

January 29, 1979

The House Natural Resources Committee convened at 1:30 p.m. on January 29, 1979, in room 3 of the Capital Annex, with Chairman Sheldon presiding and seventeen members present (Reps. Fagg and Quillici were absent). Chairman Sheldon opened the meeting to an executive session on the following bills:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SENATE BILL 202 Rep. Keedy, chairman of the subcommittee that studied this bill and the following one, went through the subcommittee's suggested amendments (exhibit 1 of the minutes), and then moved they be adopted. There was a lot of discussion by the committee. Questions were raised at just how it would be determined what was "economically practicable"; how to put a dollar amount on recreation land; how to bring about the equal use of public and private land. Rep. Scully made a substitute motion to table the bill and put it in a subcommittee with the other major facility siting bills. After further discussion, Rep. Scully withdrew his motion. He said if the word "equal" was going to be put in the bill to put in something that tells what equal is--perhaps a laundry list. Rep. Nathe felt the amendments presented by Rep. Keedy put in enough to make it equal. Question was called and a roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with 12 yes, 5 no (Cooney, Harper, Huennekens, McBride, Metcalf), 2 absent (Fagg and Quillici). Rep. Johnston moved the bill as amended do pass. This motion carried with Rep. Scully voting no and the same absent.

SENATE BILL 253 Rep. Keedy went through the suggested amendments from the subcommittee (also on exhibit 1). Rep. Johnston said with this the power company can come back each two years and show cause and receive a renewal. Rep. Thoft said this makes a better bill of it. Rep. Metcalf moved the bill be amended and as amended do pass. Rep. Scully moved a substitute motion of tabling HB 253. He said this had nothing to do with the substance of the bill as he said this is a good amendment to the Montana Major Facility Siting Act and should be in it. He said the title of HB 280 is such that this could be added into it--better to make one bill of all the siting bills. This motion failed. Question was called on the original motion and this carried unanimously with those present (same absent).

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
ARTHUR H. SHELDEN, Chairman

Emelia A. Satre, Sec.