

Minutes of
Judiciary and Criminal Justice Committee
Wednesday, February 8, 1989

Chairman, Terry M. Tranter, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 1989. The committee began the meeting as a subcommittee awaiting the arrival of a quorum.

The first bill to be considered today was House Bill 16, legislation sponsored by Rep. Jackie O'Brien. This was the third hearing on House Bill 16 which would allow adult children to recover compensatory damages in wrongful death actions for loss of the society of the decedent and for mental anguish incurred by the adult children.

Mr. Bob Manning and Mr. Dean Fadel stated that they would like to review this bill further. Chairman Tranter stated that Representative O'Brien would like to hold off on this bill until next week, so they should be prepared to express a position at that time.

This constituted the third hearing of House Bill 16.

The next bill which was considered today was House Bill 106, legislation sponsored by Rep. Barbara Pringle. This was the second hearing on this bill which would increase the monetary jurisdiction of small claims divisions of Municipal and County Courts to \$2,500.

Mr. Mark Davidson representing the NFIB/Ohio stated that his organization is in favor of this bill.

Representative Walsh moved that House Bill 106 be favorably considered for passage and that the roll call remain open until 1:00 p.m. Representative Beatty seconded the motion.

By a vote of 11-0, the bill was favorably reported out at this time. Rep. Suster moved to amend the title by adding the names: Suster, Beatty, Pottenger and Williams.


The last bill to be heard today was House Bill 129, legislation sponsored by Rep. Terry M. Tranter. This was the first hearing on this bill which concerns grounds for divorce.

Representative Tranter presented his bill to the committee. He stated that that this bill would add the incompatibility section. He introduced this bill at the request of the Ohio State Bar Association.

Mr. Robert A. Koblentz represented the Ohio State Bar Association as a proponent. He stated that "incompability" would allow the same ease as a dissolution, but without the 30 day waiting period required for a dissolution. Also, this would reduce the level of bitterness. He also feels that eliminating "habitual drunkenness" would be okay because other grounds cover this.

Questions were asked by members of the committee and a brief discussion was held.

With no further business at hand, the committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m.


STEVEN O. WILLIAMS, Secretary


TERRY M. TRANTER, Chairman