

successfully complete the bow hunter education program prior to receiving an archery permit. The Game and Parks Commission would train volunteer instructors who would in turn conduct the bow hunter training courses. The bow hunter training courses are identical to the hunter safety courses we now require for hunting licenses, except for instead of firearms it is now archery equipment. Archery equipment, in its own right, is just as dangerous as rifles and firearms and should be...we should be assured that these hunters are well versed in the operation of compound bows, long bows and other weapons that they may use for hunting purposes. Game and Parks, I mentioned that they will be training volunteer instructors. They've been doing that for the past three years. Senator Schmit brought the bill two years ago and it died for lack of time and they have been gearing up for training the volunteers this whole time and the President of the Bow Hunters Association now resides in my district so I have the pleasure of bringing the bill this year and I think it is an important bill to bow hunters and to the safety of those that might consider taking up the sport and I would urge your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there discussion of LB 403? Seeing none, Senator Morrissey, do you wish to close? Waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the advancement of LB 403. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 403.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 403 advances. We will now to go to LB 772, introduced by Senator Schmit.

CLERK: LB 772, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Schmit. (Read title.) Introduced January 23, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, this is a very unusual bill. It's not very often that this Legislature proposes to eliminate any kind of an agency. A number of years ago a bill that I introduced created the Water Management Board. I had great ideas. The principal purpose behind the idea was that they would review water construction...or, yes, reservoir