachern, from the League of Women Voters of Nevada, thrust her main concern on a few suggested amendments. \*

Mr. John Meder, of the Nevada Association of County Commissioners,

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said that they want no decision on it until next session.

Merle Atcheson, from the Sierra Pacific Power Company, pleaded that they postpone this bill until next session. He said that the utilities should be excluded from this consideration or they should be given some opportunity to prepare a few suggestions for this bill.

Mike Brierley, from the City of Sparks, said they feel that this bill is tremendous, but may not be totally realistic in its present form. He said that it might be in everyone's interest to investigate this bill further and bring out next session.

Bill Adams, President of the Nevada Association of the Board of Directors, said that there should be more opportunity for the people of the state, such as plumbers and carpenters, to have more involvement on the decision as to whether they want this bill or not.

VOTING--Banner absent, and Lowman excused from voting.

A.B. 557

Mrs. Ford moved for a "do pass as amended", and Dr. Broadbent seconded her motion. All concurred.

A.B. 629

Mrs. Ford moved for an "indefinite postponement", and Mr. Smalley seconded it. All concurred.

S.B. 395

They decided to hold it for further information on it.

A.B. 902

Dr. Broadbent moved for an "indefinite postponement", and Mr. Jacobsen seconded it. Mr. Crawford and Mrs. Gojack voted no. Motion carried.

A.B. 951

Mr. Jacobsen moved for a "do pass" and Mrs. Ford seconded his motion. Motion carried.

A.B. 472

Chairman Bremner announced that they would have A.B. 472 as a first order of business on Wednesday, April 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. until Wednesday, April 11th, at 7 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geanie Armstrong  
Assembly Attache

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## TITLE 2400 - TIMBER MANAGEMENT

- \*-Where standard cutting methods do not meet the needs for wildlife habitat management they will be modified or special cutting methods should be used. Wildlife needs will be evaluated when each sale is planned. Decisions will be made during the planning stage, not after contracts are awarded.

Den Trees: Reserve over broad areas an average of two den trees per acre for tree squirrels in areas within the range of this animal. A den tree is one containing a hole not over four inches in diameter at least 20 feet from the ground. Such cavities are caused by broken limbs, natural pruning, woodpeckers and secondary factors. A den tree is not necessarily a cull tree. Trees over 15 inches in diameter are most suitable. Den trees for racoons, ringtailed cats, and wood ducks usually are partially hollow and need entrance holes proportionally larger. Both conifers and hardwoods may qualify as den trees. Such trees, however, will not be left standing near the center of clearcut units requiring cable logging, or where they will interfere with subsequent stand management, helicopter work, or cause the spread of mistletoe. Sometimes the needed den trees may be found in adjacent uncut or partially cut areas.

Snag Retention: When planning timber sales reserve selected dead trees as homes for small animals and birds. Snags left for wildlife should be located at least 200 feet from fuelbreaks, landings, and permanent roads for safety and fire control purposes. To the extent possible, the objective is to leave a minimum of two hard snags and one soft snag per five acres after logging is completed, except in clearcut units.

The selected wildlife snags must be marked before the sale is made.

Soft snags are especially important to several tree-cavity nesters such as nuthatches, creepers, woodpeckers, bluebirds and mountain chickadees. These birds play an important role in good forest management by consuming large quantities of insects that might otherwise damage or destroy trees. Soft snags should be at least 24 inches in diameter and 25 feet in height. Soft snags are those with extensive decay in their heartwood.

Hard snags are important as nesting sites or observation perches for birds of prey such as hawks, eagles and owls. These birds provide rodent control which can favorably influence timber regeneration efforts. Leave strategically located snags of this type on timber sales. Hard snags should be sound and as tall or taller than surrounding vegetation, perhaps 100 to 150 feet in height. Where conditions permit, their location should permit good visibility of the surrounding cutover area. -\*

ROBERT MILLER'S SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS FOR A.B. 902:

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Page 3, line 20, #10--strike out all words after "development", putting a period after "development."

P. 3, line 26, #12--put a comma after "Nuclear detonations" and add: "events, and programs, which expend or breed nuclear fuels."

P. 3, line 27, #13--add the following:

pesticide containers or other waste of potential poisonous chemical or physical nature.

P. 3, line 45, #3--add "and loss of time" to the end of that paragraph.

P. 4, line 32, #8--maybe change the word "needs" to "goals".

P. 5, line 14--put in somewhere about "maintaining a statement from the normal."

P. 5, line 48 (h)--add to the end:

or to the public's interests (flora or fauna)  
or to difuse or spread to places where it may become dangerous

P. 6, line 27, Section 24--Very good statement!

P. 7, line 41--add the following:

and shall be available for expenditures under the Environmental Educational Act and teh Endangered Species Act.

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BILL NO.: AB-177 DATE: January 31, 1973  
SPONSOR: Committee on Environment & Public Resources.  
SUBJECT: Enacts the Environmental Quality Act;

COMMITTEE ACTION DATE:  
AMENDMENT: YES \_\_\_\_\_ 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: February 23, 1973

DO PASS:  
DO PASS AS AMENDED:  
INDEFINATELY POSTPONED: X Motion: Mr. Lowman  
Second: Dr. Broadbent

NOTES: This motion stands with understanding of a substitution to take its place, provided by Mrs. Ford.

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BILL NO.: A.B. 557 DATE: March 12, 1973  
 SPONSOR: Mrs. Ford  
 SUBJECT: Adds to requirements for control of erosion in timbering operations.

COMMITTEE ACTION DATE: April 9, 1973  
 AMENDMENT: YES X  
 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: April 9, 197

DO PASS:  
 DO PASS AS AMENDED: X Motion: Mrs. Ford  
 INDEFINITELY POSTPONED: Second: Dr. Broadbent

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BILL NO.: A.B. 629 DATE: March 13, 1973  
 SPONSOR: Mrs. Ford  
 SUBJECT: Sets forth guidelines for slash and debris disposal in further-  
 ance of fire prevention and suppression.

COMMITTEE ACTION DATE: April 9, 1973  
 AMENDMENT: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X  
 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: April 9, 1973

DO PASS: Motion: Mrs. Ford  
 DO PASS AS AMENDED: Second: Mr. Smalley  
 INDEFINITELY POSTPONED: X

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BILL NO.: A.B. 902 DATE: March 30, 1973  
SPONSOR: Committee on Environment and Public Resources  
SUBJECT: Enacts Nevada Environmental Policy Act.

COMMITTEE ACTION DATE: April 9, 1973  
AMENDMENT: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X  
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: April 9, 1973

DO PASS: Motion: Dr. Broadbent  
DO PASS AS AMENDED: Second: Mr. Jacobsen  
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED: X

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BILL NO.: A.B. 951 DATE: April 6, 1973  
SPONSOR: Committee on Environment and Public Resources  
SUBJECT: Reorganizes structure of state and county fish and game administration.

COMMITTEE ACTION DATE: April 9, 1973  
AMENDMENT: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X  
AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
SECONDED BY:

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

DISPOSITION: DATE: April 9, 1973

DO PASS: X Motion: Mr. Jacobsen  
DO PASS AS AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: Mrs. Ford  
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED: \_\_\_\_\_

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