

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
NATURAL RESOURCES
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 15, 1977

The twenty-seventh meeting of the Natural Resources Committee was called to order by Senator Elmer Flynn, Chairman, at 9:30 a. m. on the above date in Room 405 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll call all members were present except Senators Roskie and Dover. Senator Smith was excused.

Senator Flynn called the Committee's attention to an Announcement on a Drought Workshop to be held in Denver, Colorado on March 25-26, 1977.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 542: An Act amending Section 70-806, R.C.M., 1947, providing for the filing of a 1-year notice of intention to file an application for a certificate under the Major Facility Siting Act.

Representative Les Hirsch, from District 52, stated that this bill provides for the filing of a 1-year notice of intention. This bill says a company may file a notice of intent on Page 5. We felt in the House that it should be an optional thing to file this notice of application. Under this law the filing fee would not be paid in the filing of the one-year notice of intent to file that application. As I see it, the work starts before the money actually comes in.

Mr. Lynn Brant, Acting Administrator of the Department of Natural Resources, stated it is part of the Governor's Energy Package and we do support it. The advantage to us would be that we could begin to access the major issues that are involved. We could make work plans, line up contractors and employees and we could plan our work schedule over the year or two years during which the study would formally be under our area.

Mr. Pat Smith, representing the Northern Plains Resource Council, stated that we do support this bill, I think it will help streamline and eliminate some delays.

DISPOSITION OF HB 542: Motion was made by Senator Jergeson and seconded by Senator Devine that HB 542 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Jergeson will carry the bill on the floor.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 692: An Act banning the use of outdoor gas torches, lamps, and other devices used for decoration or advertising purposes and providing a penalty; and providing a delayed effective date.

Representative Dorothy Bradley, from District 77 in Bozeman and Chief Sponsor of the bill, stated that there is just simply no reason for this particular use of this. It is purely a wasteful use. I would hope you would give this your approval.

Mr. Don Allen, Executive Director of the Montana Petroleum Association, stated that he was in support of HB 692. We are really faced with an energy shortage and will be in the months and years ahead. We have to be serious about conservation.

Senator Flynn asked, do you have any examples.

Representative Bradley stated, outside torches that would light a walkup to a Pietsa Parlor.

Senator Jergeson wondered, is it true that Minnesota passed this same legislation.

Representative Bradley said, I am not certain.

Mr. Allen explained, that several states have considered it and I believe more than one state has passed this. Some have passed it just this year.

Senator Manley asked, have you ever witnessed this.

Representative Bradley said, sometimes they are used for fancy restaurants in a line of torches coming up to the door. These could very easily be replaced with electric lights.

Senator Galt said, this could hurt some fellow that just put this decorative stuff up.

Senator Flynn added, he would have until July 1978.

DISPOSITION OF HB 692: Motion was made by Senator Jergeson and seconded by Senator Devine that HB 692 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a. m.


SENATOR ELMER FLYNN, CHAIRMAN

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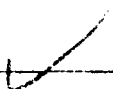
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HB 542

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MR. **PRESIDENT**

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having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **542**

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE** Bill No. **542**

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