

Chairman Brand called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., all members were present.

Hargesheimer submitted his summary, see attachment #1.

HB 203-Rep. Lien appeared on behalf of Rep. Sheldon, and explained that this was introduced at the request of the Department of Natural Resources.

RICHARD ISAACS, Administrator of the Centralized Services Division, DNR--He explained that the bill had come about because of a legislative audit. Currently, the statute says that money deposited through the "federal and private grant clearance revenue fund" be given to the State Treasurer to deposit. With this bill, it doesn't have to go into the grant clearance fund - but directly into the revenue fund - this thereby alleviates one step in the deposit of money.

NO OPPONENTS

SB 13-John Hollow, Staff Attorney for the Legislative Council rose to explain the bill, as he had been the one to draft it. He went through all of the changes he had made, which are visible by observing the introduced copy. A noteworthy portion might be found on page 10, line 16 - language stricken concerning non-citizens and their right to work - the section deals with preference for veterans, but would probably be void on the basis that it wasn't contained in the subject matter of the bill that passed. The Supreme Court has said that this restricts the right of travel. In the cases where one goes from one state to another and applies for welfare, the state can't require a person to live in the state for 6 months. This is essentially a restriction on their right to work. We are attempting to bring the codes to a point where nothing is unconstitutional, so "where I felt this to be true, I struck it".

Kropp questioned the disability reference on page 1, line 15 - involving disabled veterans and their license plates. HOLLOW--There is a bill that completely re-defines the military affairs and civil defense area. It is being heard today. They define a couple of terms differently. If both bills pass at the same time, there will be conflicts. I recommend that this bill be held until that bill passes, so that any duplication and conflict can be stricken. I have told Senator Blaylock about this. This is a recod bill, and the other bill has substantive changes. TURNER--This disability, is it service incurred, and is there a percentage of disability? HOLLOW--As far as this is concerned, this doesn't change anything that already existed. O'CONNELL--As far as I know, it has to be service incurred, and 100%. LIEN--This is just a recod bill, I'm sure there's a definition of disabled veterans somewhere, so we shouldn't concern ourselves here.

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HB 137-Bardanoue moved to reconsider, and Kanduch seconded, the motion carried unanimously. Bardanoue moved to accept the proposed amendments that the secretary had forgotten to submit or remind anybody of (see attachment #3, 1-19-77). Robbins seconded the motion, and it carried. Feda moved DO PASS, Robbins seconded, and the motion carried with O'Connell, Robbins, and Lien voting no.

HB 181-Chairman Brand stated that Rep. Ellerd, the sponsor, wanted this bill transferred to the Fish and Game Committee. Bardanoue so moved, Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

HB 203-Bardanouve moved DO PASS, Ryan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman stated that he wanted to hold SB 13 until the other bills could pass or fail.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 11:10 a.m.

Joe Brand, Chairman

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