

## BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

February 4, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m., with all members present except Rep. Bradley, who was excused.

House Bill 442 was discussed. Rep. Teague, sponsor, said the bill will strengthen the law against bad check writers. If 3 businessmen had bad checks totalling \$25 together, they could initiate action against the writer. Mr. Russ Livergood presented testimony in support of the bill, which is attached.

Mr. Tom Honzel testified in opposition to the bill, as did Mike McGraff. Their testimony is attached. Rep. Teague closed by saying that when a case is dropped it is closed. Mr. Honzel said that the problem is when you get 10 checks by the same individual. Our office will prosecute all bad checks if they fall in our areas. We require everyone to send a certified letter to the writer giving them 5 days to make the check good. If they do not, we send out a warrant. This sort of work takes up about 50% of the time in our office.

Senate Bill 78 was discussed. Senator Boylan, sponsor, said the bill will provide for 3-quart containers for dairy products.

House Bill 482 was discussed. Rep. Fabrega said there will be \$25 million in the coal tax fund. This bill will provide for the coal tax trust fund within the unified investment program. Opponents were Jim Howett and Pat Bins. Their testimony is attached. Rep. Fabrega closed by saying that mortgage insurance would definitely limit the fund. The bill would provide 625 houses. The Board of Housing would handle this in the same way they allocate what is now available. After more discussion, the Chairman said action will be deferred on this bill in order to compare it with other bills.

The committee went into Executive Session to consider bills.

Senate Bill 78 - Rep. Scully moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN. The motion passed with Rep. Harper voting no, Rep. Metcalf abstaining.

House Bill 417 - Rep. Scully moved that the amendments to the bill be adopted. The motion passed unanimously. He then moved that the bill DO PASS AS AMENDED. The motion passed unanimously.

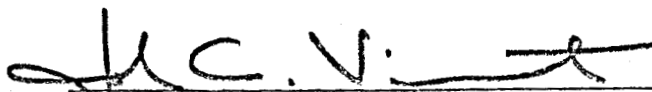
House Bill 418 - Rep. Burnett moved that the bill DO PASS. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Scully moved that executive action be deferred on this bill. The motion passed. The bill will be considered February 7.

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House Bill 442 - Rep. Quilici requested that a subcommittee be assigned to study this bill. Chairman Vincent appointed Reps. Kenny, Tropila and Aageson to the subcommittee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

  
JOHN VINCENT, Chairman