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Note. As it stands bill applies to Dichloro upwards.

Notes on:

HEARING ON STATE OF WISCONSIN, HOUSE BILL 1342, which would, after February 1, 1977, ban manufacture, sale, purchase, or use of PCBs or products containing PCBs. The first two hours of the proceedings were taped with a cassette recorder.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Mary Lou Munts - Chairman

Held Friday, February 13, 1976 1 PM to 5 PM

CHAIRMAN MUNTS is a major author and sponsor of the bill - she opened the hearing with prepared remarks favoring its passage. She is willing to consider revisions and clarification, but is anxious to get a bill passed.

MR. D.C. WORRAL - MADISON AUDOBON SOCIETY - spoke in favor.

MR. JIM DEROUIN - ATTORNEY - REPRESENTING WISCONSIN PAPER COUNCIL AND WISCONSIN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION - spoke in opposition. Offered to work with the Committee on revisions.

N. RAY CLARK - Presented prepared remarks (previously distributed) then about 10 minutes or so of answering questions.

DR. JAMES ALLEN, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN reported on his research work with 1248 including feeding of Rhesus monkeys @ 2.5 and 5 ppm - when continuously fed, after 2 - 3 months the classical symptoms of PCB intoxication began to appear. Poor results in achieving pregnancy, followed by high percentage of abortion. Infants which did result also had evidence of PCB intoxication.
They have now embarked on a study at levels corresponding to eating 5 ppm fish twice a week; too early for results. He recommended stringent regulations, but expressed concern about biological effects of potential replacements. Did not specifically favor the bill.

MR. PETER ANDERSON - In favor of bill - Wisconsin Environmental Decade - but expressed concern at absence of establishing any criteria for making exemptions: Too much power in the hands of a bureau, without guidelines as to intent of the legislature.

MR. CARL BREMMER - REGION V US EPA gave an overview and summary of current action by EPA; congratulated State of Wisconsin on its leadership in concern for the environment. Made the usual pitch for passage of the Toxic Substances Control Bill:

(He mentioned that the Indiana bill is on the governor's desk for signature.)

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IRVING CHERNEY (?) - ATTORNEY - FT. HOWARD PAPER CO. gave the pitch on recycled paper. Expressed opposition to the bill.

MR. HERB GOULD - MANUFACTURING MANAGER - ADVANCE TRANSFORMER - opposed bill in its present form. Pointed out that Advance employs 1000 people in their two plants in Wisconsin.

MR. PAUL J. CURTIN - PRESIDENT - MC GRAW EDISON AREA LIGHTING DIVISION - Opposed.

MR. DON DUCLATT - RTE TRANSFORMERS - CHIEF PRODUCT ENGINEER. Opposed in its present form. Gave the silicone pitch (Dow Corning) and the "R Temp" pitch (for transformer use only).

MS. LESLIE HUNT - SHAY OFFICE PAPER & BUSINESS FORMS Recycled paper. Emphasized environmental advantages of recycling.

MR. DAN SULLIVAN - WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY - Opposed - primarily because of the "use" prohibition.

MR. LOREN MATTHEWS - APPLETON ELECTRIC - LIGHTING PRODUCTS DIVISION Opposed - primarily on basis of effective date.

MR. RICHARD WAHND(?) - ADMINISTRATIVE V.P. - BERGSTROM PAPER CO. - Gave the recycled waste paper story - Urged modification to more specifically define what the legislature really intends, since as now drafted, passage would put Bergstrom out of business.

I judge the probability of the Committee accepting the recommendation to table the bill is quite remote. However, there is a probability that it will be modified - perhaps along the lines of the Michigan - Indiana bills.

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