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NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Room 402

Date Meeting Held: 1/21/72
Hour Meeting Held: 1:30 p.m.

Committee Chairman: Louise Cross

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES
AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Wildlife.

Roll Call:

Louise Cross, Chairman	Present
E. S. "Erv" Gysler, Vice Chairman	Present
John H. Anderson, Jr.	Present
Geoffrey L. Brazier	Present
Douglas Delaney	Present
A. W. Kamhoot	Present
Charles B. McNeil	Present
Donald Rebal	Present
Henry L. Siderius	Present

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING: None.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation or Title</u>
James Posewitz,	Director of the Division for Environmental Protection for the Department of Fish and Game	
Ted Schwinden,	Commissioner of Public Lands	
Cato Butler	Helena, Montana	Representing the Department of Agriculture

DISCUSSION:

The Chairman introduced Mr. Posewitz from the Fish and Game Department to the committee.

Mr. Posewitz endeavored to outline the duties and background of his division.

After questioning by the committee members, Mr. Posewitz was excused by the Chairman with the committee's thanks.

Mr. Ted Schwinden, Land Commissioner, then appeared to explain the duties of his office. He answered many questions of committee members.

Mr. Schwinden was then thanked and excused by the Chairman.

Mr. Sullivan, Research Analyst, introduced Mr. Cato Butler, representing the Department of Agriculture, to the committee.

Mr. Butler stated that, under executive reorganization, his department now has the following divisions:

1. Wheat research and marketing
2. Horticulture
3. Grain
4. Feed and fertilizer
5. Pesticides
6. Centralized services

He elaborated further on the duties and problems of his department and answered many questions of committee members.

Mr. Butler was then thanked and excused by the Chairman.

Upon motion of Mr. Brazier, duly carried, the minutes are to be simplified with the provision that a committee member may have his "recommendation" noted in the minutes if he so desires.

The Chairman asked the committee to study the delegates proposals for this committee, and noted that the citizen suggestions were now being sent to the committees.

Mr. Kamhoot reported that during yesterdays meeting he had questioned if "net proceeds" was a property tax or not. He then made some more research on this and advised the committee that the courts had held it can be collected from mining on Federal land.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

Time of adjournment: 4:55 p.m.

C. Louise Cross
Chairman

Clair L. Rung
Secretary