

HOUSE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

January 9, 1979

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Staigmilller at 1:40 p.m., with all members present except Representatives Keedy, Conroy, and Marks.

Chairman Staigmilller had the committee members introduce themselves. Our Staff Attorney, Jim Lear, was introduced, and his assistance offered to all committee members. The following Montana Department of Fish and Game employees were also present: Larry Putnam, Fletcher Newby, James Posewitz, Jean Allen, and Arthur Whitney.

At this time, Chairman Staigmilller requested the committee decide if they wanted him to vote first or last. Vice-Chairman Hirsch took the chair.

Representative Johnston moved Chairman Staigmilller vote first. It was seconded by Representative Robbins. Representative Jensen made a substitute motion that he vote last. Representative Ellison seconded the motion. The motion passed with Representative Johnston opposed. Motions withdrawn.

Representative Metcalf moved the roll call vote be taken in the order roll call is taken. It was seconded by Representative Daily. The motion was passed with Representative Johnston opposed.

Chairman Staigmilller resumed the chair.

Chairman Staigmilller than set the rules of order the committee will follow this session. He would like the members to sit in the same place, at the table, for each committee meeting; all witnesses and members of the committee will address the chair before speaking; no heckling from members or witnesses; all witnesses will be required to sign in before testifying; if you are going to be absent for a meeting please notify the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or the Secretary; if there is a bill that will be voted on and you are unable to attend you may send an absentee ballot; all bills have to be posted 72 hours prior to the hearing; the sponsor is responsible for notifying witnesses to testify on their bills; if necessary sub-committees will be appointed; all amendments must be submitted in writing.

Representative Hirsch asked if amendments had to be submitted on the day of the hearing. Chairman Staigmilller answered by stating that the executive action would be taken 42 hours prior to the hearing of the bill.

Towards the end of the session helicopters will be available to take members of the committee over game ranges if they wish to go.

The following bills were introduced by the Department of Fish and Game and need sponsors, if anyone wishes to sponsor these bills: HB 25, HB 26, HB 30, HB 37, and HB 38.

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Mr. Newby, Department of Fish and Game wanted the committee members to understand that if they need any assistance or have any questions they would be happy to assist.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.


John B. Staigmiller, Chairman

Judy J. Mook, Secretary