

April 6, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brand, who then turned the chair over to Vice Chairman Lien so that he could testify at a Senate hearing. Roll call was taken, with Mular and Ryan absent.

SJR 45-Senator Goodover testified for Senator Stephens, chief sponsor, who was unable to appear. (see attachment #1)

TURNER-What's the cost of this? GOODOVER-They would meet once a month and this would involve travel expense and per diem. A committee of 4 perhaps. O'CONNELL-You aren't saying how many bills can come in? GOODOVER-This would look into what other states are doing and report back. We have all had bills in to limit the number, and they all died. TURNER-Who does the research? GOODOVER-The Legislative Council. FEDA-I think every member should be able to introduce 5 bills, and anything else would have to go through a committee. SMITH-If the members had to pay a lawyer for anything over 5 bills, it would cut down the number quickly!

O'Connell moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN. Kanduch proposed an amendment to reduce the number of members on the committee from 4 from each house to 2 from each house. KROPP-Will they have 4 each time with such a small committee? ROBBINS-We had an 8 member committee, and had trouble getting a quorum. We didn't even have a meeting every month. BARDANOUE-I doubt they would meet more than twice the whole time. Maybe even one meeting of two days. The Council would do all the research, and then present it to the committee. LIEN-Can anyone else say how often they meet? BARDANOUE-The Priorities Committee.

O'Connell's motion that the bill BE CONCURRED IN passed unanimously.

HR 3-Rep. Kanduch, chief sponsor--I attended a Legislative Timber Task Force in Oregon recently; and we decided to put in resolutions to address Carter's intention to take away money for fire fighting. With the drought situation the way it is, we need to make some provision for combating Carter's intention to put this money elsewhere. This is authorized presently under Section II of the federal Clarke-McNary Act. The money has already been appropriated, but this resolution is a necessary formality.

Kropp moved that the resolution be ADOPTED. BARDANOUE-I don't understand the resolution. Any money that Congress is now considering, is for the 1978 fiscal year. The Appropriations for this summer were made last fall, so the money they are talking about now won't come in until October 1 of this year, which is after the fire season. KANDUCH-Can that money be used for debts from this summer? BARDANOUE-I don't know. TURNER-Could we put this off for a day, and let Kanduch call the Forest Service?

Kropp withdrew his motion. Robbins moved to have the Chairman appoint a subcommittee of three to work this out. The motion carried unanimously. Lien appointed Kanduch Chairman, and Robbins and Fedra.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 9:55 a.m.


Joe Brand, Chairman


Anita C. Sierke, Secretary