

HB-377

HB 290, 291

Chairman cotten asked for the consensus of the Committee on these two bills. The members wanted them left in Committee until next year.

HB 377

Freeman doesn't see any reason for the bill. The rest of the Committee concurs. DEAD.

SB 125

This is the same one as HB 172 passed out earlier. Hershberger suggests leaving this one in committee and letting HB 172 go through the stages. Let a representative have this one. REST of the members concur.

HB 293

The Chairman received a telegram from Kodiak who are opposed to this bill. Freeman said that the Anchorage city and borough are interested. Want to wait for more testimony on this one.

HB 259

Hackney wants to study for the rest of the session. Cotten said the sponsor doesn't want to see it again. Dead for now.

HB 218
SB 209

Cotten said there was a constitutional problme with these bills. Dead for now.

HB 322, 359

Hackney wants rep. Specking to come. Also Chenoweth. These bills will be taken up tomorrow.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

House Committee on
COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Meeting Minutes
April 15, 1975

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 to discuss HB 377. Present:

Reps. Ostrosky, Ose, Davis and Freeman.

Andrea Guernsey, Staff
Barbara Englert Thomas, Staff
Rep. Guy, Sponsor
Sandy Williams, Engineer, Dept of Hiways
Ray Shumway, Designer, Dept of Hiways
Cathy Jacobson, Natural Resources

BACKGROUND

Rep. Guy started by giving the background and purpose behind this bill. He said the intent is not to delete other requirements but to supplement them. In his region during construction some gravel was removed which had detrimental effects on the riverside and private land was disturbed without the consent of the owner. There will be increasing construction activities in this region.

PRIVATE LAND

Rep. Davis is worried about a provision covering the private land owner. Guy and Freeman say you don't have to. Freeman wants to insert "public land" on page 1, line 13, after the word "gravel". Private land is already covered in the law. Adjacent land in line 20 covers both public and private lands. Rep Ose said that you could just bring a law suit against them if they disturbed your land without your permission but Guy said that is sometimes difficult out in the bush. People are just now learning how to do these things.

POLITICAL SUB-DIVISION

Rep. Ostrosky asked about the contracting political subdivision. This would be a municipality if they were requiring the removal of the gravel. It is pretty much defined on line 14.

EIS

Mr. Williams said they were not here to give testimony but to find out the background of the bill. Although Mr. Shumway did make a few comments. The dept. distributes Environmental Impact Statements to the area concerned and they have a chance to comment. They contact the unincorporated areas through the regional offices. They also hold public hearings. Usually 2 hearings carried out in the area already required.

PERMITS

Shumway stated that it was already the general practice of the detp. to obtain a permit. They develop a mining plan which they submit to the appropriate agency and then receive a permit. This existing practice is in compliance with the bill. There are cases when the State does not obtain the permit but let the contractor do it. the time frame to get a permit is often 9-18 months and letting the contractor do it is often faster. Could result in a delay in projects if State always has to get permit.

Guy emphasized that periodic inspection is important. Not n ow done in the Kuskokwim area.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.

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Notified Present Testified

Alaska Municipal League

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C&RA

X

Department of Public Works 6-6411
Ben Pollard

X

Department of Highways 304-2121
Bruce Freitag

X

~~Dept. Natural Resources~~
Cathy Jacobson

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Rep. Gray

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Mark Jensen, (Deceased, 16)
Associated General Contractors

Hiways - Wallace Williams (Sandy)
~~Dept. Administration~~ - Ray Shumway

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