

SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON EMISSION REDUCTIONS

February 18, 1993 Hearing Room A 8:00 a.m. Tapes 5 - 6

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Tom Brian, Chair Rep. Margaret Carter Rep. Tony Federici

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Rep. Bob Tiernan Rep. Greg Walden

STAFF PRESENT: Terry Drake, Administrator Katy Yetter, Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 2419 HB 2214 HJR 7

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

WITNESSES: Fred Hansen, Department on Environmental Quality (DEQ) Merlyn Hough, DEQ John Kowalczyk, DEQ

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TAPE 5, SIDE A

Rep. Brian calls informational meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

017 FRED HANSEN, DEQ: Presents testimony on HB 2419, HB 2214, and HJR 7 (EXHIBITS A, B, and C).

148 MERLYN HOUGH, DEQ: Presents testimony on HB 2419, HB 2214, and HJR 7.

NOTE: The three witnesses from the DEQ present to the committee a slide presentation with statistics and other data that relates to air pollutants.

FRED HANSEN, DEQ: asks for difference between point sources and area sources.

MERLYN HOUGH, DEQ: Answers with definitions of point sources and area sources as well as what types of machines and equipment involved. Continues with testimony.

REP. FEDERICI: How are numbers regarding population growth obtained? Are they empirical?

JOHN KOWALCZYK, DEQ: Answers by stating individuals who estimate these numbers.

CHAIR BRIAN: Attempts to clarify by stating that concentration of air pollutants is not necessarily caused by the number of people, rather, it can be inferred by the population increase--correlation does not equal causation.

JOHN KOWALCZYK, DEQ: Continues testimony on growth allowance and volatile organic compounds.

TAPE 6, SIDE A

CHAIR BRIAN: Asks if any propositions in testimony for placing controls on the producers of VOC's.

MERLYN HOUGH, DEQ: Replies by stating

CHAIR BRIAN: Asks if this can be done with a minimal amount of harm or expense.

JOHN KOWALCZYK, DEQ: Replies by stating that these are two considerations of the DEQ and attempts are being made to regulate with little harm or expense.

CHAIR BRIAN: Emission fees would fall under the for boats?

JOHN KOWALCZYK, DEQ: Replies that they would not apply for boats.

CHAIR BRIAN: Could the your task force explore this area?

JOHN KOWALCZYK, DEQ: They previously did not because for political and economical reasons.

CHAIR BRIAN: Suggests that the DEQ look into boat issues.

JOHN KOWALCZYK, DEQ: Will explore these boating options.

Chair Brian calls for a 15 minute recess. Resumes informational meeting at 9:42 a.m.

REP. CARTER: If motorboats are causing a big percentage of the problem, how could we enforce restrictions?

JOHN KOWALCZYK, DEQ: We need to do more checking first. There are registration numbers.

REP. CARTER: People in entry level jobs shouldn't have to pay as much

as people who can afford motor boats. How do we solve that?

JOHN KOWALCZYK, DEQ: Six percent of the total is from boats. Lower income people can do more by transit to reduce cost and emissions.

REP. CARTER: Gives a personal example. Some people NEED a car (single parents). -We shouldn't try to socially engineer everyone into transit.

JOHN KOWALCZYK, DEQ: We expect an increase in transit. Transit is only a small part. There would be some leeway for low income people. -Older vehicles put out generally more emissions.

TAPE 5, SIDE B

CHAIR BRIAN: Makes statement on registration and application of fees. -Fees on a sliding scale in terms of amounts of emissions of vehicle.

NOTE: Committee continues to discuss with the witnesses issues regarding boats and their pollution output.

TAPE 6, SIDE B

006 Witnesses continue with testimony.

141 REP. WALDEN: Asks about differences in fuel types and how they may apply to the problems of air pollution.

JOHN KOWALCZYK, DEQ: Replies by listing differences in motor vehicle fuels -Oxygenated and reformulated fuels. -In the summer, these fuels are more volatile due to the increase in temperature.

REP. FEDERICI: Asks about application of season-specific fuels.

JOHN KOWALCZYK, DEQ: Responds giving description of fuels and which particular season they may be used.

REP. FEDERICI Asks about tax credit--who gets it?

JOHN KOWALCZYK, DEQ: Indicates that the "blender" of the fuels gets the credit. Introduces Ron Householder from the DEQ to define the term

"blender" and the process of blending fuels. -Expresses concern about long-term issues and how they will be resolved.

Chair Brian makes final comments and adjourns meeting at 10:35.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

Testimony on HB 2419, HB 2214, HJR 7 - Fred Hansen

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