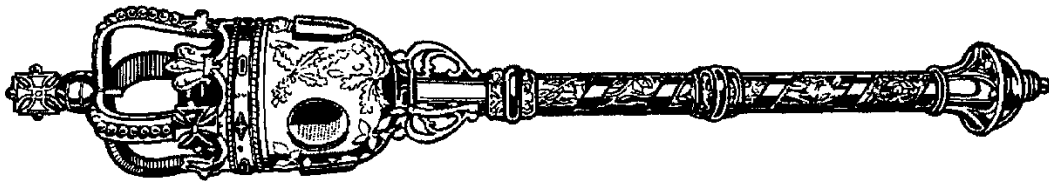


*Report of the
House Appropriations
Subcommittee*

on

Natural Resources



House Bill 29

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REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

on

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. Chairmen and Members of the Committee:

In these times of great economic prosperity, it is evermore important that we strive to protect the vital natural resources of our Commonwealth from the pressures of increased development and growth.

Preservation of lands for fish and wildlife habitat, natural areas, agricultural use, forests and open space must be a priority as we seek a balance between economic growth and conservation. A prime example of this balance is our great park system, where quality recreational opportunities are afforded our citizens, and at the same time we promote tourism. The Natural Resources Subcommittee offers recommendations that provide long-needed support for our state parks. In addition, we propose that \$12.4 million be provided in the second year as the first step toward dedicated funding for the preservation of open space.

Our second area of interest was protection of our valuable water resources. The Water Quality Improvement Act, passed by the General Assembly in 1997, continues to provide significant new funding for water quality programs. In just three years, this legislation has brought about unprecedented efforts to control point and nonpoint source pollution of the lakes, rivers, streams and bays of our great Commonwealth.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee wants to ensure that the Water Quality Improvement Fund remains viable for its intended purpose. In that regard, we offer amendments that recalculate the required deposit to the fund and direct an additional \$9.0 million back to activities provided for in the Act.

We hope you will agree that the amendments, which follow go a long way toward producing the balance that we desire. I will ask staff to take you through the detailed amendments to House Bill 29 and House Bill 30.

Following the staff explanation of our amendments, we hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt our recommendations

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<u>Amendment</u>

2000-02 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
General	Nongeneral	
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>FTE</u>

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Department of Environmental Quality

CASRAM Reduction (\$500,000)

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund \$341,812

Transfers

Adjust Game Protection Fund Transfer Language

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Spending Total-House Bill 29 (\$500,000) \$341,812

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<u>Amendment</u>	2000-02 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Nongeneral Fund</u>	<u>FTE</u>

House Bill 30

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Major Dam Rehabilitation Fund	\$500,000		
Norfolk Breakwaters	\$300,000		
Natural Heritage Program	\$500,000		4.00
Habitat Restoration Training	\$75,000		
Support for SWCD Operations	\$1,500,000		
Best Management Practices Cost-share	Language		
WQIF Recalculation	(\$4,039,170)	\$1,000,000	
** Restore Cuts to Agency Operations	\$2,473,920		19.00
** BMP Engineering	\$200,000		
** Poultry Litter	\$564,250		6.00
Public Beach Board	\$307,581		
Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission	\$75,000		
Virginia Land Conservation Foundation	\$12,400,000		
Trevilian Station Battlefield	Language		
Dan Daniel Memorial Park	Language		
Virginia Outdoors Foundation	\$200,000		
State Park Operations	\$4,000,000		
Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory	\$15,000		
Breaks Interstate Park	\$500,000		
Aldie Mill	\$229,700		

Department of Environmental Quality

Nontidal Wetlands Management	\$1,300,000		
Emissions Inspection Fund	(\$2,000,000)	\$2,000,000	
Improve Groundwater Research	\$500,000		5.00
Toxins Monitoring	\$925,074		5.00
Smith Mt. Lake Vol. Water Monitoring	Language		
Elizabeth River Sediment Clean Up	\$366,000		
Friends of the Shenandoah	\$60,000		
Lord Fairfax Minimum Instream Flow	\$200,000		
Alliance Citizen Water Quality Monitoring	\$100,000		

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<u>Amendment</u>	2000-02 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Nongeneral Fund</u>	<u>FTE</u>

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Recalculation of WQIF	(\$9,699,000)	\$2,700,000	
** Poultry Litter	\$1,200,000		11.00
** Combined Sewer Overflow Fund	\$7,600,000		
** Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategies	\$700,000		3.00
** TMDL Support	\$300,000		3.00
Fish Tissue Analysis	\$335,000		
Save Our Streams	\$50,000		
Department of Historic Resources			
Administrative Support	\$900,000		5.00
Care of Confederate Cemeteries	\$680		
Department of Game and Inland Fisheries			
Increase Agency Administration/HB 38		\$1,200,000	13.00
Embrey Dam with General Funds	\$121,250		
Abutment Dam Fish Passage	\$115,000		
Adjust Wildlife and Fisheries Management		\$4,400,000	19.00
Smith Mt. Lake Navigation Aids	\$40,000		
Adjust Boating Safety Appropriation		\$400,000	5.00
Marine Resources Commission			
Remove "Friend of the Chesapeake" Funds	\$160,000	(\$320,000)	
Submerged Aquatic Vegetation	\$196,000	\$0	
Essential Operations	\$458,938	\$0	2.00
Removal of Obstructions at Wares Wharf	\$15,000	\$0	
Central Appropriations			
Water Quality Improvement Fund	Language		
Transfers			
Adjust Game Protection Fund Transfer	Language		
Spending Total-House Bill 30	=====	=====	=====
	\$23,745,223	\$11,380,000	100.00

** Indicates Items funded with general funds based on recalculation of Water Quality Improvement Fund Deposits