

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

The meeting was called to order by Representative David J. Heinemann at  
Chairperson

3:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on February 2, 1983 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representatives Betty Jo Charlton, Keith Farrar, and Keith Roe (excused)

Committee staff present:

Ramon Powers, Research Department  
La Nelle Frey, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Lynn Burris, Director, Park and Resources Authority.

Representative Fred Rosenau made a motion that the committee meeting minutes for January 11, 12, 18, 19, and 20, 1983 be approved as written. Representative Ron Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lynn Burris said the year of 1982 went well for the Park and Resources Authority. He stated that the number of visitations to campgrounds was basically the same as in past years, although the number of visitations during the months of July, August and September was higher in 1982 than in 1981. He said that, as of now, cash flow in the campgrounds is fairly solid because they had experienced a relatively good season.

Mr. Burris pointed out to committee members that there was an increase in camping fees effective July 1, 1982. He said that although the Authority had not experienced too many instances of complaints or concern this past year, they did, however, receive comments from some campground users when they arrived at the campgrounds during the Fourth of July holiday and discovered that fees had increased, and they had not seen or heard the increase publicized in the news media.

Mr. Burris commented that during the month of June, some of the state's campgrounds sustained considerable damage from a high-wind storm. He said the most severe damage occurred at the Tuttle Creek and Cheney reservoirs causing them to sustain approximately \$80,000 worth of damages. He noted that the Authority was able to utilize honor-inmate personnel from El Dorado to clear the tree cover and debris on the ground at the two reservoirs. He emphasized that the honor-inmates' assistance had helped reduce cleanup costs considerably and had provided a very satisfactory working arrangement.

Mr. Burris outlined the Authority's legislative interests for 1983. He said they recommend an increase in the penalty for avoiding purchase of an annual permit from \$2.00 to \$5.00. He stated that each year they issue about 13,000 penalty citations for campers who do not purchase a permit, and in some of these cases, they are issuing six or seven violations to one individual. The Authority is also asking that a penalty of non-purchase of a camping permit be applied at \$5.00. The third legislative item they would like to have considered is to add acreage to Toronto, Hillsdale, and El Dorado state parks. A brief question and answer period followed the presentation.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the committee will be held at 3:30 p.m. on February 3, 1983.

Rep. David J. Heinemann, Chairman

Date February 2, 1983

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