

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

March 21, 1977

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

Testimony was reopened on Senate Bill 345. Mr. Knepper submitted prepared testimony, which is attached. He said the rating bureau is a statistical organization which furnishes the rates.

Senate Bill 366 was discussed. Senator Devine, sponsor, said the bill was introduced at the request of the PSC. He gave a brief explanation of the bill, and said the jail sentence will be deleted from the bill.

Senate Joint Resolution 37 was discussed next. Senator Hazelbaker, sponsor, explained the bill and said it would affect the residential and small communities and raise their rates. Proponents were Senator Jergeson, Mr. Dee Monsen, Mr. Jay Preston and Mr. Jack McDonald. Testimony is attached. Opponents were Mr. Keith Wilson, Mr. McLean Clark, Mr. Ray Roher, Mr. Tom Austin, Mr. Del Mathis (who presented Mr. Bill Yeager's testimony), Mr. Tim Timmons, Mr. John Abbey, Mr. Ibe Baldry, Mr. Keith Hein. Their testimony is attached. Senator Jergeson said he was first interested in the bill by the rural telephone cooperatives.

Senate Bill 305 was discussed next. Senator Lee, sponsor, gave a brief explanation of the bill. Mr. Pat McKittrick said for several years these trusts had consultants and administrators in Spokane. He then explained what the bill would do. Jo Driscoll said our law prohibits the licensing of any organization. The problem is that there are a number of out-of-state firms. The proposed amendment would help us to license these firms, and would give us greater control. Mr. Cadigan presented testimony, which is attached, as did Bill Kokoruda and Boyce Clark. In closing, Senator Lee said the testimony submitted shows the problems with trust funds and the bill will correct some of them.

The Committee went into Executive Session to consider several bills.

Senate Bill 182 - Rep. Scully moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN. He withdrew that motion and moved that the amendments be adopted. The motion to amend was adopted unanimously. Rep. Scully then moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The motion passed unanimously.

Senate Bill 202 - Rep. Aageson moved that the amendments be adopted. The motion passed unanimously. He then moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The motion passed with Reps. Harrington, Nathe and Shelden voting NO.

Senate Bill 231 - Rep. Fabrega moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN. The motion passed with Rep. Scully voting NO.

Senate Bill 241 - Rep. Nathe moved that the amendments be adopted. The motion passed unanimously. He then moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The motion passed unanimously.

Senate Bill 280 - Rep. Kenny moved that the bill BE NOT CONCURRED IN. Rep. Metcalf made a substitute motion to adopt the amendment. Rep. Scully moved to pass consideration for the day. Rep. Scully's motion was passed.

Senate Bill 301 - Rep. Fabrega moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN. The motion passed unanimously.

Senate Bill 328 - Rep. Tropila moved that the amendments be adopted and as amended, to table the bill. The motion passed with Rep. Vincent voting NO.

Senate Bill 345 - Rep. Vincent moved to pass consideration. The motion passed.

Senate Bill 370 - Rep. Vincent moved to pass consideration. The motion passed.

Senate Bill 386 - Rep. Nathe moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN. The motion passed unanimously.

Senate Bill 426 - Rep. Quilici moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN. The motion passed unanimously.

Senate Joint Resolution 37 - Rep. Scully moved that the bill BE NOT CONCURRED IN. The motion passed with Reps. Aageson and Quilici voting NO.

Senate Bill 366 - Rep. Tropila moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN. The motion passed unanimously.

Senate Bill 305 - Rep. Fabrega moved to adopt the amendments proposed by Mr. Clarke. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Fabrega then moved that the bill BE NOT CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The motion passed with Reps. Quilici, Harrington, Shelden, Metcalf, Harper and Vincent voting NO, Rep. Tropila abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.


JOHN VINCENT, Chairman