

Attachment #1

MINUTES

FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 28, 1977

The Fish and Game Committee of the Senate was called to order by Chairman Dunkle at 5:05 P.M., in Room 405 of the State Capitol Building.

Senator Galt was the only member present.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTION 6, a resolution of the State of Montana urging that public lands not be closed by any blanket edict, but should be open to all forms of recreational use, including snowmobiles, unless closed for a specific reason on an individual area basis.

Senator Manley entered the meeting at 5:10 P.M.

Chairman Dunkle opened discussion on the resolution. Mr. Gene Spilde, representing agricultural interests, said he was neither a proponent or an opponent, but merely wanted to discern what the bill was intended to do.

Senator Dunkle explained that Senator McOmber, Chief Sponsor of the bill, indicated lands should not be closed on a blanket basis, but on an individual basis.

Senator Manley said he felt Senator McOmber's intent was to conserve fuel. Chairman Dunkle announced that the resolution has nothing to do with state lands.

Mr. Spilde said, after having the resolution explained, that he had no objections to it.

Senator Lensink entered the meeting at 5:15 P.M., and after hearing the discussion, said the resolution sounded excellent to him.

Because of a Democratic caucus, the committee did not have a quorum present and therefore no action was taken on the resolution.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Dunkle adjourned the meeting at 5:20 P.M.


SENATOR FRANK DUNKLE, CHAIRMAN