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HB 1101 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1101***

AN ACT establishing a Pillsbury state park advisory commission.

SPONSORS: Rep. J. Phinizy, Sull 7; Rep. Tuthill, Sull 5; Rep. Wiggins, Sull 4; Sen. Disnard, Dist 8

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to assist the department of resources and economic development in the long-range planning of Pillsbury state park and recommend management policies and practices to control use of Pillsbury state park resources.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand

AN ACT establishing a Pillsbury state park advisory commission.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 New Chapter; Pillsbury State Park Advisory Commission. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 216-I the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 216-J

PILLSBURY STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION

216-J:1 Commission Established. There is established a Pillsbury state park advisory commission which shall recommend policies affecting the recreational use of Pillsbury state park. The commission shall consist of 2 members from each town of Washington and Goshen, the director of the division of parks and recreation, the director of the division of forests and lands, and the president/forester of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests; or their designees. The town members shall be selected by the towns, for a term of 3 years, either by appointment by the selectmen or by the annual town meeting, as determined by the commission. Vacancies shall be filled by the selectmen for the unexpired term. The director of the division of parks and recreation shall provide to the commission support as necessary for the commission to discharge its responsibilities.

216-J:2 Powers of the Commission. The Pillsbury state park advisory commission shall:

I. Guide the department of resources and economic development planning efforts to ensure that the growing popularity of Pillsbury state park not be allowed to compromise the integrity of this state park and its visitors' experiences.

II. Assist the department in the formation and adoption of a long-range plan to ensure that the recreational and educational benefits of Pillsbury state park will be developed so as to ensure their perpetual availability.

III. Recommend specific management policies and practices to control use of the resources of Pillsbury state park under the jurisdiction of the department.

IV. Assist the department in acquiring lands and rights in lands, to ensure a consistent management over these lands.

V. Meet at least annually, with a quorum of at least 3 members, to conduct any business relevant to the purposes of this chapter.

VI. Meet at least annually with the commissioner of the department of resources and economic development and report annually to the commissioner on its activities in support of this chapter; its recommendations for acquisitions, easements, and landowner agreements; and any threats to the integrity of Pillsbury state park and its enjoyment by the public.

VII. Issue an annual report to the member communities.

216-J:3 Acceptance of Gifts. The commission may accept any gifts, donations, or grants from any source whatsoever, such gifts, donations, or grants shall be used exclusively to further the purpose of this chapter.

216-J:4 Distinct Legal Existence. In order to establish the tax exempt status of the Pillsbury state park advisory commission established under this chapter, such advisory commission is deemed to be a governmental instrumentality having a distinct legal existence separate from the state and shall not be considered as a department of state government. The exercise by the advisory commission of any authority granted by this chapter shall be deemed to be the performance of public and essential governmental functions not otherwise fulfilled by state government.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Amendments

Rep. Phinizy, Sull. 7
Rep. Blanchard, Rock 33
February 7, 2000
2000-3330h
08/09

Amendment to HB 1101

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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5 Repeal. Sections 1-4 of this act, relative to the Pillsbury state park advisory commission, are repealed.

6 Effective Date.

I. Section 5 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2007.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2001.

2000-3330h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to assist the department of resources and economic development in the long-range planning of Pillsbury state park and recommend management policies and practices to control use of Pillsbury state park resources. The provisions of this bill are repealed after 6 years.

Speakers

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HB 1101 Date January 11 2000

Committee Resources, Recreation & Development

**** Please Print All Information ****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
Sen. Rod. F. Diamond		542-6794	Self Co-Sponsor	✓	
Rep. John Tuttle		463-6366	SwMCo No 5	✓	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1101

BILL TITLE: Establishing a Pillsbury state park advisory commission.

DATE: January 11, 2000

LOB ROOM: 305 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 11:14 a.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Royce, D. Lawton, Whalley, Cooney, Kibbey, Mirski, R. Lawton, Lavoie, O'Connell, Corbin, Roberts, Fields, Czech, Gallus, Blanchard, Downing, Williams, Lefebvre, Robb-Theroux, Fortnam, Glines and Spang.

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TESTIMONY

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Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Richard T. Cooney,
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HB 1151

RESOURCES, RECREATION, & DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

January 18, 2000

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Testimony

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Organization: ITTF
To: "Hon. James Phinizy" <phinizy@sover.net>
CC: r_harrison@conknet.com
Subject: Re: Pillsbury Park Advisory Committee bill
Status:

Hon. James Phinizy wrote:
>
>> Enclosed is the text of the the Pillsbury Park bill

Thanks for the extra copy of the bill. When our Board of Selectmen discussed this originally we were all in favor of it, and I know of nothing that has changed since then. It is clear that the welfare of Pillsbury is of great importance to the Town of Washington: part of the park is within our boundaries; much of it is therefore contiguous with property owned by Washington citizens; and access to Washington from the north is through the park.

We urge passage of the bill, and should have no difficulty whatever in finding qualified Washington representatives to sit on the commission.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention again.

Rufford Harrison, Selectman, Washington

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LAKE ASHUELOT ESTATES, INC.

P.O. BOX 105

WASHINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03280

January 9, 2000

RE: Pillsbury State Park

Representative James Phinizy
P.O. Box 175
Acworth, NH 03601-0175

Dear Representative Phinizy,

Lake Ashuelot Estates (LAE) is a residential and seasonal community consisting of 369 members with an area of 636 acres bordering on Ashuelot Pond. The primary source of water for Ashuelot Pond starts at May Pond in Pillsbury State Park, where the Ashuelot River starts and flows into Ashuelot Pond. Our members regularly use Pillsbury State Park recreational areas during all the seasons of the year, i.e., blueberry picking, hiking, camping, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, autumn leaf peeping, etc.

We would like to see Pillsbury kept the way it is...in its current boundaries and natural state. We also support having local over-site and planning of this valuable State recreational resource. Any changes at Pillsbury could have an impact on LAE (Ashuelot Pond) and change the recreational value to the local community.

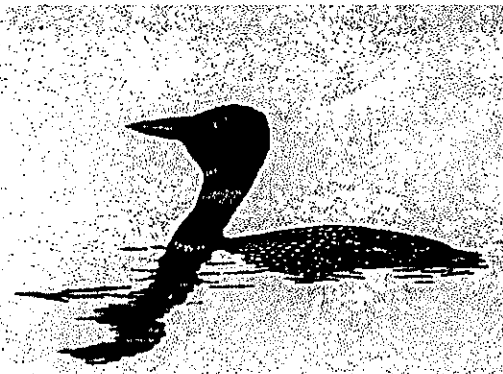
If any additional information or clarifications are needed, I can be reached at 495-3785.

Sincerely,

Don Damm

Donald B. Damm
President

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Friends of Pillsbury State Park, Inc.
PO Box 415
Washington N.H. 03280-0415

January 12, 2000

To: Representative H. Charles Royce
Resources, Recreation, & Development Committee
New Hampshire House of Representatives
State House Rm 305
107 North State Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Representative Royce,

Yesterday I had the privilege to testify before your committee in opposition to HB 1101. At the conclusion you requested I submit a written copy of my testimony to committee. I submit the following to you as my testimony, as best I recall, from the outline I used.

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For the record, I am Philip L. Huntley, President of the "Friends of Pillsbury State Park Inc."

A brief history and overview of FPSP.

FPSP was incorporated in March 1997 but had its beginnings a few years prior. In 1999 we receives tax exempt status under 501 C 3 with the IRS.

FPSP By Laws:

Article II. Purpose read to committee. Copy of By-Laws provided to Committee.

Calendar of events 1999:

1999 calendar of events reviewed. Copy of events provided to Committee.

"Historical Pillsbury" Book.

This book we had republished in 1999. The book was first printed twenty five years ago. The Author, a local resident, allowed us to republish the book with no royalty fees. The local Historical Society loaned us the money for this endeavor. FPSP plans to preserve and exhibit these historical sites which account for a small percentage of the acreage of the park.

Quit Claim deed of 2300 from Albert Pillsbury to the State.

In 1920, Albert Pillsbury granted approximately 2300 acres of land to the State. The final paragraph on the deed after the description of the tract reads, "meaning hereby to convey all the land, and the appurtenances thereto which I now own in said Washington and Goshen, the same to be received by the State, under the provisions of Section 20, Chapter 128, Laws of 1909 as amended by Section 20, Chapter 166, Laws of 1911, **to be held in perpetuity as a public forest reservation for any and all uses or purposes tending to the promotion of forestry."** Mr. Pillsbury was one of the original founders of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, and well acquainted with the necessity for conservation and education. We believe the purpose of FPSP is consistent with the directives and intents of Mr. Albert Pillsbury.

FPSP current projects:

Planning informational and educational events for the year 2000. Calendar of events should be available by March 1, 2000.

Plan to create a web site for FPSP.

Establishment of a master plan committee. First meeting January 15, 2000 at PSP.

Plan to create a to scale drawing of park indicating trails, campsites, toilet and water facility locations using GPS. The collection of field data is complete and ready to be overlaid on USGS maps. These drawings will assist the park as accurate information for individuals using the parks facilities and trails. This information will also assist the master plan committee as their proposals can also be mapped using GPS and overlaid onto existing drawings. (I personally have over 100 hours invested in this project between mapping trails etc. and processing data collected.)

Factual material regarding FPSP now stated, who are the people of FPSP?

FPSP currently has 32 members of which about 20 are very active. Many of the members are residents of Washington and Goshen and active in the local Historical Society, snowmobile clubs, The Society for the Protection of NH Forests, and other groups. The ages range from 19 to 91. with various trades and talents and no personal or political agendas. We are people who want to see individuals, couples, families, and groups, such as boy and girl scouts, and church youth groups, come and enjoy the pristine nature the park has to offer. To camp, hike canoe, fish, and mountain bike. To provide a place where people can appreciate and learn about the nature that surrounds them. Bear, moose, deer, and other wildlife along with the occasional black fly and mosquito are observed in the Park. We want to see people take advantage of our educational programs and to be able to appreciate what they see and hear. We are people who likely know more about the park than anyone else. We plan to submit a master plan including low impact growth to the park. Last year the park was filled almost every weekend up into October with people and groups that I have just mentioned. The park manager has done an excellent job in identifying and discouraging individuals who are looking for a place to "party" and suggest that they may be welcome elsewhere. I understand the park had 4 times as many visitors in 1999 as it did in 1991.
The park needs to grow to accommodate the increased volume. Controlled growth is necessary.

Yes, I stand respectfully to opposed to HB 1101. You already have a group of time tested, dedicated people that have established a good rapport with the Director of Parks and Recreation. I believe my testimony above addresses most of the elements of HB1101 with the exception of membership to include Selectman or their designees from the Towns of Goshen and Washington. I ask you to consider the following. Would this be an added burden to the Selectman of the respective towns? Do the Selectman not have enough work to do with their tax producing properties that they have to now provide time for tax exempt property? Will the Selectman have the same passion for the park that FPSP do? Pillsbury State Park is located on Rte 31, a state maintained highway and requires little assistance from local town services.
In Summary,
WHY DO YOU NEED TO ESTABLISH A PILLSBURY STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE? IN ESSENCE, YOU ALREADY HAVE ONE!
We offer our services to the public and to the Director only to see others enjoy the park as we do. May I add, at no cost to the State of NH. In fact we generate revenue through the day use fees charged by the park to people that attend our scheduled events.
I invite you to consider us, to help us, to join us! Thank you.
Feel free to contact me at home at phone & fax (603) 464-3049 or email p_huntley@conknet.com
Respectfully submitted.

Philip L. Huntley
President FPSP Inc.



Friends of Pillsbury State Park, Inc.
PO Box 415
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February 1, 2000

To: Representative H. Charles Royce
Resources, Recreation, & Development Committee
New Hampshire House of Representatives
State House Rm 305
107 North State Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Representative Royce,
I am transmitting a total of three pages. If you have a problem receiving them I will be available Wednesday morning at 271-2693.

The following is a copy of an email I am sending as a reply to Representative James Phinizy. I submit this to you as a matter of record regarding HB 1101 and any amendments that may be attached to it. Thank you.

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Dear Representative Phinizy,
I received your email on Sunday evening January 30, 2000 regarding the status of HB 1101 and the proposed amendment to include a position on the PSP Advisory Commission to the Friends of Pillsbury State Park Inc.

I have been in contact with the Board of Directors of FPSP and The Director of The Division of Parks and Recreation, Richard McLeod, to discuss the issue and secure a consensus of opinion which is as follows:

FPSP respectfully maintains it's opposition to HB 1101, (see testimony of President Philip L. Huntley as submitted to Committee hearing January 11, 2000) and is opposed to the proposed amended bill. FPSP will not provide a member to the Advisory Commission if it becomes established for the following reasons:

Part of the By-laws of FPSP Inc. read as follows:

Article II Purpose:

#1. Provide assistance to the Division of Parks in the

administration, development, evaluation, and promotion of educational, informational, and recreational programs for the public;

FPSP is currently working to fulfill this purpose.

FPSP has also established a master plan committee and has begun work on this project. FPSP looks forward to working with the new planner being hired by Division of Parks and Recreation in creating a master plan.

FPSP has been actively fulfilling it's purpose as outlined in the testimony on January 11, 2000, with many other activities, programs, and physical labor assistance to the park.

FPSP position is also based on a concern that it may be operating outside of and thereby jeopardizing it's purpose as stated in it's By-laws and it's purpose governed by IRS 503 C: 3 status if it were to participate in the Advisory Commission.

FPSP is concerned about potential internal problems if it were to participate. For example, If the designee (s) of FPSP were swayed in their positions by members of the Advisory Commission representing other heavily weighted organizations that may not necessarily be operating in the best interest of Parks and Recreation, this would lead to a division among our ranks. We cannot assume this risk.

FPSP currently has all the work it can handle with it's number of members and thus must dedicate it's time to it's own purposes before assuming any further responsibilities.

FPSP currently has a good rapport with the Director of Parks and Recreation. The Director expressed his opposition at the Committee Hearing on January 11, 2000 to the establishment of the Advisory Commission. If FPSP were to have a position on the Advisory Commission, it would surely jeopardize FPSP's relationship with the Director and impede our effectiveness. The FPSP, the public, the Park and the State of New Hampshire stand only to lose.

FPSP questions the necessity of establishing the Advisory Commission by statute. The Governor and Council have appointed the Commissioner of DRED and The Director of Parks and Recreation. Surely they had confidence in these men to perform the duties of their offices when they appointed them to these offices. The Director has stated his willingness to work with the FPSP and FPSP likewise. Certainly if the Director requires the advice from other organizations he will solicit it.

Representative Phinizy, in your email you referred to this bill being a mirror of the construction for the Monadnock Advisory Com., which Representative Royce had set up several years ago. Correct me if I'm wrong but I understand this was established prior to rise of volunteer Friends Groups. Indeed this may have been necessary at that time. But the fact is, we do have some very good Friends Groups in the state.

While FPSP is opposed to this bill, it welcomes discussion with any person or organization to successfully further it's objectives in support of Pillsbury State Park and the Director. Anyone wishing to discuss this issue or would like further information about FPSP, it's meeting dates and activities may call or fax me at home at 603-464-3049 or email p_huntley@conknet.com

Trusting you will submit this letter to the sub committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip L. Huntley
President FPSP

cc: Representative H. Charles Royce
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To: "James Phinizy" <phinizy@sover.net>
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From Rep Phinizy
2/3/2000 4:00

Dear Representative Phinizy,
I received your email on Sunday evening January 30, 2000 regarding the status of HB 1101 andthe proposed amendment to include a position on the PSP Advisory Commission to the Friends of Pillsbury State Park Inc.

I have been in contact with the Board of Directors of FPSP and The Director of The Division of Parks and Recreation, Richard McLeod, to discuss the issue and secure a consensus of opinion which is as follows:

FPSP respectfully maintains it's opposition to HB 1101, (see testimony of President Philip L. Huntley as submitted to Committee hearing January 11, 2000) and is opposed to the proposed amended bill. FPSP will not provide a member to the Advisory Commission if it becomes established for the following reasons:
Part of the By-laws of FPSP Inc. read as follows:
Article II Purpose:
#1. Provide assistance to the Division of Parks in the administration, development, evaluation, and promotion of educational, informational, and recreational programs for the public;
FPSP is currently working to fulfill this purpose.

FPSP has also established a master plan committee and has begun work on this project. FPSP looks forward to working with the new planner being hired by Division of Parks and Recreation in creating a master plan.

FPSP has been actively fulfilling it's purpose as outlined in the testimony on January 11, 2000, with many other activities, programs, and physical labor assistance to the park.

FPSP position is also based on a concern that it may be operating outside of and thereby jeopardizing it's purpose as stated in it's By-laws and it's purpose governed by IRS 503 C:3 status if it were to participate in the Advisory Commission.

FPSP is concerned about potential internal problems if it were to participate. For example, If the designee (s) of FPSP were swayed in their positions by members of the Advisory Commission representing other heavily weighted organizations that may not necessarily be operating in the best interest of Parks and Recreation, this would lead to a division among our ranks. We cannot assume this risk.

FPSP currently has all the work it can handle with it's number of members and thus must dedicate it's time to it's own purposes before assuming any further responsibilities.

FPSP currently has a good rapport with the Director of Parks and Recreation. The Director expressed his opposition at the Committee Hearing on January 11, 2000 to the establishment of the Advisory Commission. If FPSP were to have a position on the Advisory Commission, it would surely jeopardize FPSP's relationship with the Director and impede our effectiveness. The FPSP, the public, the Park and the State of New Hampshire stand only to lose.

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FILE
HB 1101

Town of Goshen

Office of the Selectmen
P.O. Box 68
Goshen, New Hampshire 03752
Telephone: (603) 863-5655

February 8, 2000

Representative John Tuthill
PO Box 49
Acworth, NH 03601

Dear John,

This letter is to inform you that the Town of Goshen Selectmen is in favor of HB 1101. If you should have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 863-5080.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Stevens
Bonnie Stevens
Administrative Assistant

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1101

BILL TITLE: **Establishing a Pillsbury state park advisory commission.**

DATE: 2/8/00

LOB ROOM: 305

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, (ITL), Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Kibbey

Seconded by Rep. Cooney

Vote: 10-6 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Richard T. Cooney, Clerk

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OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2000 SESSION

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Bill #: HB 1401 **Title:** ESTAB A PILLSBURY ADV. COMM.

PH Date: 1/11/00 **Exec Session Date:** 2/8/00

Motion: ITL **Amendment #:**

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Royce, H Charles, Chairman	X	
Lawton, David M, V Chairman	X	
Whalley, Michael D	X	
Cooney, Richard T, Clerk	X	
Kibbey, David D	X	
Mirski, Paul M		
Lawton, Robert M		
Lavoie, Gerard H	X	
O'Connell, Timothy D		X
Corbin, C David		
Roberts, William E	X	
Fields, Dennis H		X
Czech, Stanley E	X	
Gallus, John T	X	
Blanchard, MaryAnn N		X
Downing, Michael W		X
Williams, Carol A		
Lefebvre, Roland J	X	
Robb-Theroux, Amy E		
Fortnam, Janet W		
Glines, Sara B		X
Spang, Judith T		X

TOTAL VOTE: 10-6

Printed: 12/30/1999

Committee Report

MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Resources, Recreation and Development**

BILL NUMBER: **HB 1101**

TITLE: establishing a Pillsbury state park advisory commission.

DATE: February 9, 2000 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☐ NO ☒

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☒ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ RE-REFER

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

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(Include Committee Vote)

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Vote 10-6.

Rep. David M. Lawton
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

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David M. Lawler
Royce

MINORITY
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Vote .

Rep. MaryAnn N. Blanchard
FOR THE MINORITY

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

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Resources, Recreation and Development

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MaryAnn N. Blanchard

Royce 10-6