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NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: Senate Chambers

Date Meeting Held: 1/29/72
 Hour Meeting Held: 10:34 a.m.

Committee Chairman: Louise Cross

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

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Public Trust (Environmental Aspects)

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 (Excused from 3:00 mtg)
A. W. Kamhoot	Present
Charles B. McNeil	Present (Absent from 3:00 mtg)
Donald Rebal	Present
Henry L. Siderius	Present

INTERESTED PERSONS TESTIFYING:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation or Title</u>
Chet Dreher	Helena, Montana	Rep. of Congressman Shoup in Helena
Paul Richards	" , "	Member of Governor's Conf. on Youth
Irving Boettger	East Helena, Montana	Engineer (with local concern)
Bill Cunningham	University of "	Prof. with Forestry School
Wm. C. Hollenbauger	" " "	Assoc. Prof., Preservation & Land Use Planning of the School of Forestry

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Chet Dreher, who lives at Colorado Gulch, appearing as a private party interested in the environment, testified that he believes that the people have a mandate from God to manage the forests and natural resources. He does not to be made to manage his land by laws, but wants to manage it as he sees fit. He hopes that this committee will not put in the Constitution severe restrictions on private land. After answering many questions of committee members, Mr. Dreher was excused and thanked by the Chairman.

The next person to testify was Paul Richards, a member of the Governor's Conference on Youth. Mr. Richards spoke at length, calling for a strong protection of our quality environment in Montana to be put in the Constitution. The Chairman thanked and excused him after he had answered several questions of committee members.

Mr. Irving Boettger of East Helena, Montana, an engineer with a local concern, next testified as a person interested in the environment of our state. He said that he hoped that somewhere in this convention we could come up with a provision to protect for future generations our land and resources. He then answered questions of committee members. The chairman thanked and excused Mr. Boettger.

Mr. Bill Cunningham, a Professor with the Forestry School at the University of Missoula, was the next to testify. He had distributed his written testimony which included a proposal. (See Attachment #1). After questioning, the Chairman thanked and excused Mr. Cunningham.

The next person to testify was William C. Hollenbauer^h, an Associate Professor with the Preservation and Land Use Planning of the School of Forestry at Missoula. He read a statement supporting the recommendation of the State Department of Fish and Game in regard to the public use of state waters. (See Attachment #2) He was then

thanked and excused by the Chairman.

There being no further witnesses who wished to testify, the Chairman announced the public hearings to be held next week by this committee in Room 402.

There being no further business, the committee recessed until the hour of 3:00 p.m. to meet again in Room 402.

Time of recess: 12:50 p.m.

AFTERNOON MEETING

Pursuant to recess, the committee resumed in Room 402 at 3:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. All members present except Delaney, excused, and McNeil, absent.

The Chairman and committee members read the Minutes for January 25 and 26, 1972. It was agreed that they were correct and the Chairman signed them.

The Chairman had Mr. Rebal read Delegate Proposal No. 1. It was then discussed and Mr. Kamhoot questioned the words "healthful environment".

Mr. Anderson read Delegate Proposal No. 2 and it was discussed. Delegate Proposal No. 48 was discussed.

Mr. Brazier read the two proposal of Delegate McNeil, Nos. 20 and 21. Although these are in the Bill of Rights Committee, this committee discussed them as they have to do with water.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

Time of adjournment: 4:16 p.m.

3. Louise Cross
Chairman

Clarence L. Rung
Secretary