

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL 71
APRIL 15, 1981

The meeting of the Free Conference Committee on HB 71 was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 1981 with all members present.

Representative Keedy said that the problem Senator Story is concerned with, which he shares also, exists under present law.

Senator Brown said that if we start trying to redefine or outline more explicitly what constitutes a public agency or body we run into all sorts of difficulties.

Senator Brown suggested that the language on page 4, line 7 and 8 be changed to read: Any decision made in violation of 2-3-203 "or not in substantial compliance with Section 1" may be declared void by a district court having jurisdiction.

Representative Donaldson asked if they were not just inviting court action by saying something like that.

Senator Brown said that there will be court actions anyway.

Senator Mazurek said that the problem with the first amendment proposed by Representative Keedy (see minutes of 4/14/81) is that you are not giving the agencies a guideline to follow. You should, he stated, give them a guideline and then at some place in the bill say they must follow this guideline.

Representative Keedy said that he agreed with that and would have no objection to putting in guidelines but it appears that the sponsor was disenchanted with this idea.

Senator Mazurek said that he has problems with the technical approach of this bill.

Senator Story was concerned that small groups, smaller school boards and small communities would not be helped by this bill. He questioned how they would get notice of this law.

Senator Mazurek said that that problem already exists. The only time there would be a problem is if an action was taken against them.

Senator Story suggested that Senators Brown and Mazurek and Representative Keedy get together and come up with some language that they could all agree on and then present it to the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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