

The meeting was called to order as a sub-committee at 9:20 a.m.

H.B.#740, Mr. Finan, re court approving any choice of custody made by a fourteen to sixteen year old. Mr. Finan presented his bill to the committee, referring to his bill as one to remove "parental and child blackmail".

The bill was amended by voice vote without objection to read "eighteen" wherever "sixteen" is in the bill.

A quorum having check in at 9:40 a.m., the meeting continued as a meeting of the full committee.

Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Wittenberg moved to amend in line 9 to delete "UNLESS THE"; to delete lines 10 and 11 and in line 12 to delete "ESTS OF THE CHILD TO HAVE SUCH CHOICE, OR"; in line 13 after "charge" insert "OR UNLESS THE COURT FINDS, WITH RESPECT TO A CHILD UNDER AGE EIGHTEEN, THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD TO HAVE SUCH CHOICE". The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 9 to 0.

Mr. Norris moved, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to move for favorable passage of the bill. Roll was called and the bill passed by a vote of 17 to 0.

H.B.#818, Mr. Tablack, relative to Mahoning County domestic relations and juvenile court judges.

Judge Leskovanski testified as a proponent on this bill saying there had been no objections from any judge concerned.

Mr. Wilkowski moved to amend, seconded by Mr. Luken, as follows: In line 52, after the word "SUCCESSORS," delete the comma and insert; "SHALL HAVE THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS, EXERCISE THE SAME POWERS AND JURISDICTION, AND RECEIVE THE SAME COMPENSATION AS OTHER JUDGES OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MAHONING COUNTY AND SHALL BE ELECTED AND DESIGNATED AS JUDGE OF COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION AND" The amendment was agreed to without objection.

Mr. Nader, seconded by Mr. Thompson, moved for favorable passage of the bill. Roll was taken and the bill was referred out by a vote of 16 to 1.

H.B.#381, Mr. Feighan, relative to rights of consumer re retail installment contracts. Since the bill is covered by H.B.#88, H.B.#381, by the sponsor's request was asked to be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Finan moved for indefinite postponement. Roll was called and the bill was postponed by a vote of 16 to 0.

HJR #32, HJR #27 and HJR #33 were brought up next. The report of the subcommittee was adopted without objection upon motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Wittenberg. The sub-committee considering these three resolutions reported back to the full committee that HJR#32 was the chosen vehicle, and HJR's 27 and 33 were to be indefinitely postponed.

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Mr. William Clark Kinney, 384-1/2 East Oakland Avenue, Columbus, Ohio testified as an opponent to HJR #32. He feels this vehicle would abridge the "Bill of Rights" in regard to privacy.

Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. McCormack moved for favorable passage of HJR#32. Roll was taken and the bill was passed by a vote of 12 to 2. Mr. Leonard moved to amend the title to add the names; Leonard-Wilkowski-Luther-Tulley and Celebrezze.

Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Leonard, moved to indefinitely postpone HJR #27 and 33. Roll was taken and the resolutions were postponed by a vote of 12 to 0.

H.B.#153, Mr. Speck, relative to county bureau of support was brought up. Mr. Speck presented a substitute bill to the committee and spoke briefly. This concluded second hearing on this bill.

H.B.#454, Mr. Bell, relative to child abuse was the next bill for hearing. Mr. Bell spoke briefly on his bill, presenting amendments to the committee for their consideration.

The Chair announced he would put this bill in a sub-committee which would report back to the full committee by Friday morning. Testimony would, however, be taken at this time.

Speaking as proponents on this bill were:

Susan McCullen, Supervisor, Oak and Ninth Street, Columbus, Ohio  
Children's Protective Services, Ohio Department of Public Welfare

Ms. Roberta Segal, School Psychologist, 2663 Bryden Road, Columbus  
Columbus Public School System

Mr. David Kohli, Social Worker, 122 S. Sandusky Ave., Upper Sandusky,  
Ohio--Wuandot County Welfare Department

Ms. Judy Bailey, P.O.Box #367, Athens, Ohio--Athens County  
Children's Services Board

Mr. Alvin Hadley, 248 S. High, Columbus, Franklin County Children  
Services Broad

Mrs. Margaret Bridgewater, Route 5, Dairy Lane, Athens, Ohio  
Athens County Children's Services

The above all spoke favorably of the "emotionally abused" section in the bill as well as other points in the bill.

H.B.#233 and S.B.348 were brought up together by Mr. Norris. Mr. Norris presented the bills, indicating the two year period for living apart without cohabitation would be put back into S.B.348 by amendment and that Senator Gillmor agrees with this amendment. It was decided by use S.B.348 as the vehicle at this time.

Mr. Norris moved to amend, seconded by Mr. Wittenberg; in line 22, after "(K)" insert "ON THE APPLICATION OF EITHER PARTY," ; in line 23, delete "one year" and insert "TWO YEARS"; in line 24, delete ", COUPLED WITH A FIND-" and insert a period; delete line 25. In line 26, delete

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"ANY POSSIBILITY OF A RECONCILIATION,"

In line 28, delete "SHALL" and insert "DOES" delete "BE A" delete "TO" and insert "EITHER PARTY FROM"

In the third line of the title, delete "one year" and insert "TWO YEARS" Mr. Norris also moved to amend the title to add the names; Norris.

Mr. Wittenberg, seconded by Mr. Lehman moved to divide the amendment and vote first on the change from one year to two years. There was discussion on this with Mr. Norris speaking for this amendment and for the two year period. Mr. Wilkowski also spoke for the two year period.

Roll was called on the two year addition and the amendment was agreed to by a vote of 9 to 2.

Roll was then called on the balance of the amendment and this passed by a vote of 11 to 0.

Ms. Betty Carroll, 1715 Ivyhill Loop, Columbus spoke as an opponent to S.B.#348 and as a proponent of H.B.#233.

Mr. Martin Sullivan, 8150 Varner Road, Indian Hills, Ohio spoke as an opponent to H.B.#233 and S.B.#348.

Mr. William Kinney, 384-1/2 Oakland Avenue, Columbus, spoke as a proponent of H.B.#233 and an opponent to S.B.#348.

Mr. Norris moved for passage of S.B.#348 as amended, seconded by Mr. Finan. Roll was called and S.B.#348 was referred favorably by a vote of 12 to 4. Mr. Norris moved to amend the title to add: Norris.

H.B.#233, Mr. Norris relative to marriage and divorce.

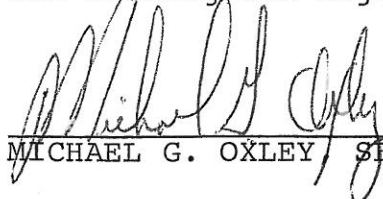
Mr. Norris moved to amend, seconded by Mr. Wilkowski in line 717, after "RESOURCES" insert "AND NEEDS" adopted without objection.

NOTE: ATTACHED TO THIS ARE SIX PAGES OF AMENDMENTS ADDED TO H.B.#233 BOTH IN SECTION II, DURING THE HEARINGS IN THAT SECTION AND IN FULL COMMITTEE OF THE JUDICIARY.

Mr. John W. Wilce, Jr., 2079 Farleigh Road, Columbus, Ohio testified on the bill proposing various amendments to H.B.#233. Mr. Norris advised him would be taken into consideration at a later date and perhaps incorporated into Senate amendments if deemed advisable.

Mr. Norris moved for favorable passage of H.B.#233, seconded by Mr. Oxley. Roll was called and the bill was recommended for favorable passage and ordered reprinted by a vote of 11 to 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

  
MICHAEL G. OXLEY, SECRETARY

  
ARTHUR WILKOWSKI, CHAIRMAN