

SENATE BILL #1155
as amended

Title: Save a Cave

Codification Number:

Introduced: April 27, 1976

Thesis: Appropriation of \$240 to the Vedauwoo Student Grotto for preservation of the Horsethief-Big Horn Cave System in north central Wyoming.

Sponsors: Karin Cyrus, Jim Byrd, Rick Thamer

1. Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
2. University of Wyoming that whereas the Vedauwoo Student Grotto is currently
3. engaged in a prolonged battle to protect an irreplaceable underground
4. environment from the drilling and blasting of uranium exploration which
5. would surely destroy the cave system below; and whereas the Horsethief-
6. Big Horn caves contain rare formations of gypsum and calcite not found anywhere
7. else in this state; and whereas the cave sites are also the deposits of many
8. prehistoric animal skeletons with great archeological and scientific research
9. value, that the ASUW go on record as supporting the cave conservation efforts
10. of the VSG. These efforts include the publication of two pamphlets explaining
11. the unique Horsethief-Big Horn system and mining activities in the area;
12. numerous conferences with the Bureau of Land Management, the Wyoming
13. Department of Environmental Quality, and the mining companies themselves;
14. slide show presentations to the public illustrating the outstanding beauty
15. of these caves; and various money-raising projects to pay for legal fees incurred
16. To follow through with their efforts, the VSG is requesting \$240 to pay for the
17. expenses itemized below:
18. Brochures (photographs, layout and printing) \$ 160
19. Postage (to send brochures nationwide) 30
20. Slide duplication 50
21. Total \$ 240

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May 4, 1976

Referred to: Steering, Finance

Date of Passage: May 4, 1976

Signed:

Stephani Wooster
ASUW Senate Chairperson

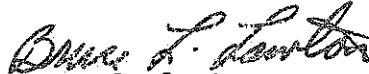
"Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action. _____ ASUW President."

May 10, 1976

To the Members of the Senate:

I do hereby veto bill #1155 for the following reasons:

1. I was led to believe by the discussion within the Senate that the Vedauwoo Student Grotto (VSG) had talked to the various environmental groups around the state concerning this issue. They had not. *
2. The State Geologist and his staff suggested that approximately \$50,000 would be needed to determine if any damage has been or would be done. All they suggested was that the funds would be better used if the State Regional or National Speleological Society fought the battle.
3. I don't think it is in the best interest of a majority of the students to spend their money off campus in this manner. As a citizen of the state of Wyoming, I am concerned but can't justify the funds spent to those from out of state.
4. I found out that there are funds available to tax exempt institutions for programs such as this.
5. It would be in the interest of the majority of the students to support Senate Bill #1159 excluding operating expenses.


Bruce L. Lawton
ASUW President

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Wyoming Outdoor Council
Northern Rockies Foundation
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