

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Willard Munger, Chairman of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, called the thirty-seventh meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on October 15, 1987 in room 10 of the State Office Building.

The clerk noted the roll:

Munger, Chair	Nelson, D.
Carlson, D.	Neuenschwander
Hugoson	Pauly
Jennings	Reding
Johnson, A.	Schafer
Johnson, B.	Shaver
Kahn	Skoglund
Knuth	Thiede
Larsen	Trimble
Long	Wagenius
McPherson	Waltman

Members excused:

Battaglia	Rose
Begich	Rukavina
Himle	Simoneau
Marsh	

A quorum was present.

Chairman Munger introduced the concept of an Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund as embodied in H.F. 1257. He explained that the bill itself would not be taken up in order to have an open discussion.

Giving an overview of the concept of an E&NR Trust Fund was John Helland of the House Research Department.

Also speaking in favor of the E&NR Trust Fund was the Commissioner of Natural Resources, Joe Alexander.

A panel, consisting of representatives from state departments, agencies and boards, expressed views on the concept. Those participating were:

Tom Rulland, Assistant Commissioner, State Planning Agency  
 Bob Dunn, Member, Environmental Quality Board  
 Tom Kalitowski, Executive Director, Pollution Control Agency  
 Steve Thorne, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources

After questions and discussion with panel members, the following people spoke in favor of the concept:

Diane Jensen, Clean Water Action Project  
 Nelson French, The Nature Conservancy  
 Judy Erickson, Executive Director, Minnesota Council of Parks  
 Dorothy Waltz, State Board of Water & Soil Resources  
 Tom McGuigan, Minnesota Audubon Society  
 Judy Bellairs, The Sierra Club  
 Bob Buckler, Fish & Wildlife Legislative Alliance

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

  
Elizabeth Gohl, Clerk

  
Willard Munger, Chair

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