

November 30, 1988

VIA TELECOPIER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Paul Emrick  
FROM: Michael Brozek  
Dan Nelson  
RE: Ramsey County Proposed Smoking Ban  
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Paul, this memo should serve as a summary of the events at the Ramsey County Board hearing on Tuesday, November 22, 1988.

Members of the Ramsey County Board heard testimony for two hours on a proposed smoking ban affecting all buildings owned or leased by the county. The board announced before the hearing that there would not be a vote and would refer the measure back to their Policy Committee.

The attached press clippings indicate that on site reporters were unaware of the fact that, by referring the measure back to the Policy Committee, it was considered a defeat. While it may have been preferable to have positive press coverage announcing a defeat of the proposed ban, the coverage that did result should not arouse the ire of the anti-smoking forces.

It appears the County Board decided not to hold a vote prior to the hearing for the following reasons:

- . Wes Lane made the County Board aware of organized labor's, specifically, Teamster law enforcement employees', objections to the proposed ban.
- . Paul Hennesy of AFSCME opposed the ban. AFSCME took a position because of pressure from Wes Lane and other AFSCME members.
- . Seventy employees registered in advance to testify against the proposal. David Horazdovsky of North State Advisers was instrumental in organizing these employees.
- . David Horazdovsky and Doug Kelm extensively direct-lobbied the entire membership of the County Board.
- . The constituent contact program initiated by Philip Morris generated significant mail and phone calls to County Board members.

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After talking to County Board members, the North State Advisers team feels that a total smoking ban will not resurface from the Policy Committee. David Horazdovsky will continue to meet with Ramsey County employees in order to maintain their opposition to the proposal.

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cc: Cathey Yoe

Attachments