

SNR 02-07

MINUTES
SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019

TIME: 10:05 a.m.

ROOM: 208-W

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Maynard, Beach, Cline, Hamilton, Hardesty, Prezioso, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, and Sypolt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Senators Mann and Facemire

Chairman Maynard called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A silent roll call was taken by staff and a quorum was present.

Senator Stollings approved the minutes of the January 21, 2019 and the January 28, 2019 meetings.

Chairman Maynard brought the following bills before the committee.

S. B. 402 - Authorizing Division of Forestry investigate and enforce timber theft violations.

Counsel explained the bill.

Questions and answers followed.

On motion of Senator Stollings the committee amended the bill. (see attached amendment below)

The question being on the amendment from Senator Stollings, the same was put and the amendment was adopted.

Without objection, the committee authorized counsel to incorporate the bill and the amendments into a committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Stollings, the committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Stollings the committee recommended the Com Sub for SB402 be reported to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double reference first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. B. 404 - Altering sediment control during commercial timber harvesting operations.

Counsel explained the bill.

Counsel explained the committee substitute.

Questions and answers followed.

With leave of the committee, Jeremy McGill, Forestry, administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Stollings, the committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Stollings the committee recommended the Com Sub for SB404 be reported to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double reference first be referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

S. B. 305 - Prohibiting waste of big game animals.

Counsel explained the bill.

Questions and answers followed.

On motion of Senator Stollings the committee recommended SB332 be reported to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double reference first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senator Stollings, moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee amendment to SB402

Stollings moved to amend the bill to match the amendment proposed by the Division of Forestry. The amendment, generally, removes the criminal sentencing guidelines in the bill and instead cites to the sentencing guidelines already described in the criminal code for timber theft.