

MEETING
OF THE
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
COMMERCE

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Date: April 13, 1971

Members Present: Senator Close
Senator Drakulich
Senator Hecht
Senator Lamb
Senator Swobe

Witnesses: Wilson McGowan, State Controller
Earl Oliver, Fiscal Analyst
David Hagen, representing Boise Cascade
Fred Bartlett, Bartlett Ford
Don Horner, First National Bank
Jim Cashman, Cashman's Cadillac, Las Vegas
Bob Guinn, Motor Transport Assoc.

Chairman Close called the meeting to order at 12:20 P.M.

AB 722 - Repeals law requiring Superintendent of
Banks to occupy offices of State Board
of Finance.

Mr. Oliver told the committee that the bill was originally put out containing old language from the 1969 session. It did not remove the requirement that the Superintendent of Banks occupy offices of the State Board of Finance. The State Treasurer approached him and said he would like to have the Superintendent in his office.

Mr. McGowan told the committee that the office should be located in the Capitol.

Following discussion, Senator Lamb moved that the bill be returned to committee; seconded by Senator Drakulich; motion carried.

SB 597 - Authorizes State Fire Marshall to inspect
and certify construction of mobile homes,
modular homes, and travel trailers.

The bill in its present form would delete modular homes from this provision. The Department of Motor Vehicles would no longer be responsible for the examination of these trailers, but the responsibility would be passed on to the State Fire Marshal's office.

Mr. Hagen told the committee that there should be uniformity between the definitions of mobile homes with regard to SB 597 and AB 732, and uniformity of regulations.

Following discussion, Senator Drakulich made a motion to "kill" the bill; seconded by Senator Swobe; motion carried.

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AB 767 - Requires public utilities to pay market-responsive rate of interest on deposits required of consumers.

Following discussion, the members of the committee voted to bring the bill out of committee. Senator Hecht did not vote.

SB 641 - Requires funeral directors to furnish information to customers.

Following discussion, Senator Drakulich made a motion to "kill" the bill. There was no second. Senator Swobe made a motion to "do pass". There was no second.

SB 646 - Authorizes state banks to invest in obligations of U.S. Postal Service, Federal National Mortgage Association.

Senator Drakulich made a motion to "do pass"; seconded by Senator Swobe; motion carried.

AB 558 - Permits consumers to avoid purchases from door-to-door salesmen.

Mr. Bartlett: I am opposed to the bill as there are restrictions from soliciting, particularly by telephone. This would certainly hamper our sales on a referral basis.

Mr. Horner: I suggest that you consider using language which would make it unlawful to consummate a sale at the purchaser's place of residence. I also oppose the bill from a banking standpoint. We will be unable to determine if a sale were solicited or not.

Mr. Cashman: This could cause a great deal of problems in the automobile industry. Particularly when a contract is written up, and the person interested in the vehicle goes to another agency to see if he can get a better deal. The individual will have anywhere from three to five days in which to renege on the first offer.

Chairman Close asked if the bill would be of value if it were written to pertain to door-to-door peddlers only. They all agreed that this would be beneficial.

Mr. Guinn said the wording should be changed to "visit" rather than "call" to eliminate telephone calls.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 P.M.