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Proposal 482  
RELATING TO CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
OF RESOURCE

Statement for  
Con Con Committee on Environment, Agriculture  
Conservation, and Land  
Public hearing 11 August 1978

by  
Doak C, Cox, Environmental Center

Proposal 482 has been reviewed by the Environmental Center during a public hearing on August 7 for the Public Health and Welfare; Labor and Industry Committee. Our opinion on this proposal have not substantially changed so we are submitting to this committee our earlier review, RL:0295.



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Proposal No. 482  
RELATING TO CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES

Statement for  
Con Con Committee on Public Health & Welfare;  
Labor & Industry  
Public Hearing 7 August 1978

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Proposal No. 482 would revise certain provisions in the Constitution relating to conservation and development of resources; in essence shifting the placements of the provisions and strengthening them somewhat.

Conservation and development of natural beauty, and objects and places of historical or cultural interest would be deleted as a power of the State under Article VIII. However, 1) Provision for public sightliness would be made a duty as well as a power of the State under Article VIII; 2) Conservation of objects and places of historic interest would be made a duty as well as a power of the State under Article X; and 3) The responsibility placed in Article X on the Legislature to promote conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources of the State, would be transformed to a power and duty of the State to conserve and protect the natural resources.

The latter amendment is introduced as a replacement to Section 1 of Article X. The combination of conservation, development, and utilization in the present Section 1 seems to overemphasize development and use since conservation in itself means a wise balance of preservation and use. The proposed Section 1, which clearly includes protection from unreasonable development as well as development and utilization, would be a desirable substitute.