

FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

March 8, 1977

The meeting was called to order at noon, with all members present.

Senate Bill 242 was discussed first. Senator Manley, chief sponsor, explained that the bill would authorize the Fish and Game Commission to establish guide requirements for non-resident hunters in the state. The Supreme Court struck down the last law regulating them, so this is an attempt to write a statute that will do the job and not be taken to court. There are amendments to clarify language, which he will submit to the committee. Ralph Holman testified in support of the bill. His testimony is attached. Mr. Lewis, Fish and Game Department, suggested an amendment to allow the Commission to set the requirements, rather than have them in the statutes. Mr. Woodgerd suggested adding "including establishment of criteria necessary to exempt certain nonresidents from this act." Senator Manley had no objection to this amendment. The committee discussed the difference between a resident guide and a licensed guide, also whether or not the landowner is liable for anything that happens on his land.

Senate Joint Resolution 27 was discussed next. Senator Jergeson, chief sponsor, said the bill asked that in P.L. 529, recreation and conservation of fish and wildlife be added as a purpose. Wes Woodgerd rose in support of the bill.

The Committee went into executive session.

SJR 27 - Rep. Johnston moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Baeth will carry the bill on the floor.

SJR 3 - John Hollow explained the attached amendments. Rep. Baeth moved to adopt the amendments. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Barrett then moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The motion passed with Reps. Conroy and Seifert voting NO. Rep. Barrett will carry the bill on the floor.

SB 242 - Rep. Seifert moved that the bill BE NOT CONCURRED IN. The motion passed with Reps. Johnston, Manuel, Tropila and Ellison voting NO.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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JOHN B. STAIGMILLER, Chairman