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2007 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2017

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No2017

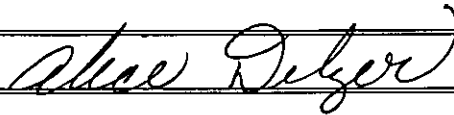
Senate Appropriations

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Hearing Date: 01-15-07

Recorder Job Number 1133

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Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing on SB 2017 on 01-15-07 regarding the Game and Fish Department. He also announced a subcommittee has been appointed as follows: Senator Christmann – Chairman, Senator Grindberg and Senator Lindaas.

Terry Steinwand, Director of Game and Fish Department (G&F) presented written testimony (1A) and gave testimony to support the budget for G&F. He stated there are 152 FTE in the department. The department does have a Strategic Vision, which is updated every 5 years. The department's mission is to protect, conserve and enhance fish and wildlife populations in their habitat for sustained consumptive and nonconsumptive use. The department also has an Operational Plan that is updated every 2 years. The Evaluation Plan is done on an annual basis. The department is separated into 5 divisions: Wildlife, Fisheries, Enforcement, Conservation and Communications, and Administrative Services. Comments were made concerning the habitat conditions in relation to the animals on that habitat, the effect of the drought on the fishing industry and the success of the Private Land Open To Sportsmen (PLOTS) program.

Senator Krauter raised questions concerning the PLOTS program, habitat for wildlife and whether the department provides food sources for the animals in their habitat.

Paul Schadewald, Administrator of Services Division presented written testimony (1B) and testified concerning funding for 3 more FTE's, Fisheries Technician, Game Warden Investigator and a Bighorn Sheep Biologist.

Written testimony (1C) was presented which consisted of charges concerning the revenue the department receives concerning licenses sold and the amount of people participating in the different divisions the department offers to the public. Mr. Schadewald shared about the private land increase (1B) and the indoor shooting ranges provided for the public and training use. Questions arose concerning ramp maintenance on low-water lakes, short term interest rates, where are we in the construction process for storage units, the age of fishermen (if the youth is on a decline) professional guides or outriggers in the state, the selling of the license and if there is enough funds to do ramp improvements as needed. Written testimony (2A) The Proposed Work to Maintain Access at Elevation 1801 on Lake Sakakawea and (2B) Other Proposed Activities to Take Advantage of Low-water Conditions on Lake Sakakawea was distributed to the committee.

Chairman Holmberg stated there is a subcommittee appointed to address this bill. Senator Christmann is Chairman, with Senators Grindberg and Lindaas on the subcommittee. There were no more questions. Meeting was closed on SB1017.

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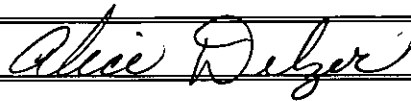
Senate Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date: 01-31-07

Recorder Job Number: 2358

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Minutes:

Chairman Christmann opened the Subcommittee hearing on SB 2017 on January 31, 2007.

Others present at this meeting were committee members **Senators Lindaas and Grindberg;**

Game and Fish Department- Kim Molesworth, Terry Steinwand, Paul Schadewald; and

Sheila Peterson, OMB.

Discussion was held regarding access to ramps on the Missouri River system, the involvement of Parks and Recreations regarding this bill, the role of the Water commission , the serious water problems at Devils Lake, questions arose regarding the State parks and how much the ramps at these parks are used, and the funding available through the federal government.

There was questions regarding the Minot Magic Fund, the excise tax, the maintenance of the parks around the state, the fuel cost issue, the volunteer program at the parks, the Wild Life Services, and questions were raised concerning the financial status within the Agriculture Department and the reclassification of some employees. There were also questions raised concerning the PLOTS Program and habitats and the cost of CRP seed.

Sheila Peterson, OMB explained some of the financial questions that were raised.

It was noted that Mike Donahue wants to be present at any future hearings; he is opposed to Game and Fish spending on Wild Life issues.

Senator Christmann closed the Subcommittee hearing on SB 2017.

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2017

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date: 02-09-07

Recorder Job Number: 3334

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Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg opened discussion on SB 2017.

Senator Christmann stated they were just waiting for the amendments to come down from Legislative Council. He stated that the big changes to the budget are we're expecting that the Agriculture Committee is going to add \$200,000.00 of general fund money that would go to Wildlife Services and that would be enough to keep Wildlife Services at 10 field offices as they traditionally have been. They've been down to nine for about the last year. It would also with an emergency clause trigger \$130,000.00 of Game and Fish money that we had intended to have spent on Wildlife Services but there was some trigger mechanism regarding the federal budget, that never occurred, but they spent the money anyway and this would release that even though the trigger that used to hinge on never occurred. In the last budget, 05—07, we had \$800,000.00 for ramp improvements and marina development. These are not the big marina, but little things. The governor had taken that out but with low water levels they are asking to have that restored. This again out of Game and Fish fund. Plus another \$300,000.00 that they need to fix the Sweet Briar Dam. That \$800,000.00 for ramp improvements that is the emergency clause. Now we have to deal with the marina deal at Garrison that came up in SB 2376. Look on your green sheets regarding boat ramp improvements for both Fort Stevenson and Graham's Island. Game and Fish feels they are

alright for a couple of years. There is a Coast Guard Money Fund that has to do with marina development, it's federal money, it's sitting in the Game and Fish hasn't been used, they feel they can use that \$400,000.00 on the marine stuff. We would take directly from the Game and Fish Department Fund and all in all it would get us a pool of 1.1 million dollars. And this bill would say that if locally they raise \$100,000.00 and if that federal money is released, we'd give them that 1.1 million and they could build their 6.some million dollar marina. However, if by March 31st of next year, nothing has happened with that federal money, or they haven't gotten their \$100,000.00 raised locally, we scrap the marina idea, release the \$260,00.00 for the regular boat ramp work at Graham's Island and Fort Stevenson. And lastly then, we would give a do not pass to SB

2376. The actual marina project ought to go in Parks and Recs, since that's who will be owning and operating the marina.

Chairman Holmberg asked if amendments are being prepared.

Senator Krebsbach stated she thought they adopted the amendments already.

Senator Bowman asked what is coming out of Wildlife Services.

Senator Christmann There are two things coming out of Wildlife Services. For this biennium that won't impact. You won't need to do anything for 05 – 07. We're going to release the \$130,000.00 from Game and Fish to take care of what you are asking about.

Chairman Holmberg closed the discussion on SB 2017.

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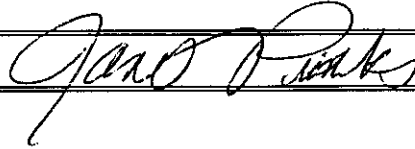
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Hearing Date: 02/12/07

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Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing on SB 2017.

Senator Randel Christmann, District 33, Hazen, testified in support of SB 2017, discussing the proposed amendments; giving background information on past appropriations and the trigger clause in the past biennium. He then discussed the emergency clause which will trigger the use of those funds. In section 5 the money will be utilized. The grant line item which will be removed and the funding for that will go toward the big marina. The money on the next line item would be covering the repairs for Sweet Briar Dam. Additional appropriations to cover the Fort Stevenson marina were discussed and it was indicated this would go through the Department of Parks and Rec.

Senator Christmann moved a do pass on the amendments, **Senator Fischer** seconded.

Discussion was held. An oral vote was taken resulting in a do pass.

Senator Christmann moved a do pass with amendments, **Senator Wardner** seconded. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 14 yes, 0 no, 0 absent. **Senator Christmann** will carry the bill.

Chairman Holmberg closed the hearing on SB 2017.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2017

Page 1, line 2, after "department" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 2, line 2, replace "(911,938)" with "(871,688)"

Page 2, line 7, replace "(800,000)" with "0"

Page 2, line 8, replace "3,690,052" with "4,530,302"

Page 2, line 18, replace "5,252,184" with "5,292,434"

Page 2, line 24, replace "680,000" with "680,000"

Page 2, after line 24, insert:

"Ramp improvements and marina development 800,000"

Page 2, line 25, replace "54,891,111" with "55,731,361"

Page 2, after line 25, insert:

"SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - WILDLIFE SERVICES - AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER. There is appropriated from special funds the sum of \$130,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the game and fish department to be provided to the agriculture commissioner for the payment of wildlife services for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2007.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. The \$800,000 included in the ramp improvements and marina development line item included in section 3 of this Act and the appropriation provided in section 4 of this Act are declared to be emergency measures."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2017 - Game and Fish Department - Senate Action

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE CHANGES	SENATE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$19,033,535		\$19,033,535
Operating expenses	11,690,087		11,690,087
Capital assets	3,284,241		3,284,241
Grants	5,252,184	\$40,250	5,292,434
Land habitat and deer degradation	12,286,351		12,286,351
Noxious weed control	450,000		450,000
Grants, gifts, and donations	500,000		500,000
Nongame wildlife conservation	120,000		120,000
Lonetree Reservoir	1,594,713		1,594,713
Wildlife services	680,000		680,000
Ramp improvements and marina development		800,000	800,000
Total all funds	\$54,891,111	\$840,250	\$55,731,361
Less estimated income	<u>54,891,111</u>	<u>840,250</u>	<u>55,731,361</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

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FTE 155.00 0.00 155.00

Dept. 720 - Game and Fish Department - Detail of Senate Changes

	REMOVES FUNDING FOR BOAT RAMP IMPROVEMENTS 1	ADDS FUNDING FOR SWEETBRIAR REPAIRS 2	ADDS FUNDING FOR RAMP IMPROVEMENTS AND MARINA DEVELOPMENT	TOTAL SENATE CHANGES
Salaries and wages				
Operating expenses				
Capital assets				
Grants	(\$259,750)	\$300,000		\$40,250
Land habitat and deer depredation				
Noxious weed control				
Grants, gifts, and donations				
Nongame wildlife conservation				
Lonetree Reservoir				
Wildlife services				
Ramp improvements and marina development			\$800,000	800,000
Total all funds	(\$259,750)	\$300,000	\$800,000	\$840,250
Less estimated income	(259,750)	300,000	800,000	840,250
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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2 Increases the grants, gifts, and donations line item by \$300,000 for Sweetbriar repairs.

Adds a separate section appropriating \$130,000 for wildlife services for the 2005-07 biennium and declares this an emergency.

Date: 2/12/07
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2017

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 0101

Action Taken DP w Amend

Motion Made By Christman Seconded By Wardner

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Ray Holmberg, Chrm	✓		Senator Aaron Krauter	✓	
Senator Bill Bowman, V Chrm	✓		Senator Elroy N. Lindaas	✓	
Senator Tony Grindberg, V Chrm	✓		Senator Tim Mathern	✓	
Senator Randel Christmann	✓		Senator Larry J. Robinson	✓	
Senator Tom Fischer	✓		Senator Tom Seymour	✓	
Senator Ralph L. Kilzer	✓		Senator Harvey Tallackson	✓	
Senator Karen K. Krebsbach	✓				
Senator Rich Wardner	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Christman

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2017: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2017 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2007 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2017

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. SB 2017

House Appropriations Committee
Education and Environment Division

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Hearing Date: February 22, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 3713

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Shirley Branning

Minutes:

Chairman Wald: Opened the hearing on SB 2017, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, NDGFD by introducing Terry Steinwand, Director NDGFD.

Steinwand: (See Handout #1, SB 2017, NDGFD) provided testimony describing the department and presenting the budget requests. This department is one of the smallest in the nation with 152 employees. The budget request is based on the anticipated loss of CRP land that will not be renewed.

Representative Martinson: It is \$600,000 that was put in by the Senate for the boat ramp.

Steinwand: It was \$1.1m that was put in and we are asking for \$800,000 for boat ramp facilities.

Representative Martinson: They took it in the Senate from several repairs to one marina type place?

Steinwand: The funds were to be moved from Game and Fish to Parks and Recreation for the marina and Devils Lake boat ramps.

Representative Hawken: Does that mean there is no money for Devils Lake?

Steinwand: To come up with the additional \$5.5m, if that money doesn't come by March 1, 2007 it will be released for those projects at Devils Lake.

Representative Hawken: If we do the marina, it would take that money.

Steinwand: That is correct.

Representative Martinson: You don't support that.

Steinwand: Not the way it is currently configured.

Paul Schadewald, Chief of Administrative Services Division: (See Handout #1, SB 2019, North Dakota Parks and Recreation, NDPR) provided testimony related to the 2007-2009 budget request. This is a 7.6% increase from the last biennium. FTEs, three new. Game and Fish is locked into a dedicated source of revenue.

Representative Gulleason: There was a high profile arrest at Devils Lake, snagging a large amount of fish. Are you continuing to see that sort of thing?

Schadewald: There are a variety of cases. There is an FTE needed to manage the big horn sheep herds in the Bad Lands.....

Chairman Wald: How are the herds of Big Horns doing in the Bad Lands?

Schadewald: We've had some problems but the herd is holding its own. They pick up diseases from domestic sheep

Vice Chairman Monson: How many head are there?

Schadewald: It is somewhere in the neighborhood of 300-400 head.

Vice Chairman Monson: Who is working on this project now? You want a specialist in this area?

Schadewald: We have a biologist located in Dickinson who is doing this work, and would change from a temporary to a full time salaried employee.

Chairman Wald: Is the oil activity having any impact with the sheep.

Schadewald: They would do better in some areas of there weren't roads. It is the additional traffic in that area.

Page 2 of Handout # 1 has a description of the private lands program request.

Vice Chairman Monson: The land acquisition is decreased to \$100,000. What was it before?

Schadewald: It was \$500,000.

Chairman Wald: Define animal damage control.

Schadewald: That would be coyote, beaver, blackbirds, Canada Geese, other wild life damage problems. There are 15 people in the whole office, partially federally funded and partially state funded.

Representative Aarsvold: What was the expenditure on predator control this biennium?

Schadewald: The \$680,000 is what was appropriated but only \$550,000 is available because of a trigger mechanism, in the event of federal fund cuts to fill in.

Representative Aarsvold: \$130,000 is above what we had this biennium?

Schadewald: It is an add on.

Representative Aarsvold: That goes to the Ag Department.

Schadewald: It goes to the Ag Department then Wild Life Resources.

Vice Chairman Monson: Back up to major increases in operating expenses, \$2.9m increase and \$2m in private lands program increases. Is that in here or is this a whole new \$2.9m.

Schadewald: Private lands funding is in a special line item.

Vice Chairman Monson: You are moving \$900,000 from operating, capital assets. Then you're adding \$2.9m, what is the reason for adding that amount?

Schadewald: It will be used for a variety of things, in lieu of taxes it will be used for lands, operating costs, for utilities, and do more work in the field with our staff.

Vice Chairman Monson: Confused on the increases.

Schadewald: The operating money will not be for that, it will come out of the capital assets line.

Vice Chairman Monson: You're looking at \$2m increase in PLOTS and minus \$400,000 on the next line from your land acquisitions. No change in the \$900,000 but adding another \$2.9m so now we are at \$4.5m increase. Then we get to the wild life services and we're increasing by \$130,000 so we are looking at \$4. whatever m.

Schadewald: No, right now we are looking at \$3.9m increase from the current biennium's budget and some shifting around is being done. This includes the salary adjustments.

Representative Klein: The deferred maintenance item on the green sheet at \$1.6m, do you have a listing of what those items are?

Schadewald: We have not discussed that, we do not provide a specific listing on that in the budgeting process. It is an extraordinary repair type thing.

Representative Klein: Next question is on the Lone Tree Reservoir at \$1.2m. What is that?

Schadewald: Land was purchased, over 30,000 acres but was not developed. It was decided a state agency should manage it, not a federal agency. So the land is being managed by the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department and owned by the Bureau of Reclamation which provides 100% of the funding and listed as a special line in our budget.

Chairman Wald: You say you don't own a hatchery anymore?

Schadewald: We have a cooperative type project where we transport the eggs and plant them to lakes all over the state.

Vice Chairman Monson: On the bottom of page 2, are they included on the top of page 2?

Schadewald: There is no duplication, for the most part grants at the bottom of the page.

On page 3, programs for fishing.

Chairman Wald: Is there an emergency clause?

Schadewald: There is \$800,000. the revenues are listed on page 4 such as fishing licenses.

Representative Klein: What do PR and DJ stand for?

Schadewald: They are fisheries and DJ stands for Dingle-Johnson and PR stands Pittman-Robinson, it goes back to 1937.

There are three other bills that affect the Game and Fish fund.

Representative Aarsvold: The \$810,000 in House amendment 2009 is that included with the \$680,000 or is it additional?

Schadewald: \$680,000 for the 07-09 appropriation plus \$130,000 for the emergency clause that is provided in the ag commissioner's bill, 2009.

The spread sheets and graphs on pages 6-14 detail general game license sales, etc.

Representative Gulleson: There seems to be a decline in young hunters. Could you break this down by age?

Schadewald: In North Dakota we are not seeing the decline in young hunters. Deer hunting and pheasant hunting bring people out in North Dakota.

Vice Chairman Monson: On page 4 of your budget bill, your salaries and wages have increased by \$2m, some of that is for more FTEs but one of those is already paid through temporary salaries. That is 150 employees.

Schadewald: The big horn biologist wages is coming out of the donation account. Not the salary line item. We have authorization to receive donated money and spend it on programs they want.

Representative Martinson: Do you get 4 and 4?

Schadewald: We get the same as other state employees. There is some carryover from previous pay increases.

Vice Chairman Monson: I would like to see real good detail on that because \$2.1m for 150 FTE, even if you are paying for a big game biologist and two more FTEs is way more than 4 and 4 in my calculation.

Schadewald: The pay plan is broken down by division, with amounts and temporary salaries. There are no especially large increases in that area.

Chairman Wald: How much is a non-resident fishing license?

Schadewald: It is \$35, the same as Minnesota and considerably lower than Montana and South Dakota.

Chairman Wald: Why is this agricultural in the ag commissioner's budget, the \$800,000 for wild life, why isn't that in Game and Fish?

Schadewald: Twenty years ago, it was 100% run in the ag budget with general funds.

Representative Aarsvold: Most of the deprivation impacts the industry of agriculture.

Schadewald: Yes.

Representative Klein: Your investments, what is the source of that?

Schadewald: 100% of that comes from the Bank of North Dakota, in short term CDs.

Chairman Wald: Complaints come in all the time about the deer population and today the highest cost for comprehensive insurance is from deer hits. What can we do to cut down on the deer population?

Schadewald: We are trying to manage them with the gun and in some areas there is a decline but there is still more work to do.

Chairman Wald: Youth hunting, is that up or down?

Schadewald: There are special programs, but there is a loss of youth population.

Chairman Wald: is there a program to recruit to harvest the elk in the park. Are you in support of that?

Schadewald: The Senators, Dorgan and Conrad, voiced our position on that.

Vice Chairman Monson: I had heard of poisoning them.

Schadewald: Drugs are a more likely possibility.

Chairman Wald: Question regarding transporting fish and game wardens' fines. Is this a proclamation?

Schadewald: It is a proclamation but also the game warden's call. Stay with your own fish and leave identification on it.

Chairman Wald: On the marina, I can't believe the game and fish or the park service should be in the marine business. You would add on or whatever and also build slips?

Schadewald: We can't believe it either but that is the way it came out of the Senate with general fund money. The marina has nothing to do with our boat ramp money, it is a parks project and the city of Garrison. It would set up a protective bay and a vendor would come in and set up with the Parks. We don't get involved in that.

Chairman Wald: If we took it out, it would be OK with you.

Schadewald: We've been encouraged to cooperate somewhat but not at \$1.1m. The Coast Guard has some money that may be able to help on that project. It ended up to be \$400,000 of Coast Guard money and \$700,000 of Game and Fish money.

Vice Chairman Monson: You would be in competition with private marinas.

Schadewald: Yes, there would be competition. Capital improvements are a large part of that project.

Representative Gulleson: Understands that this is initiated by friends of Lake Sakakawea.

Mike McEnroe representing the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society: (See Handout #2, SB 2017, NDGFD) provided testimony regarding the increasing costs of the Wildlife Services program and the marina at Ft. Stevenson State Park.

Mike Donahue, representing the Wildlife Federation and United Sportsmen of North Dakota: Added comment similar to the preceding.

Chairman Wald: Beaver are invading private property.

Representative Todd Porter, District 34: Stated that he personally has problems with the Wild Life Services regarding control of problem animals. These services should be kept within the Game and Fish Department. He spoke in favor of PLOTS.

Chairman Wald: How does CRP tie into PLOTS? What happens if the land is sold, does the PLOTS arrangement go with the land?

Porter: Directly, PIOTS does flow forward with the sale of land.

Animal health is a concern, owner should have the responsibility and not passed on the Game and Fish if the animal escapes. The fund balance of \$20m should be kept at the \$15m mark.

Duane Ash, Lobbyist for Friends of Lake Sakakawea and the North Dakota Sports Fishing Congress: Testified that the Marina should not be in the Game and Fish arena, however a marina is needed.

Chairman Wald: How many members in your organization?

Ash: About 400 with businesses and counties.

David Munch, representing him: Spoke in favor of funding programs

Chairman Wald: On the question of boat ramps at Devils Lake, why were they left out?

Schadewald: It is a good facility right now, it needs to be widened.

Representative Gulleason: On predator control, landowners look on this as something the Game and Fish does to help landowner relations. Do you feel it strengthens relationships?

Schadewald: They may not be fully aware of the funding source.

Vice Chairman Monson: Is this the same fund that reimburses farmers and ranchers that have deer damage?

Schadewald: It is a different program; we do not pay directly for damages but do help with fences, etc. They are different services.

Representative Aarsvold: I get a lot of calls about beaver; the dams are a huge issue.

Chairman Wald: The hearing on SB 2017 is closed and I have assigned this bill to Representatives Klein, Gulleason and myself.

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Minutes:

Chairman Wald: Called the meeting to order to take up Engrossed SB 2017 .0201, State Game and Fish Department.

Representative Klein: Explained the amendment and moved a Do Pass to amendment .0201

Representative Hawken: Second

Chairman Wald: Motion to adopt the amendment, all in favor say "I". Motion carried.

Entertain a motion Do **Pass** SB 2017 as amended.

Representative Hawken: Move to further amend.

Vice Chairman Monson: Second

Chairman Wald: All in favor signify by saying "I". Motion carried.

Entertain a motion **Do Pass** as amended.

Representative Klein: So Move.

Representative Hawken: Second

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No, 0 Absent, Motion Carried

Carrier: Representative Klein

