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S-194-B



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THE SENATE
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY
12224

GRIBETZ

Info. Photo:	
GOVERNOR	X
Burke	X
Golden	
Goldmark	
Gribetz	X
Kicinski	X
Laird	X
Lynch	
Morgado	X
O'Connell	
O'Donnell	X
BILL JKT	X
PALOMINO	X

July 8, 1975

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Honorable Hugh Carey
Governor of New York
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Carey:

This letter is to urge your reconsideration of the "Beaver Bill", S-194-B, and sign into law the beaver as our state animal symbol.

The announcement of this bill caused an unexpected flood of publicity and public interest. Beaver stories, details of the bill and related subjects appeared in papers and television not only in the state but across the country and into Canada. The idea appealed to the public. I personally participated in a number of radio programs on this subject on the Canadian Broadcasting System. I have had personal exchanges with members of Parliament all in good spirit. Canada formally adopted the Beaver this year.

It is my belief that a letter from the President of the Oregon State Senate, Senator Jason Boe, which I believe was written in jest (and which I answered in kind) may have been taken seriously by your staff and perhaps prompted your hesitation to sign this bill. You should know that I have had personal exchanges with former Governor Mc Call - all in good humor.

Historically, the first known New York State flag was a white field upon which was a beaver, and as I reminded Senator Boe this was in revolutionary days long before Oregon was settled.

Although very few states have adopted state animals most have state flowers and birds many in common. For example: Alabama, Kentucky, Nebraska and North Carolina adopted the goldenrod for their state flower. Washington, D.C., Iowa, New York and North Dakota adopted the rose. Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Virginia declared the cardinal as their state bird and Missouri, New York and Nevada share the bluebird. There are many other examples in addition to those just mentioned, of states sharing the same symbolic bird, animal or flower.



Mr. Bernard Smith
NYS Senator
Letter to New York State
Governor Hugh Carey

Is Mr. Smith for or against
the Beaver becoming NYS's
official animal?

Underline or highlight the text
that helped you understand
Mr. Smith's opinion about the
Beaver becoming NYS's official
animal.



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It is fitting that our great state be symbolized by this remarkable animal and I respectfully urge your approval of this bill.

Sincerely,

Bernard Smith

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Mr. Boe
President

Oregon State Snenate

MR. BOE'S CLAIM

SUPPORTING DETAILS

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NYS Senator

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