

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The meeting was called to order by Representative Ron Fox at
Chairperson

3:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on January 16, 1985 in room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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Committee staff present:

Ramon Powers, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Betty Ellison, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chairman Ron Fox opened the meeting by introducing himself, the Committee Vice-Chairmen, Representative Jim Patterson and Representative Kent Ott, and the staff. He noted that the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Minority Leader, Representative Grotewiel, would meet each Monday at 7:30 a.m. to adopt the committee agenda for the following week. Committee members should leave any input they wish regarding the agenda with the Chairman on Friday before that meeting.

The Chairman asked that members read the Proposed Committee Rules (Attachment 1) before adoption at the next meeting. He noted that the Chair would vote on ties and asked that Committee members indicate as soon as a vote is taken if they desire their vote recorded. Chairman Fox stated that minutes would be considered adopted unless an objection was made.

Ramon Powers of Legislative Research gave a brief overview of the Interim Committee Proposals and a history of the State Water Plan. (See background information in 1984 Interim Committee Reports. A copy of these reports may be found in the Legislative Research Department.)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee will be held on January 17, 1985 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 313-S.



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 REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
 VICE-CHAIRMAN: ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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PROPOSED COMMITTEE RULES
 ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
 1985 SESSION

The purpose of these rules is to facilitate the understanding of members of the Committee and the public in reviewing the flow of legislation through this committee. Unless stated to the contrary herein, the rules of the House or Robert's Rules of Order will apply.

1. Items listed on the agenda must be brought before the committee in order of appearance. However, if the agenda states that any items previously heard may be brought before the committee, the chair may bring to a vote bills previously heard.
2. Original motions and substitute motions shall be in order when a bill is pending for consideration. A substitute motion may not be made which is contrary to the original motion.
3. An amendment to a bill must be "germane" to the area of law that is being proposed or changed. Since committees serve the purpose of examining issues for which there may be multiple solutions or approaches, "germaness" will be interpreted as broadly as possible.
4. The question of adjournment shall be reserved to the chair and no motion to adjourn shall be entertained.
5. A motion to "lay on the table" shall be in order at anytime a question or series of questions (including an original motion and a substitute motion) are pending. The motion is non-debatable and requires a majority vote to pass.
6. A motion to "take from the table" shall be in order when such item is on the agenda or is taken up by the chair. The motion requires a simple majority and is debatable.
7. When time is separately reserved on the agenda for proponents and opponents of an issue and the time expires for either side, the testimony shall cease. Witnesses will be recognized in the order they have submitted their names to the committee secretary.
8. All witnesses shall have testimony written and shall provide 26 copies to the committee secretary at the time of appearance.

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9. At the option of the chair, all who are scheduled to testify on a bill may be required to submit written testimony 24 hours in advance of the hearing for distribution to committee members.

10. A motion to report a bill "without recommendation" shall not be in order.