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House Judiciary Committee  
January 20, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gardiner at 10:50 a.m. Members present were Brown, Cotten, Eliason, Parr and Gardiner.

Under discussion was HJR 43 regarding Traps by Mr. Swanson. Mr. Swanson stated that his position was that trapping is a renewable resource and a means of subsistence for many in Alaska. Alaska has very specific regulations regarding trapping and it is his feeling that trapping should be regulated by the state, not by Washington D.C.

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Mr. Brown suggested that an exemption be asked for, for not only Alaska, which is unconstitutional, but for any state with extensive regulations regarding trapping.

Testimony was received from Mr. A.W. Bud Boddy of the Territorial Sportsman and Alaska Wildlife Organization and Mr. Ray Meketa of the Juneau Gun Club and Juneau Rifle and Piston Club. They offered the attached resolution by the National Wildlife Foundation and amendments to HJR 43 as shown. It is their belief that asking congress for an exemption for Alaska will work more against us than for us, and that we would be better put to support congress in their efforts to stop legislation of the sort that would regulate trapping and gun control in the states.

Mr. Brown offered an amendment asking for exemptions for Alaska and other states which have sufficient trapping regulations.

Mr. Gardiner suggested that trapping in Alaska is a part of subsistence living, which is not necessarily true in other states. Mr. Brown then withdrew his amendment and offered a more substantial one which included exemptions for Alaska and mentioned that trapping is of a subsistence nature. The amendment is being incorporated in the form of a CS by Legislative Affairs. The CS passed out of committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

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HR 43 - Trap Swanson

Brown, Cohen, Eliason, Parr, Gardiner

① Swanson - trapping is a renewable resource.  
the very means to protect Ak. trappers.

Don't want to be under jurisdiction of WSAOC

Crain - offered amendment:

pt. also offer "Alaska" and "and other states,  
with extensive regulations on trapping"

Embarrassing to ask Congress to grant Ak  
a favor which is unconstitutional

② Al. Bird Biddy - Territorial Sportsman Club Wildfowl  
Lay Mikola - Game Guard Little Pistol Club

Want trapping stopped.

Don't want Ak. asking for specific privileges

Offer amendment as attached:

but think congress will exempt one or several  
states. Will therefore work against rather  
than for us. We should support them  
in their efforts to stop legislation of the sort

17 WA the regulation of trapping should be left to the States

Pass - let States regulate if they have  
sufficient regulations

July 22 trapping is part of subsistence living.

Brown moved his amendment & asked that  
it be included in CS

Bddy = trappers now will end trapping and income  
of moose

Brown with previous am. offers new amendment  
in form of CS & asked that it pass out of Com.

Adjourned 11:30