

MINUTES
FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 30, 1977

The twenty-fifth meeting of the Fish and Game Committee was called to order by Chairman Dunkle at 8:30 A.M., in Room 405 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

RECONSIDERATION OF SR 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.

Chairman Dunkle reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on adjournment, March 28. (Attachment #1).

Senator Warden mentioned the resolution would not close public lands.

Senator Manley stated that 68 percent of the State of Montana is privately owned.

Senator Smith recommended that a copy of the resolution be sent to Montana's Congressional Delegation.

Senator Dunkle suggested that it also be sent to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Regional Forester of the U. S. Forest Service, and the Director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Senator Smith made a motion that this be done. The motion was seconded by Senator Warden and carried.

DISPOSITION OF SR 6: Senator Galt made a motion that SR 6, AS AMENDED, BE ADOPTED. Senator Manley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Senator Dunkle suggested, and the committee agreed, that Senate Bill 158 be held temporarily, since it is basically the same bill as HB 177.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 159, an act to impose a penalty for failure to register a snowmobile during the grace period following transfer of the snowmobile and to change the grace period for obtaining a tax-paid decal from 10 to 20 days.

Senator Manley made a motion that HB 159 DO NOT BE CONCURRED IN. The motion was seconded by Senator Smith.

DISCUSSION: Senator Manley said he felt the bill would be repetitious. Senator Dunkle said it would merely give people another ten days to register. Following this discussion, Senator Manley said he wished to withdraw his motion, and Chairman Dunkle accepted this request.

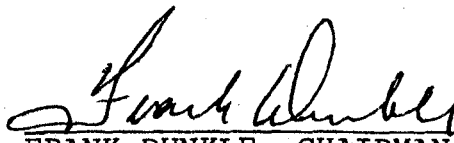
DISPOSITION OF HB 159: Senator Lowe made a motion that HB 159 BE CONCURRED IN. The motion was seconded by Senator Galt.

Senator Smith said he wanted the fee changed from \$15 to \$10.

Senator Smith made a motion to adopt this amendment and Senator Galt seconded the motion. Senator Dunkle said Legislative Researcher, Debbie Schmidt, would check to see if this would require any change in the title, and if so, the change would be included in the amendments. The amendments passed unanimously and the bill was voted BE CONCURRED IN, AS AMENDED.

It was agreed that the committee would like to review the Fish and Game Department budget, and Chairman Dunkle said he would request copies of it.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Dunkle adjourned the meeting at 9:10 A.M.


FRANK DUNKLE, CHAIRMAN

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. **PRESIDENT**.....

We, your committee on.....**FISH AND GAME**.....

having had under consideration**HOUSE**..... Bill No. **159**.....

Respectfully report as follows: That.....**HOUSE**..... Bill No. **159**.....

third reading bill, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 1, section 1, line 24.

Following: line 23

Strike: "\$15"

Insert: "\$10"

2. Amend page 3, section 2, line 11.

Following: "of"

Strike: "\$15"

Insert: "\$10"

AND AS SO AMENDED, DO PASS

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on FISH AND GAME

having had under consideration SENATE RESOLUTION XX No. 6

Respectfully report as follows: That SENATE RESOLUTION XX No. 6,

introduced bill, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 2, line 14.

Following: line 13

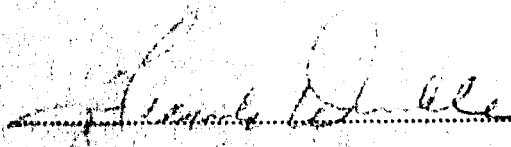

Strike: "and"

Following: "Agriculture"

Insert: ", to Montana's Congressional Delegation, the State Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the State Director of the Bureau of Land Management, and the Regional Forester, Region 1 Office of the United State Forest Service"

AND AS SO AMENDED, BE ADOPTED

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 Chairman. 

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