

**INTERSTATE PEST CONTROL COMPACT
MID-WINTER MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 1997
WASHINGTON, DC**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Arizona--Keith Kelly	Delaware--Jack Tarburton
Florida--Martha Roberts	Georgia--Tommy Irvin
Illinois--Becky Doyle	Minnesota--Gene Hugoson
New Jersey--Art Brown	North Carolina--Howard Singletary
Oregon--Bruce Andrews	South Carolina--David Tompkins
Vermont--Leon Graves	Virginia--Carlton Courter
West Virginia--Gus Douglass	

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by the Chairman, Keith Kelly of Arizona. The roll was then taken by the secretary.

READING OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 22, 1996, meeting at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, were approved as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman stated that he would have no report since the Executive Director would be covering his concerns during his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Becky Doyle of Illinois submitted a report covering the net worth, and the income and expenses of the Compact. She noted that a payment of \$35,000 was due to the state of Florida under an existing contract.

Tommy Irvin of Georgia recommended that funds be maintained in an account paying a higher rate of interest. It was noted that the compact could secure a loan against collateral if funds were needed. Ms. Doyle recommended that \$50,000 be held in the operating account. It was decided to defer a decision to the end of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Bill Metterhouse, the Compact's Executive Director, reported that Wyoming was now a full member of the Compact. He stated that over the past few years six new states joined the Compact and that there are now twenty-eight members.

A brief report was given on the Tropical Soda Apple situation and the ongoing project being conducted by the state of Florida. It was noted that the pest has been found in several southeastern states and that biological controls are being pursued.

The members then reviewed a request from the state of New York for funding to assist in the control and eradication of the Asian Long Horned Beetle. The beetle is considered a serious threat to hardwood forests in the United States. The New York Commissioner, Donald Davidson, reported that the infestation is severe on Long Island and in Brooklyn. He noted that in many cases local citizens were against the removal of infested trees, and that negotiations were in progress with officials of the City of New York to ensure eradication efforts could move forward. It was reported that the New York plan called for a survey of the pest, removal of infested trees, and replacement of trees. The US Forest Service is providing \$500,000 for tree replacement, and APHIS-PPQ is providing \$425,000 for tree removal. New York's request to the Compact is for \$100,000 to assist in developing procedures on control and eradication.

It was noted that the Technical Advisory Committee had approved the funds for the project. At that point, Tommy Irvin made a motion to approve \$100,000 for the project on the condition that Compact funds be used for eradication. Becky Doyle seconded the motion. After several minutes of discussion that included comments on other possible requests to the Compact for funding, and the possibility of New York joining the Compact, the motion was approved by an unanimous show of hands.

Keith Kelly then noted that the Compact should expect a proposal for funding from Arizona on the Karnal Bunt problem. He stated that efforts would be made to deregulate Karnal Bunt, but that deregulation was dependent on agreements from foreign trading partners. It was then noted that the Karnal Bunt issue was scheduled for discussion during the plenary session for NASDA.

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CONTINUATION OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tommy Irvin made a motion that the Treasurer reduce the funds in the operating account to \$125,000, and a loan be secured if a need arose for funds before higher yield accounts matured. The motion was seconded by David Tompkins of South Carolina. The motion was then passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Several additional comments were made concerning Tropical Soda Apple and the work being done by Florida. It was noted that there had been a significant reduction in the infested acreage in Florida and that either controls were working, or an effective natural biological control had arrived.

Additional comments were also made concerning Karnal Bunt and the response from USDA-APHIS.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 pm.