

MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

March 19, 1975

The Natural Resources Committee met at 3 p.m. on March 19, 1975, in the Lieutenant Governor's Committee Room. Senator Sherman called the meeting to order, and announced that a quorum of the Committee had checked in. Members in attendance: Sherman, McKnight, Farabee, Hance, Harrington, Jones, Kothmann, Mengden, Patman, and Williams.

The Chair announced (1) that S.B. 321 had been pulled down, and (2) that the Natural Resources staff had worked up a comparison of the surface mining bills to be distributed to members' individual offices.

Subcommittee budgets were discussed. The Chair advised that budgets for the three Natural Resources Subcommittees to be submitted to the Administration Committee totalled \$8,650.00 each. Without objection, the budgets for the Subcommittees were approved.

Senate Bill 517 was laid out by the chairman for a continuation of the hearing from March 12. Witnesses were: E. C. Lindenberg, Tulsa, Oklahoma, representing Warren Petroleum Company; Hayden W. Head, Corpus Christi, representing Celanese Corporation; Forrest S. Warren, Houston, representing Houston Oil and Minerals; and H. R. Galloway, Houston, representing Exxon Company USA. Following discussion, Senator Harrington moved that S.B. 517 be sent to a subcommittee to be appointed by the Chair. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Presiding for the chairman, Senator Jones laid out H.B. 675 and recognized Senator Farabee to explain the bill. No testimony was

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requested, and Senator Farabee moved that H.B. 675 be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Voting for the motion were Senators Farabee, Hance, Harrington, Jones, Mengden, and Patman.

Senator Harrington laid out a series of bills by Senator Jones. Senate Bill 147 was explained. Senator Jones moved that S.B. 147 be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Voting for the motion were Senators Farabee, Hance, Harrington, Jones, Mengden, and Patman. The motion passed.

Senate Bill 152 was explained by Senator Jones. Following discussion, he moved that S.B. 152 be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Voting aye were Senators Farabee, Hance, Harrington, Jones, Mengden, and Patman. The motion passed.

Senate Bill 153 was explained by Senator Jones. He sent up Amendment No. 1, and it was adopted without objection. Senator Jones moved that S.B. 153 as amended be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Voting for the motion were Senators Sherman, Farabee, Hance, Harrington, Jones, and Mengden. The motion passed.

Senate Bill 154 was explained by Senator Jones. Committee Amendments 1, 2, and 3 were sent up by Senator Jones and were adopted without objection. Mr. Ted L. Clark, representing the Parks and

Wildlife Department, testified for the bill. Following discussion, Senator Jones requested that S.B. 154 be left in the Committee as pending business. There were no objections. No vote was taken on the bill.

Senate Bill 155 was explained by Senator Jones, and he moved that the bill be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Voting for the motion were Senators Sherman, Farabee, Hance, Harrington, Jones, and Mengden. By a vote of 6 to 0 the motion passed.

The Chair announced that due to the lateness of the hour, the two remaining bills on the calendar would be heard at the beginning of the next scheduled Natural Resources Committee Meeting on March 26, 1975. (Senate Bill 17 by Schwartz, and S.B. 633 by Sherman.)

The meeting was recessed at the call of the chair.