

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
APRIL 13, 1981

The House Natural Resources Committee convened in Room 437 of the Capitol Building on Monday, April 13, 1981, at 1:00 p.m. with CHAIRMAN DENNIS IVERSON presiding and eleven members present (REPS. SALES, NORDTVEDT, ROTH, COZZENS, QUILICI, KEEDY, and NEUMAN were excused).

CHAIRMAN IVERSON opened the hearing on HJR 66.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 66 REP. DAVE BROWN, chief sponsor, presented the resolution which requests that an appropriate interim committee be assigned to determine the most effective means of responding to social and economic impacts resulting from the increased development of hard-rock minerals. He stated that there is not a question that something must be done soon to address this problem.

Speaking as a proponent was REP. ORVAL ELLISON. He said that the situation in Anaconda with the plant closing has indicated even more the needs to be addressed in areas with industry.

There were no OPPONENTS.

REP. BROWN closed on the resolution. He asked that two amendments be added. One was correcting a clerical error and the other added on page 3, line 14 "through severance taxes or other sources".

During questions from the committee, REP. CURTISS asked if this study could be combined with any other. REP. ELLISON felt this one would take a full-time committee.

The hearing on HJR 66 closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 66 REP. BROWN moved that the two amendments be inserted. The motion PASSED.

REP. BROWN then moved the bill DO PASS AS AMENDED. It PASSED unanimously.

SENATE BILL 229 REP. MUELLER moved that the committee suspend the rules and reconsider SB 229. The motion PASSED with REPS. BROWN and HARP opposing.

REP. MUELLER then moved the bill BE CONCURRED IN. It PASSED with REPS. BURNETT and HARP opposing.

SENATE BILL 199 REP. CURTISS moved to reconsider. She further stated that she would resist any attempt to amend the bill.

The motion PASSED with REPS. HART, HUENNEKENS, BERTELSEN opposing.

REP. CURTISS then moved the bill BE CONCURRED IN. She stated that there is a problem in the area and this bill will allow the depart-

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ment to do something about it.

REP. BERTELSEN felt the department already has the authority and does not need this bill.


REP. BROWN stated that this gives the department enforcement authority.

REP. HUENNEKENS expressed concern over the language which refers to "class of application". GARY FRITZ of the Department of Natural Resources explained that means the department issues permits for different types of needs i.e. stock ponds.

The motion of BE CONCURRED IN PASSED with REPS. HUENNEKENS and HART opposing.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


DENNIS IVERSON, CHAIRMAN

Ellen Engstedt, Secretary

VISITORS' REGISTER

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BILL HJR 66

Date 4/13/81

SPONSOR D. BROWN

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