Representative Willard Munger, Chairman of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, called the thirty-seventh meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on October 15, 1987 in room 10 of the State Office Building.

The clerk noted the roll:

Munger, Chair
Carlson, D.
Hugoson
Jennings
Johnson, A.
Johnson, B.
Kahn
Knuth
Larsen
Long
McPherson
Melson, D.
Neuenschwander
Pauly
Reding
Schafer
Shaver
Skoglund
Thieide
Trimble
Wagenius
Waltman

Members excused:

Battaglia
Begich
Himle
Marsh
Rose
Rukavina
Simmons

A quorum was present.

Chairman Munger introduced the concept of an Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund as embodied in H.F. 1257. He explained that the bill itself would not be taken up in order to have an open discussion.

Giving an overview of the concept of an ENWR Trust Fund was John Helland of the House Research Department.

Also speaking in favor of the ENWR Trust Fund was the Commissioner of Natural Resources, Joe Alexander.

A panel, consisting of representatives from state departments, agencies and boards, expressed views on the concept. Those participating were:

Tom Ru11and, Assistant Commissioner, State Planning Agency
Bob Dunn, Member, Environmental Quality Board
Tom Kalitowski, Executive Director, Pollution Control Agency
Steve Thorne, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources

After questions and discussion with panel members, the following people spoke in favor of the concept:

Diane Jensen, Clean Water Action Project
Nelson French, The Nature Conservancy
Judy Erickson, Executive Director, Minnesota Council of Parks
Dorothy Waltz, State Board of Water & Soil Resources
Tom McGurigan, Minnesota Audubon Society
Judy Belalirs, The Sierra Club
Bob Buckler, Fish & Wildlife Legislative Alliance

There being no further questions or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Elizabeth Goihl, Clerk
Willard Munger, Chair