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Re: May 1992 Activity Report-MN

Now that the 1992 Minnesota legislature has adjourned for the year, I have been focusing on alerting our rank and file of the new privacy bill which passed. Over the next few months, I will be speaking at various labor events during which I'll address the new law. Furthermore, the new privacy law will be incorporated in news articles in various trade publications.

Later this summer, I will have the pleasure of endorsing various candidates for office with the "Teamster stamp of approval". At this time we are entertaining requests, but will withhold endorsements until later in the season, once the primaries are completed. I will take into consideration a variety of candidate criteria, tobacco issues being one of them.

Locally, the anti-tobacco forces have been quiet of late. To my knowledge there have been no outbreaks of "draconian" smoking bans or limitations, which may be credited to the privacy bill. Next month, however, the state health department is scheduled to present amendments to the state clean indoor air act, which could have negative impacts for tobacco and labor. I shall monitor this accordingly.