

MINUTES
FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 9, 1979

The second meeting of the Fish and Game Committee was called to order by Chairman Ed Smith, at 1:35 P.M., in Room 402 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

DISCUSSION OF SENATE BILL 31: A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SEVEN-MEMBER FISH AND GAME COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT, TERM, QUALIFICATIONS, AND REMOVAL OF FISH AND GAME COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME BY THE COMMISSION; AND TO RAISE THE MINIMUM EXPENDITURE REQUIRING COMMISSION APPROVAL IN 87-1-301(7) FROM \$1,000 to \$2,500."

Chairman Smith said he expected this to be a very controversial bill, and that he would like to give as much public notice as possible in regard to a hearing date. He asked the Committee Secretary to contact Senator Towe, Chief Sponsor, to determine if it would be convenient to hear the bill on Saturday, January 13.

CONSIDERATION OF SB 6: A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO GENERALLY REVISE AND CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO BOATS AND SNOWMOBILES."

Senator Galt, Chief Sponsor of the bill, discussed it with the Committee. He said its purpose is to do away with existing language and clarify the intent.

Senator Galt called upon the Department of Fish and Game to comment on the bill. Mr. Ron Holliday, Administrator of the Parks and Recreation Division, testified in support of SB 6; he said this bill would make the present laws dealing with boats and snowmobiles more understandable. He also commended the Legislative Council for its efforts on recodification.

Mr. Randy McDonald, Code Commission, Legislative Council, offered to answer any questions the Committee might have. He said the intent of the bill was not to make any substantive changes in the law.

Senator Goodover mentioned that new codes have just been printed and distributed; he wondered if it is necessary to change this or is it included in the existing law.

Mr. McDonald replied that the new codes will be re-printed after the session.

Senator Manley asked if Section 1, beginning on line 13 (every motorboat on the waters of this state, propelled by a motor or an engine of any description be properly numbered and display valid license decals) applied to boats on privately owned waters. Mr. Kent said his feeling was that it would apply to any and all waters.

After discussion of amending the bill, Senator Van Valkenburg mentioned there is a problem with amending recodification bills. Chairman Smith said we would have to introduce a new bill to change this one.

Chairman Smith asked for any other opponents who wished to speak on the bill. There were none.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 6: A motion was made by Senator Galt that SENATE BILL 6 DO PASS. The motion was seconded by Senator Stimatz. Senator Goodover wanted it a matter of record that he is opposed to the bill and thinks it is unnecessary. Chairman Smith conducted a Roll Call Vote, which resulted in all members voting "yes" with the exception of Senator Goodover.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Smith announced that SB 26 and SB 35 will be heard at 1:30 P.M., on Thursday, January 11.

The Committee agreed to hear SB 31 on Saturday, January 13, at 1:30, if that were agreeable with Chief Sponsor Senator Towe.

Senator Smith asked if there were any other bills to come before the Committee. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: Senator Manley made a motion for adjournment; it was seconded by Senator Stimatz, and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.



SENATOR ED SMITH, CHAIRMAN

Date 1-9-79

ROLL CALL

FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SMITH, Ed, Chairman	✓		
GALT, Jack E., Vice Chairman	✓		
ANDERSON, Mike	✓		
GOODOVER, Pat M.	✓		
MANLEY, John E.	✓		
STIMATZ, Lawrence G.	✓		
VAN VALKENBURG, Fred	✓		

Each Day Attach to Minutes.

SENATE COMMITTEE FISH AND GAME

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NAME	YES	NO
SMITH, Ed, Chairman	✓	
GALT, Jack E., Vice Chairman	✓	
ANDERSON, Mike	✓	
GOODOVER, Pat M.		✓
MANLEY, John E.	✓	
STIMATZ, Lawrence G.	✓	
VAN VALKENBURG, Fred	✓	

Sherri R. Smith
Secretary

ED B. SMITH
Chairman

Motion: No Pass

(include enough information on motion--put with yellow copy of committee report.)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on FISH AND GAME

having had under consideration SENATE Bill No. 6

Respectfully report as follows: That SENATE Bill No. 6

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