

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Griffin Roberge 271-2878

HB 195, establishing a committee to study temporary seasonal docks.

Hearing Date: March 28, 2017.

Time Opened: 9:45 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:50 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Avard and Innis.

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Bradley, Fuller Clark and Feltes.

Bill Analysis: This bill establishes a committee to study temporary seasonal docks.

Sponsors:

Rep. Mullen

Rep. Chandler

Rep. McConkey

Rep. McGuire

Sen. Bradley

Who supports the bill: Representative John Mullen (Strafford - District 1), Dave Ouellette (Department of Safety, Marine Patrol), Representative Mark McConkey (Carroll - District 3), Representative Gene Chandler (Carroll - District 1), Tom O'Brien (NH Lakes Association).

Who opposes the bill: NONE.

Who is neutral on the bill: NONE.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative John Mullen

Strafford – District 1

- HB 195 was first introduced to lower the setback of a seasonal temporary dock from 20 feet to 10 feet.
- The discussion from the committee found many issues on this complex subject.
 - There were many questions over who should administer and manage seasonal docks.
 - An example is that while the NH DES is responsible for enforcement, the NH Marine Patrol is often who gets the call when there is an issue.
- HB 195 would establish a committee to study this issue, along with environmental impacts and safety issues.
- The bill would allow input from all the stakeholders who are impacted by seasonal docks.

Representative Mark McConkey

Carroll – District 3

- Representative McConkey was the prime sponsor of similar legislation in past sessions.
- Agrees with all of Representative Mullen's testimony.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: NONE.

Neutral Information Presented: NONE.

Future Action: Pending

GJR.

Date Hearing Report completed: March 28, 2017.