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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: 436

Date Meeting Held: 1/17/72
Hour Meeting Held: 11:15 P.M.

Committee Chairman: Richard Champoux

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE EDUCATION AND PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Committee Rules

Roll Call:

Richard Champoux	<u>Present</u>
Robert Noble	<u>Present</u>
Lloyd Barnard	<u>Present</u>
William Burkhardt	<u>Present</u>
Marjorie Cain	<u>Present</u>
Max Conover	<u>Present</u>
Carl Davis	<u>Present</u>
Gene Harbaugh	<u>Present</u>
Dan Harrington	<u>Present</u>
Robert Woodmansey	<u>Present</u>

DISCUSSION:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Richard Champoux.

The procedure in which all meetings are to be held was then discussed.

The chairman asked what the committee thought of alphabetical seating arrangements. All felt this seating arrangement would be best. It was also agreed that when a person was through speaking he would end with "thank you Mr. Chairman". It was decided to give the public every courtesy in attending meetings and testifying at hearings. The Chairman asked what the committee felt as to hearing all the testimony and then asking questions to the individuals. Mr. Barnard said he felt this could create a problem as someone on the committee may have a question during the testimony that he may not be able to ask at the end of all testimony. Mr. Burkhardt stated that if a member of the committee felt he had a pertinent question to ask of one person giving testimony that he could ask the chairman if he could intervene to ask his question.

Mr. Barnard also said that if at all possible he felt that people testifying should be given enough notice to have a prepared statement to present if at all possible.

The chairman stated that it had been brought up that the research analyst should not be allowed to express himself or ask questions of the person testifying. He asked how the committee felt about this. Mr. Barnard thought that since the research analyst had researched this from the beginning that he may have an important question to ask since he is so well versed on the subject. It was agreed that the analyst should have the freedom to ask questions that he feels relevant.

The Chairman stated that there absolutely would be no demonstrations during the meeting or after the testimony. If one of the testifiers has a question to address to a member of the committee, he will first address the chairman and if he consents then the individual may ask the question. It was decided that the committee chairman should mention this each day that there was testimony.

All committee meetings will be open. The committee will have the right to challenge the chairman's ruling. There will be no cross-table debate during any testimony. Mr. Davis felt that the chairman should make a statement to the people testifying that the committee would discuss the testimony after it is all completed so that the public could stay to hear the committee discussion, since all meetings are open, although testimony may be heard for more than one day.

President Graybill asked each chairman to prepare an overview of all possible problems that may arise in their committee, and to prepare an overall agenda which will be discussed at the next meeting. It was mentioned that the second week would be devoted to general meetings. People can speak on anything. It is a tentative plan to start specific hearings on Wednesday of the third week.

Mr. Champoux said that it had been mentioned to him that this committee may want to give the state lands portion of the committee to Natural Resources since their load will not be as heavy. Mr. Noble felt that it would be alright to do this as long as the Education Committee was called in to have joint meetings when the funding aspect of it was brought up. Mr. Harbaugh felt that this committee should keep State Lands. He said the school people will get very excited if they hear that this was done. We could have joint meetings with the Natural Resources Committee. It was put into a form of a motion to keep State Lands. Motion was carried.

The Chairman stated that if any member of the committee wanted help on any proposals, Bruce Sievers, Research Analyst, could help them.

The committee members were asked to notify the chairman as soon as possible if they felt there should be joint meetings in other areas so a schedule could be worked out.

Sally Watson
Secretary

Richard J. Champoux
Chairman