

FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

March 24, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m., with all members present except Reps. Manuel, Ellis and Ellison, who were excused.

Senate Bill 242 was considered. Rep. Johnston, chairman of the subcommittee appointed to study the bill, said that they had not been able to reach a decision on the bill; that the full committee should consider it.

Rep. Conroy suggested amending page 2, line 14, following "hunting" insert "only" and on line 17, strike "or resident guide".

John Hollow said the Supreme Court defined 4 kinds of nonresidents. The 2 we are concerned about with this bill are a landowner who lives outside the state, and one who retires somewhere else after living here all his life. The question is whether these people legally can be required to hire guides. There is no way to know if a nonresident violates the law more than a resident. In order to legislate against a nonresident violator there must be some differentiation.

The Committee consensus was, after discussion, that distinguishing between law abiding and not law abiding nonresidents is impossible.

Rep. Conroy moved that Senate Bill 242 BE NOT CONCURRED IN. The motion passed with Reps. Tropila and Barrett voting no, Reps. Manuel Ellis and Ellison absent.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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JOHN .B. STAIGMILLER, Chairman