

SENATE

COMMERCE AND LABOR

MINUTES OF MEETING
Monday, January 31, 1977

The meeting of the Commerce and Labor Committee was called to order in Room 213 on Monday, January 31, 1977 at 11:10 a.m.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN Wilson
 Vice Chairman Blakemore
 Senator Ashworth
 Senator Bryan
 Senator Close
 Senator Hernstadt
 Senator Young

Action was taken on the following BDR's which were referred to this Committee for Committee introduction.

BDR 53-221 Revises provisions on occupational safety and health.

Senator Wilson stated this was a bill requested by NIC and asked if there were any reservations as to committee introduction.

Senator Young moved for Committee introduction.
Senator Ashworth seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

BDR 57-495 Requires health insurance to cover treatment for alcoholism and drug addiction.

Senator Young objected to Committee introduction.
Senator Ashworth seconded the motion.

After further discussion Senator Bryan suggested the Committee may wish to return it to the agency origin and give them the right to contact individual legislators.

The Committee members voted unanimously not to introduce this bill.

BDR 2-343 Measures judgment debtor's exemption from execution upon his vehicle by his equity in it.

After Committee discussion it was decided that BDR 2-343 should be referred to Senator Close's Judiciary Committee.

BDR 54-600 Regulates practice of naturopathy.

Senator Young objected to Committee introduction. After discussion that it would probably be opposed by the Medical Society and that it may create ineffective boards, Senator Wilson stated that Committee introduction was declined.

Chairman Wilson stated he wished to discuss several bills with the Committee informally as to whether or not they had any particular preference on hearing any of them. He proposed to defer NIC for a while and get into perhaps the first five or six bills, all of which effect the insurance division jurisdiction.

He also stated the Committee has a bill in the Dairy Commission and that there is legislation pending in the Assembly on the Dairy Commission. Senator Close asked how does this bill differ from the Assembly Bill. Senator Hernstadt said it provides for price fixing. Senator Wilson questioned what kind of notice he anticipated for it and Senator Hernstadt replied he thought there would be a big turnout and that the Committee may want to have a joint hearing on both bills. It was agreed that they would endeavor to set up a joint hearing.

It was noted that if a Committee member has any specific requests for notices to be sent to any groups of people on bills that have been referred, they should advise the Committee secretary and those notices will be mailed out as the agenda develops. Senator Bryan stated that on anything dealing with major changes in the insurance law or NIC that we should receive at least a week's notice. Senator Wilson agreed, stating that the Committee will get into consistent hearings starting Monday.


Senator Wilson asked the Committee how they felt about joint hearings on the NIC package and it was generally agreed that the Committee would serve better if they were heard separately.

The Committee was asked by the Chairman how they felt about Friday hearings and it was agreed that all preferred to work

longer hours on Mondays and Wednesdays and omit Friday meetings if possible. No further meetings were to be scheduled for the remainder of the week.

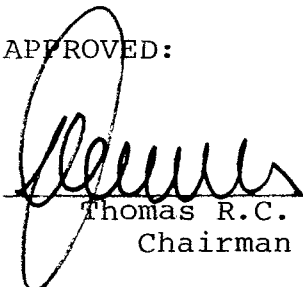
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Blodgett
Secretary

APPROVED:



Thomas R.C. Wilson
Chairman