SENATE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting February 27, 1961

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by the Chairman, Senator Lauterbach, with all members present.

Mr. Fred Warders, Acting Director; Mr. Frank Horton, Chairman, and Mr. Robert Ward, Accountant, for the Forestry, Fish, & Game Commission appeared byfore the committee.

Mr. Warders asked the committee to place the amount of \$764,000, including \$1,00,000 in Federal money, in a reserve to be appropriated during the 1962 Budget Session of the Legislature. They asked this for the reason they wished additional time to study the best use for this money.

Mr. Warders also stated that state funds appropriated to this commission have not been used as effectively as they should have been - they have been used for maintenance and repair of capital improvements which have been made with Federal money. Therefore, the commission is planning to use part of the federal money for maintenance and repair rather than all of it for new projects.

Mr. Warders also stated that in the past few days they have discovered extensive damage to the face of the Logan County Lake dam. He states that a rough estimate of the cost of repair is \$12,000, and it should be done as soon as possible to keep down further expense.

Mr. Ward stated that the governor had not recommended an amount of \$25,000 for a bulldozer for the Neosho Wildlife Refuge. He said this was a necessity for efficient operation and should be reinstated.

Mr. Ward also stated that they needed funds in the amount of \$28,000 for 16,000 adult quail to restock the state.

He also recommended that the Legislature give the commission authority to separate the fee fund and the boat fund. Exite

Senator Lauterbach asked the subcommittees to submit their reports as soon as possible so appropriation bills may be drawn.

Meating adjourned 11:00 A.M.

August W. Lauterbach, Chairman, Senate Committee on Ways & Means.