

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

The meeting was called to order by Rep. Bill Fuller at  
Chairperson

9:00 a.m. ~~pm~~ on February 10, 1983 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Bruce Hurd, Revisor of Statutes' Office  
Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Kathleen Moss, Committee secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Lloyd Fox, State Fish and Game Commission

Chairman Fuller provided each committee member a copy of the final draft of the letter sent to the Ways and Means Committees, Senate Agriculture and Small Business Committees and Governor Carlin, concerning state meat and poultry inspection funding.

Chairman Fuller stated that today's meeting is for the purpose of providing information for the benefit of the committee on the use of conibear traps and snares. There have been complaints and the committee needs to know more about the problem from the standpoint of farmers, livestock producers and the furbearer harvesters. There has been no bill assigned to this committee to consider but because of constituents' concerns we need information on the proper use of these devices from the State Fish and Game Commission.

Chairman Fuller introduced Bill Hanzlick, Director of the Fish and Game Commission. Mr. Hanzlick said the purpose of this meeting is to shed some light on the controversy. The director explained that Mr. Fox will show slides with actual snares and body hold traps and is purely informational. Mr. Hanzlick then introduced Lloyd Fox, furbearer biologist to present the slides. He said there are over 10,000 trappers or fur harvesters and some years as high as \$5 million worth of furs marketed. Improper use has resulted in livestock and pets being killed. It was explained that "Conibear" is a trade name.

Mr. Fox showed the mechanics of various traps and snares and answered questions concerning tagging and checking, classes of crime and fines for illegal use and other problems with trapping or trappers. It was brought out that cooperation is definitely needed to assist law enforcement officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 1983 in Room 423-S.

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