

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE
January 6, 1981

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ellison at 12:30 p.m.

The Fish and Game Committee members are: Representatives Bennett, Burnett, Daily, Devlin, Feda, Hart, Jacobsen, McLane, Manuel, Mueller, Nilson, Phillips, Robbins, Roush and Ryan. All committee members were present except Representative Burnett.

Chairman Ellison asked the committee members to introduce themselves and give a little background information about themselves. Russ Josephson, Legal Counsel for the Fish and Game Committee, was also introduced to the committee.

Chairman Ellison advised the committee members to read the bills over before they are heard in committee so if there are any problems concerning the bill, Russ Josephson can get those problems taken care of before the committee meetings.

Chairman Ellison explained the etiquette involved in committee work but told the committee not to feel as formal as on the floor of the House.

All votes by committee members will be recorded and Chairman Ellison reminded the committee that attendance is very important. If a committee member finds it necessary to be gone from the meeting, he or she should go to Chairman Ellison so that they may be shown as excused instead of absent. Chairman Ellison told the committee that a tie vote will be counted as a losing vote.

The committee will have roll call at each meeting. The major sponsor of each bill will present his/her bill to the committee members and the sponsor will also be allowed to call witnesses to testify for his/her bill. Both the opponents and proponents will be allowed the same amount of time for testimony. Each committee member will be given a chance to ask questions of the witnesses.

Representative Daily asked if the committee members could submit written votes on days they are not present at meetings. Chairman Ellison said that would be okay during regular committee meetings and hopefully all committee members would be present at Executive Sessions. Chairman Ellison also said he would try to have the Executive Session as soon as possible after the last hearing on the bill.

Representative Feda asked how many questions were going to be allowed from outsiders during Executive Sessions. Chairman Ellison said unless the questions are of a technical nature he frowns upon any questions being opened up to the public.

Coffee money was collected from each member of the committee.

The House Fish and Game Committee and the Senate Fish and Game Committee will meet together in Room 402 on Thursday, January 8. After a brief meeting, both committees will tour the Fish and Game Building.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.


ORVAL ELLISON, Chairman

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