

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
WATER POLICY

Hearing Room
Tape

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Chuck Norris, Chair
Rep. Tim Josi, Vice-Chair
Rep. Avel Gordly
Rep. Veral Tarno
Rep. Jim Welsh

STAFF PRESENT:

Pat Zwick, Committee Administrator
Gail E. Boesch, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

HB 2376 - Public Hearing
HB 2422 - Public Hearing

These minutes contain materials which paraphrase and/or summarize
statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation marks

report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents of the proceedings,
please refer to the tapes.

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002 CHAIR NORRIS: Calls the meeting to order at 3: 03 pm .
- Announces new meeting time to be 2:00 pm, effective next week.

Opens the Public Hearing on HB 2376 and HB 2422 Concurrently

Witnesses: Tom Byler, Legislative Aide
Jeanette Holman, Legislative Counsel
Martha O. Pagel, Director, Water Resource Department

030 TOM BYLER, AIDE TO REP. NORRIS: Presents consolidated ponds legislation
intended to combine HB 2376, HB 2422, and HB 2753. Describes the eight
different kinds of ponds dealt with. (Exhibit A)

110 STAFF: Submitted for the record, Exhibit B, amended draft of HB 2376.

120 REP. GORDLY: Requests that Mr. Byler go through the actual language of
the draft.

138 CHAIR NORRIS: Discusses the potential of establishing a completely new
bill number. Asks staff about cutoff dates and notes in the statutes.
- If we don't set some kind of a deadline, we weaken it.

162 REP. TARNO: Requests information regarding the time frame for the work
group.

165 CHAIR NORRIS: Would like something back in two weeks.

175 JEANETTE HOLMAN, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL: Discusses deadlines and dates relating to permits, notes and codifying.

200 - "If you want to put in bill that applications have to be in by a certain deadline", can put in as a separate section.

216 - Need to decide what you want to do with the various kinds of ponds; seems that is what Tom has done. Will have to address current applications under 1993 law.

 - Asks to be included in work group.

240 CHAIR NORRIS: Invites comments, states that a work group will be formed to look at new bill.

273 REP. GORDLY: Thanks Tom Byler for his work.

275 REP. TARNO: Exits the meeting at 3:23 pm to appear before another committee.

300 CHAIR NORRIS: Invites comments from Martha Pagel on the diffuse groundwater issue.

310 MARTHA PAGEL, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT: Presents a summary of Exhibit C, a letter from the Department of Justice analyzing HB 2153; the bill does create an ambiguity regarding the requirement of a water right for an off-channel pond.

350 STAFF ZWICK: Invites those interested to remain after the meeting adjourns to organize work group.

360 CHAIR NORRIS:
 Closes the Public Hearing on HB 2376 and HB 2422.
 Adjourns the meeting at 3:28 pm

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Gail E. Boesch Pat Zwick
Committee Assistant Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - Overview of Consolidation of Ponds Bills--Tom Byler, Legislative Aide to Rep. Norris--
 2 pages.

B - HB 2376, Amended Draft--Staff--7 pages.

C - Letter on Ponds Bill Analysis, from Steve Sanders, Assistant District Attorney General--
 Martha Pagel, Water Resources Department --2 pages