

SENATE
PUBLIC RESOURCES AND ECOLOGY

Wednesday, February 28, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Senator Wilson in the Chair

PRESENT: Senator Young
Senator Bryan
Senator Blakemore
Senator Echols

ALSO PRESENT: John Laxague - Alberts, Inc.
Don Amodei - Division of Forestry
Harry E. Gallaway - Nevada Department of Agriculture
Larry Wright - Nevada Supplement Company
Norm Shurtliff - Nevada Farm Bureau
George Zappetlini - Division of Forestry
Michael Pontrelli
W.G. Parsons - Nevada Department of Fish & Game
Cliff Rager - Nevada Department of Fish & Game
Elmo DeRicco - Department of Conservation

Many interested citizens which list is attached hereto marked Exhibit A

Senator Wilson read S.B. 292 which would give certain farm suppliers and contractors liens on land benefited. Senator Bryan moved that the bill be rereferred to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary. Seconded by Senator Blakemore and carried.

Senator Wilson read S.B. 195 which would require labeling of commercial livestock feed supplements to show net weight and ingredients by percentage. Senator Wilson introduced Mr. Harry Gallaway who felt that from an administration standpoint, the bill would be unworkable. Mr. Gallaway had suggestions for numerous changes in the language of the bill. The Chairman asked Mr. Gallaway to use the remaining time to correlate his recommendations and meet with him after adjournment of the meeting. (Copy of Mr. Gallaway's statement attached.)

Senator Wilson then introduced Mr. Larry Wright, who also wished to testify on S.B. 195. (statement attached) Mr. Wright proceeded to state his objections to listing ingredient percentages on the labels of commercial livestock feed supplements. Mr. Wright contended that his company now employs a nutrition specialist at a substantial salary. If the exact percentages were listed on the label, another company could easily duplicate his company's product without their realizing the additional cost of a nutrition specialist of their own. Mr. Wright suggested that the ingredients be listed according to amount, (larger amount being shown first on the label) but not according to exact percentages.

The last person to testify on this bill was Mr. Norm Shurtliff, who was concerned with feed coming into Nevada from other States. He felt that Nevada had no way of knowing exactly what it is getting and also no way to police it. All gentlemen agreed that Mr. Gallaway's amendments were acceptable. Motion was made by Senator Bryan to review the bill and Mr. Gallaway's amendments on Friday, March 1. Seconded by Senator Young and carried.

Senator Wilson read S.B. 241, requiring written permission to build campfires in certain areas.

Mr. George Zappetlini appeared to testify on this bill. He cited instances of forest fires caused by unattended campfires in Elco, the Rubies, Mt. Charleston and Lake Tahoe regions. His statistics showed 247 fires a year - 20% caused by unattended campfires. Mr. Zappetlini related that to date, the fire prevention methods now available for use had been unsuccessful. Passage of this legislation would require recreationers to obtain a permit to build fires - at the time they obtain this permit, the fire patrolman would have an opportunity to caution them on the rules and regulations in an effort to impress upon them the importance of fire prevention. The permit would also have to be signed by the owner of the property to be used, were it private. It was pointed out that California National Forests already have this requirement. The office which issued the permits would have to maintain current maps of the areas to be used and be able to furnish the owners names.

Also testifying was Mr. Don Amodei, who felt that this permit would also lend protection to the individual landowner in preventing trespassing.

Senator Young felt that the size of the staff and funds that this program would require would tend to make it administratively unworkable.

There was considerable discussion of the aspects of this legislation by Senators Wilson, Bryan, Echols, Young and Blakemore as to obtaining this license at the same time hunting licenses are issued, the possibility of giving out handouts, or making safety notations on the bottom of hunting and recreational licenses.

Mr. Mike Pontrelli stated that he felt that there were too many people involved to even try to contact all of them and that the amount of funds necessary to initiate such a program would not be justified.

After further discussion, it was decided that since out of that 20%, 15% of the fires are located on private land in Elco that Mr. Zappetlini's Division should work up a pilot program. Senator Wilson and the rest of the Committee were hopeful that the new proposal could be brought back for further consideration during the present legislative session. Activity was deferred on this issue until Mr. Zappetlini and Mr. Amodei return at a later date.

Chairman Wilson read S.B. 82 which provides for a 2 day fishing license for a fee of \$3.00. Mr. Cliff Rager pointed out that this license would impose little burden on the office which issues the licenses. Also that most people who pay for a five day license only fish for 1 1/2 days unless it is a three day weekend. Mr. Parsons pointed out that this would probably not create any more revenue - that it would be about even. Senator Young moved to pass the bill. Seconded by Senator Bryan and carried.

S.B. 267 was read by the Chairman. This bill would require fishing, hunting or trapping licenses to indicate whether licensee has been issued special stamps, tags or permits. Senator Wilson suggested that this bill be put over to Friday, March 1 when he would have Senator Pozzi (introducer of the bill) come and explain the intricacies of this legislation. Carried.

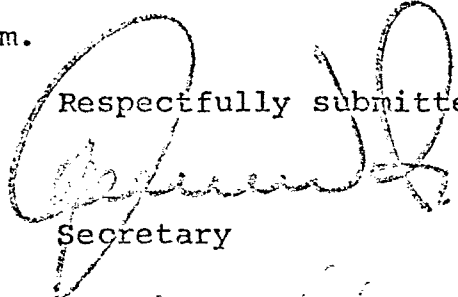
S.B. 79 After a brief discussion of this bill which would extend and strengthen provisions for protection of wildlife, it was decided to bucket the bill.

S.B. 130 would designate regional planning districts in the State. Mr. Elmo DeRicco of the Department of Conservation pointed out that there is another bill soon to be introduced which would have an overlapping effect on this piece of legislation. Senator Blakemore made the motion to hold the bill in Committee until the new legislation is introduced and can be reviewed. Senator Echols seconded the motion and it was carried.

Senator Wilson made several in-house announcements relating to the Park Lane Dedication, a request from the Fish and Game Commission to allow the Governor to grant guests of the State fishing licenses not to exceed \$2,500 to be paid out of the General Fund. It was decided to have this drafted for consideration. The third item was that the land planning meeting will start on Wednesday.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

APPROVED

Thomas R.C. Wilson
Chairman

EXHIBIT A

Roland D. Westergard - State Engineer
Burceda Hall - State Planning Coordinator
Martha Krug - League of Women Voters
Fred Wright - Nevada Department of Fish & Game
Helen Foley - Assemblyman Jean Ford's Intern