

## MINUTES

### FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

#### MONTANA STATE SENATE

February 14, 1977

The meeting of the Fish and Game Committee was called to order by Chairman Frank Dunkle, at 8:00 A.M., in Room 405 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

CONSIDERATION OF S. B. 242. Senator Manley was asked to speak regarding this bill. One of the features is that if someone who is being guided commits a violation and it is not reported by the guide, he is to be made responsible as though he were the violator. Neil Lynch, representing the outfitters and guides said he had drawn up this legislation and that it is patterned after the Executive Reorganization plan.

Ralph Holman, representing Montana Outfitters & Guides Assoc., read Exhibits A and B attached. Tag Rittel, Montana Outfitters & Guides, commented on his support for the bill. Bob Grick, High Country Outfitters, also supports the bill.

Mr. Orville Lewis from the Fish & Game Commission commented that his department had not taken any position on this bill, but before amendments are made would have questions.

There were questions asked regarding the penalties and what changes to be made. Suggestions were made by Senator Lowe, Senator Linsink and questions asked of Mr. Lewis regarding enforcement of the laws regarding residents and nonresidents. Mr. Lewis said that of course it is more difficult to prosecute the nonresident because of not being able to find them. The question was asked as to what is a resident guide?

Senator Dunkle asked Mr. Lynch whether this seems to appear that a resident does not need a guide. Discussion regarding this.

Senator Dunkle asked Mr. Lynch whether there is a repealer and Mr. Lynch replied that there is none.

Senator Manley suggested that there are several amendments that are going to have to be worked out. He said that he understands there is usually some problem over in the Pintlar Area near Anaconda. He felt that there should be problems solved that would create a better relationship between the landowner and the hunter.

CONSIDERATION OF SJR 25: This was delayed in an attempt to locate Senator Boylan, sponsor of the bill.

CONSIDERATION OF S. B. 203: Senator Dunkle stated that although he is sponsor of the bill, he has asked that Bill Thomas of Great Falls explain what it does. Mr. Thomas said that people in Great Falls and Polson had helped with this and deals with laws and regulations regarding fines, etc. Testimony attached. Mr. Orville Lewis urged support

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of this bill. Senator Lowe asked about raising of fines and feels this is the thing to do and that there is not enough enforcement. Mr. Lewis said that there are 65 game wardens plus supervisor personnel. Senator Galt asked where do the fines go and Mr. Lewis said it is earmarked, some to the county, etc. Senator Dunkle closed the hearing on this bill, asking that Mr. Lewis think about amendments.

CONSIDERATION OF SJR 25: In the absence of Senator Boylan, who is the sponsor, Senator Lensink was asked to present this Resolution.

Senator Lensink moved it do pass, seconded by Senator Galt and unanimously adopted.

Senator Dunkle announced that for the meeting on Wednesday all those bills that have not been acted on will be heard on that day.

Adjournment at 9:15 A.M.

  
FRANK DUNKLE, CHAIRMAN

ROLL CALL

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
DUNKLE, Frank, Chairman	✓		
WARDEN, Margaret, V. C.	✓		
GALT, Jack	✓		
LENSINK, Everett	✓		
LOWE, Bill	✓		
MANLEY, John	✓		
SMITH, Richard	✓		
BERGREN, Russell	✓		

Each day attach to minutes