

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting  
March 13, 1961

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by the Chairman, Senator Lauterbach, with all members present except Senators Hults and Farmer.

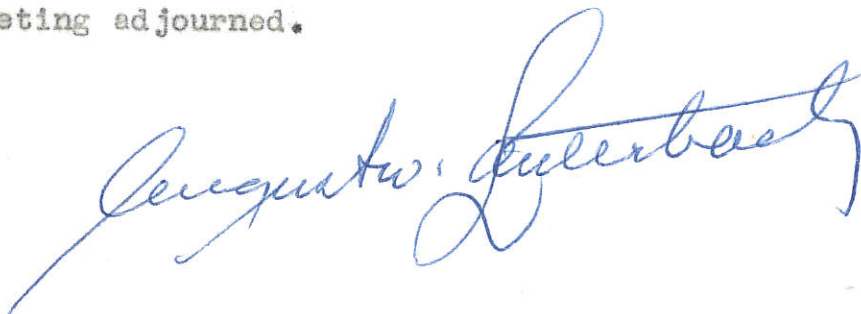
Senator Sanborn read the subcommittee report for the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission. (See copy of report attached).

Senator Sanborn moved that a supplemental appropriation for the Forestry Fish and Game Commission be approved for the Fiscal Year 1961 in the amount recommended in the subcommittee report and a bill be drafted embodying these recommendations. Motion seconded by Senator Doty, carried.

Senator Sanborn moved that the subcommittee recommendations for the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission for Fiscal Year 1962 be adopted, and a bill be introduced embodying these recommendations. Motion seconded by Senator Doty. Carried.

Senator Lauterbach appointed a subcommittee consisting of Senators Harper and Sanborn to study a report by the State Budget Division re remodeling of the Senate Ways and Means Committee room.

Meeting adjourned.



August W. Lauterbach,  
Chairman, Senate Committee  
on Ways and Means

## Subcommittee Report

for

### FORESTRY, FISH AND GAME COMMISSION'S BUDGET

(Fiscal Years 1961-1962)

Mr. Chairman:

Your subcommittee believes the deficiencies requested by the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission before your committee hearing on February 27, 1961, is necessary to continue the present program. The expenditure limitations established in the Laws of the Budget Session, chapter 16, section 2, should be increased by the following amounts:

Republic county waterfowl refuge	\$50,000
Douglas county state lake	40,000
Quail preservation and propagation fund	28,000

In addition, we feel that an amount of \$12,000 should be added to the fiscal year 1961 appropriations for the purpose of repairing the dam and structure of the Logan county state lake. In summary, this will be a total of \$102,000 in the General Fees Account, and \$28,000 in the Quail preservation and propagation fund.

The operating expenditures for fiscal year 1961 are in good condition. The \$28,000 expenditure recommended was not budgeted, but now it is necessary to replace quail that did not live through the severe winter of last year. The original estimates of the capital improvement accounts were not enough to cover the present expenditures.

For fiscal year 1962, your subcommittee has made five recommendations which we feel would improve the program for the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission. They are as follows:

1. Add one civil engineer II and reduce the amount of expenditures in the engineering costs already provided for in the fiscal year 1962 recommended budget. As the engineering costs are rising, we feel this will be a savings to the agency, especially in regard to the proposed capital improvement program. (No additional cost.)
2. Add one public relations director I for the purpose of good news releases and public contact with the agency. As this is already accomplished by present personnel, we feel this should be done by a position charged with this responsibility. (\$5,379 Salaries and Wages plus \$1,500 travel equals \$6,879 additional cost.)
3. Provide \$40,000 for the conservation, promotion, research, and management in the present activities of the agency. We feel that, historically, this has benefited the activities of the Commission and will do the same in the future. (\$40,000 additional cost.)
4. Add the catapillar and two dump trucks in the Federal Participation Activity. These items will be used at the Neosho County Waterfowl Refuge and the post will be 75% Federal and 25% state participation. We feel these items will be used for maintaining the refuge and reducing maintenance costs. (\$31,000 additional cost.)

5. Amend the recommended capital improvement accounts to be as follows:

Drilling well at Cheyenne Bottoms	\$ 500
Toilets for state lakes	10,500
Morton County refuge construction	50,000

We feel that the remaining amounts for capital improvements, as included in the Governor's Budget Report, should not be authorized until specific projects are presented. It is planned by the Commission that they will submit to the 1962 Budget Session Legislature a list of approved projects. By doing this, the Commission will be able to participate in Federal funds, but, as of now, the above specific projects are the only ones requested for fiscal year 1962. However, the remaining projects will be presented to the 1962 Budget Session.

We feel that the appropriation bill for fiscal year 1962 should read as follows:

General fee account	No limit
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Provided, that an amount not to exceed \$1,118,795 may be expended for salaries and wages and for other operating expenditures of which \$40,000 shall be expended for conservation, promotion, research and management. And, provided, further, That the following capital improvements are hereby authorized:

Drilling well at Cheyenne bottoms	\$ 500
Toilets for state lakes	10,500
Morton county refuge construction	50,000
Quail preservation and propagation fund	50,960

Any unencumbered balances as of June 30, 1961, are hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 1962: Republic county waterfowl refuge; Geary county state lake; Douglas county state lake; cistern at Leavenworth county state lake residence; Toilets located at Marais des Cygnes, Shawnee, and Sheridan state lakes; equipment buildings located at Bourbon, Butler, and Wilson state lakes; water wells - drinking for five lakes; maintenance work and water well at Clark county state lake; repairs to Logan county state lake.

Any unencumbered balances as of June 30, 1961, in the following accounts are hereby lapsed: furnaces located at Decatur, Marais des Cygnes, and Scott state lakes; Woodson county state lake spillway repairs.

In comparison of the above recommendations to the Governor's Budget Report, page 418, an additional \$77,879 amount is for general operations and a \$703,000 decrease in capital improvements.

*Thos. A. Sanborn*  
 Senator T. A. Sanborn

*Tom R. Van Sickle*  
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