

House Natural Resources Committee Minutes
February 16, 1983 - 6:30 p.m.

The House Natural Resources Committee convened at 6:30 p.m. on February 16, 1983 in Room 224K of the State Capitol with Chairman Harper presiding and all members present except Rep. McBride, who was excused. Chairman Harper opened the meeting to an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

HOUSE BILL 373 Rep. Mueller moved DO PASS. He said in fairness to the people who testified we should do one thing or another with the bill as the date is getting late.

Chairman Harper said it would not be fair to act on the bill until we have heard the other bill dealing with the Water Well Board. He said he didn't know why the other bill was so late at being introduced. But he said the wishes of the committee would be followed.

Rep. Hand moved to amend on page 1, lines 6, 7 and 8, following "Contractors" to strike the remainder of those lines through "Therefore." This language had been inadvertently left in the title.

Question was called and the motion passed unanimously with those present (Rep. McBride absent).

Rep. Mueller moved DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Rep. Jensen asked if we would automatically kill HB 803 by passing this one. The answer was no. Rep. Curtiss said she felt if there were real problems they would have come in earlier with the other bill.

Rep. Bergene said she was a member of the audit committee and would uphold the committee's plan to abolish.

Rep. Brown said he had a strong feeling HB 803 would die in the process. He said with as important a process as this he couldn't see why the committee would even think of ending it.

Rep. Marks said he had no quarrel with another bill coming in but if delayed much longer it'll end up in the crunch of the transmittal and we would be out this function. He felt in fairness to the people involved action should be taken on the bill. He said he had just happened to come by and Chairman Harper had asked if he had a few words to say on his bill.

Rep. Iverson said he felt strongly that the bill should be acted on.

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The question was called and the motion carried with Rep. Harper and Rep. Neuman voting no and absent was Rep. McBride. The bill received an AS AMENDED DO PASS recommendation.

HOUSE BILL 118 Rep. Addy moved DO PASS. He said the bureau had not received the official letter sent by the committee. Rep. Jensen asked if anyone had received any cost accounting analysis.

Rep. Nordtvedt moved to strike the \$50 and replace it with \$40. Rep. Neuman spoke in support of the amendment. He said he had a question on how they are administering those funds.

Chairman Harper said he opposed the amendment as the only way the fee will go is down. He said there is a question of whether they do have the money to get the job done.

Rep. Metcalf mentioned that the necessary money wasn't given last time and we will end up doing the same thing again if we don't give them the money they need.

The motion failed. Rep. Jensen moved to amend the \$50 to \$45. This motion carried with Reps. Harper, Hand, Metcalf and Bergene voting no and Reps. McBride and Quilici were absent.

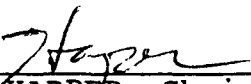
Rep. Jensen moved AND AS AMENDED DO PASS. This motion carried unanimously with those present (Rep. McBride absent).

HOUSE BILL 228 Rep. Brown moved the amendments which are Exhibit 1. After discussion it was decided to pass action for the day as the bill's sponsor, Rep. Quilici, was absent at the moment.

HOUSE BILL 646 Rep. Jensen moved DO PASS. Rep. Fagg moved Mr. Rehberg's amendments. He said he didn't know if he liked them but they should be voted on. The motion failed with Reps. Curtiss, Iverson, Hand, Asay and Nordtvedt voting yes. A roll call vote was taken on the motion of DO PASS. This carried with 11 voting yes; 6 voting no (Brown, Curtiss, Iverson, Mueller, Neuman and Nordtvedt; and 2 absent (McBride and Quilici).

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


HAL HARPER, Chairman

Emelia A. Satre, Sec.

Ex. 1

Proposed Amendments to House Bill 228
(Governor's Office)

1. Page 2, line 9.
Following: "rules"
Strike: "and other government regulations"
2. Page 2, lines 13 and 14.
Following: "rules"
Strike: "and other government regulations"
3. Page 2, line 16 through line 20.
Following: "Therefore,"
Strike: lines 16 through 20.
Insert: "when a person makes financial commitments after completing an application for an environmental permit, it is the policy of the state not to change environmental requirements for such person except upon a showing of a compelling or urgent need to protect public health or the environment, or to comply with federal requirements."
4. Page 2, line 23.
Following: "of"
Strike: "this part"
Insert: "90-1-102 through 90-1-109"

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 646

1. Amend title, line 6
After: "AND"
Strike: "RESTRICT"
Insert: "VARY"
2. Amend section 2, page 4, line 19.
After: line 18
Strike: "not"
After: "be"
Insert: "more or"
3. Amend section 3, page 5, line 19.
After: "(1)"
Insert: "; or (c) providing for exemptions in addition
to those described in subsection (1) "
4. Amend section 4, page 7, line 11.
After: "(1)"
Insert: "; or (c) providing for exemptions in addition
to those described in subsection (1) "