

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

New York, N.Y.

July 27, 1949

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lead Industries Association was held on Wednesday, July 27, 1949, at 3:30 P.M., at the offices of the Association, New York City.

PRESENT

F.E.Wormser, Chairman
S.D.Strauss
G.H.LeFevre

REPRESENTING

St. Joseph Lead Co.
American Smelting & Refining Co.
United States Smelting Refining &
Mining Co. Inc.

ALSO PRESENT

R. J. Mechin

St. Joseph Lead Co.

R. L. Ziegfeld, Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting was called to order with Mr. Felix E. Wormser in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 12, 1949 were approved.

S. 2105

The secretary reminded the Committee that at its previous meeting, a decision had been reached to file a statement in opposition to S.2105 with the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

He informed the Executive Committee that subsequent to that meeting, Mr. J. A. Martino had told him that he felt quite strongly that the Association should file no such statement and that this meeting had been called in order to give all members of the Committee an opportunity again to discuss the matter thoroughly since Mr. Martino had not been present during the previous meeting. He further explained that at the last minute, Mr. Martino had found it impossible to attend and that since he was sailing for Europe on July 28, it would be impossible for him to be present at an Executive Committee meeting before the middle of September.

The Executive Committee therefore decided that in the absence of Mr. Martino, and in deference to his feelings in the matter, the Association would file no statement in opposition to S.2105 at this time.

H.R. 5725

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The secretary then read to the Committee another Bill, H.R. 5725. introduced by Congressman Clair Engle of California, a copy

ploration payments. Several important weaknesses of this Bill were pointed out and while it was decided to take no official action on it, the secretary was instructed to inform the proper authorities of its deficiencies.

SUBSCRIPTIONS OF MANUFACTURERS OF ASSEMBLED ARTICLES

The secretary called the Committee's attention to amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association which were effective January 1, 1948, and which set up a new class of membership for manufacturers of assembled articles such as storage batteries, cable and ammunition, establishing a subscription rate for this class of member at 1/4 the rate of other lead manufacturers.

He explained that in the case of the Western Electric Company, which had formerly been an associate member, paying \$300 yearly by agreement with the Executive Committee, in 1948 its subscription had increased under the new amendments to approximately \$900 and in 1949 to almost \$1600. He stated that the Western Electric Company had informed him that they considered this subscription excessive and not in proportion to the benefits derived.

The Executive Committee recognized the merits of the Western Electric Company's position and it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that a maximum subscription of \$1,000 annually be placed on the membership class for manufacturers of assembled articles such as storage batteries, cable and ammunition. It was felt that this action could be reviewed later in the year with respect to future subscriptions from this group.

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The secretary reported that he had worked closely with the secretary of the American Zinc Institute on arranging annual meetings of the two organizations on successive days in 1950 and that the American Zinc Institute will hold its meeting in St. Louis on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11-12, 1950. He stated that he had made tentative arrangements with the Drake Hotel in Chicago to hold the annual meeting of the Lead Industries Association there on Thursday and Friday, April 13-14, 1950. These arrangements being satisfactory to the Executive Committee, the secretary was instructed to confirm them with the Drake Hotel.

BREAKDOWN OF PIG LEAD SHIPMENTS BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT

The secretary informed the Committee that in a conversation with the Munitions Board a week earlier, he had been told that the Munitions Board would have no objection to the Association

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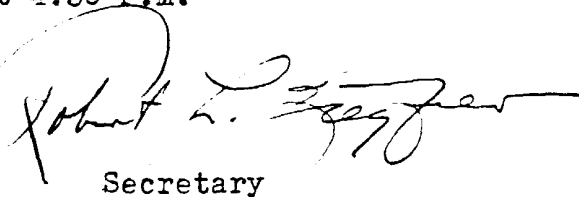
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breaking down its monthly pig lead shipments report to show shipments for industry account and Government account separately.

He further stated that he had talked to all reporting members and that at least one is anxious to have this breakdown, one had reserved decision and the balance were agreeable, one being agreeable only upon receipt of written authorization from the Munitions Board to report the information to the Association.

It was decided that the secretary should again talk to the Munitions Board and that if the Munitions Board would write a letter of authorization to each reporting company, the Association might make this breakdown, but preferably on a quarterly, or some other basis that would not be current. This was suggested because of the more or less confidential nature of the information, and because it was felt that it would be a valuable statistical report in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.



Robert L. Stegman

Secretary

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