

HOUSE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

February 21, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. with all members present with the exception of Reps. Sheldon and Bradley, who were excused.

House Bill No. 597 was discussed. Rep. Stobie, sponsor, gave a brief explanation of the bill.

Mrs. Esther M. Lawyer and Ms. Jane Barry expressed their support in the bill (testimonies attached).

Mr. Gary Brown, Division of Forestry, expressed his opposition in the matter. He stated that the fundamental issue that the committee is dealing with is not the best trees grown or the nursery which can supply them to the various farmer, rather it is the question in which the state nursery is in competition with taxpaying people. The bill would require that the Christmas tree companies engage in a profit in which they become a private sector (testimony attached).

Mr. Brown stated that the State nursery does not make a profit in selling of trees. The State nursery operates at a loss and the funds come from the general funds.

House Bill No. 536 was discussed. Rep. Severson, sponsor, gave a very brief explanation of the bill. There were no opponents or proponents or questions.

House Bill No. 487 was discussed. Rep. Eudaily, chief sponsor, gave a brief explanation of the bill.

Mr. Rod Gudgel, proponent, read a letter from the Pharmaceutical Association (attached). The Board should have latitude to set an additional fee.

There were no opponents.

Rep. Eudaily stated in closing that it is an alternative program. There is a choice of home study courses. Would be well to commend the man for keeping up with his studies.

Rep. Eudaily stated there would be an additional fee of \$100 which would cover the cost of the Advisory Council.

The committee then went into executive session.

Rep. Aageson moved that House Bill No. 31 be taken off the table. After a short discussion, he withdrew his motion.

Rep. Fagg moved that House Joint Resolution No. 55 DO PASS. The motion carried unanimously.

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Rep. Scully moved an amendment on page 6, lines 6 through 18 on House Bill No. 487. The amendment was adopted with 10 members voting yes and 2 members voting no (Reps. Vincent and Fabrega). Rep. Fabrega then moved an amendment on page 5, line 14. Rep. Kenny made a substitute motion on all motions pending to DO NOT PASS the bill. The motion failed with all members voting no with the exception of Rep. Kenny. Rep. Fabrega again made his motion to amend page 5, line 14. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Aageson moved to amend page 5, line 19 in which the motion failed with all members voting no with the exception of Rep. Aageson. Rep. Scully moved to amend page 5, lines 8 through 10 which passed unanimously. Rep. Fabrega moved that House Bill No. 487 DO PASS AS AMENDED. The motion passed with 10 members voting yes and 2 members voting no (Rep. Kenny and Harper).

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.


JOHN C. VINCENT, Chairman