

HOUSE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

January 26, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. in Room 434 with all members present with the exception of Reps. Bradley, Scully, and Fagg, who were excused.

House Joint Resolution 9 was discussed. Rep. Holmes, sponsor, gave an explanation of why she had the bill drafted. She stated that she had put the bill in before the State Administration Committee requiring the inclusion of smoke detectors in all buildings outside of city limits. The number of inspectors it would take would be phenomenal, and not very practical. She was concerned about the fires that take place in the state. An average of 30 people die in fires a year. Seventy-five percent die during the night and up to sixty percent more would have been saved had there been a smoke alarm system. She gave an explanation of a smoke detector and stated the fact remains that a great many lives are saved up to three minutes before the fire would consume the house.

Proponents:

Mr. Henry Lohr stated there was an alarm in which it would go off when the batteries run down. Mr. Mark Korm expressed his support in the bill.

Mr. Bill Pentil stated that the President's Commission on Fire Prevention and Control finished their task two years ago. The book is entitled "America Burning." It should be known to the people nationwide that detectors are available and they cut the life loss by 50% by setting an advertisement to publicize smoke detectors. The latest smoke detectors are more sophisticated and reliable. Also, they are cheaper and very well constructed.

There were no opponents.

During the questioning period, it was stated that the average person cannot withstand heat. The temperature at which a heat detector goes off is 135°. By the time the heat sets off the heat detector one would be dead.

House Bill No. 304 was discussed. Rep. Menahan, sponsor, stated the bill was drafted by request of the Department of Business Regulation. He then introduced Mr. Woods, attorney from the Department of Business Regulation.

Mr. Woods stated that the bill was his creation which would delete a section of the law. It is in current rule with the recodification. He gave an explanation of the bill. He said the provisions from the Attorney General's Office are very similar, possibly a duplication of jurisdiction of the Department of Regulation. The recodification statements are attached.

Mr. Jim Burnham testified as being neutral (testimony attached).

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House Bill No. 308 was discussed. Rep. Mular, sponsor, stated there should be some amendments to the bill (attached).

Mr. Bill Romine testified as a proponent along with Rep. Cooney (testimonies attached).

Opponents:

Mr. Terry Carmedy stated that he had no trouble with the first amendment and the last amendment. He commented on the limiting of County Commission in contracting with anyone. He has had trouble with the licensed operators. Also, situations in the state where the man has contracted to handle graveyard and handled the collection also.

Mr. Bolton Lloyd stated there was a licensed person running a facility. Also, the parts were being moonlighted.

House Bill No. 214 was discussed. Rep. Manuel, sponsor, introduced Mr. Herbert Walberg, Jr. Mr. Walberg gave an explanation of the bill. He stated it would give protection to the individual depositors.

There were no opponents or questions.

The committee then went into executive session.

Rep. Harper moved that House Bill No. 214 DO PASS. All members present voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Metcalf moved to adopt the amendments to House Bill No. 308. The amendments included transferring the underlined language on page 2, and to amend employee individuals to scrap and not sell the product. The amendments were adopted unanimously. Rep. Metcalf moved that House Bill No. 308 DO PASS AS AMENDED. The motion carried unanimously.

Rep. Fabrega made a motion to adopt the amendments submitted by Rep. Feda to House Bill No. 71 (attached). The motion carried unanimously. Rep. Fabrega then moved the bill DO PASS AS AMENDED. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Fabrega moved to adopt the amendments to House Bill No. 171 which would amend page 2, following, line 21, and inserting "(2) A person licensed as both an insurance consultant and an insurance agent may receive compensation for his consulting services only under the conditions set forth in 40-3345." The amendments were adopted unanimously. Rep. Fabrega moved the bill DO PASS AS AMENDED. The motion was carried unanimously.

Rep. Harrington made a motion that House Bill No. 163 DO PASS. All members present voted yes, therefore, the bill passed unanimously.


JOHN C. VINCENT, Chairman