

FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

March 3, 1977

The meeting was called to order at noon with all members present except Rep. Conroy, who was excused.

SJR 3 was discussed first. Senator Lowe was not present so Rep. Baeth explained that the resolution is a step toward improving landowner-sportsman relations. Proponents were Wes Woodgerd and Ralph Holman. Senator Lowe came in. He said the bill will try to preserve a way of life which is disappearing because of lack of respect from both sides. In the last interim there was a study group that worked on access problems. That study report will be used by those in this group. In answer to questions about the makeup of the group, the Senator said he has no objections to specifying exact membership.

SB 117 was discussed next. Senator Lowe, chief sponsor, said there are certain earmarked funds that come from license fees for access site purchasing and this bill will allow use of 15% of those funds for maintenance of sites purchased since 1964. Wes Woodgerd and Ralph Holman testified in support of the bill. Their statements are attached.

Rep. Johnston moved that Senate Bill 117 BE CONCURRED IN. The motion passed unanimously.

John Hollow suggested amendments to SJR 3 to assign the study to the appropriate committee. Rep. Baeth suggested that he draft the amendments for the committee to act on at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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JOHN B. STAIGMILLER, Chairman