

THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes from June 25, 1986 meeting
in Washington, D.C.

Members and Alternates present: Peter Sparber, The Tobacco
Institute (TI)
William Hodayter, International
Association of Machinists (IAM)
Raymond Scannell, Bakery,
Confectionery and Tobacco
Workers Union (BC&T)
Wallace Mergler (Chairman),
Bakery, Confectionery and
Tobacco Workers Union (BC&T)

Guests attending: David Wilhelm, Citizens for Tax
Justice
Gray Robertson, ACVA Atlantic,
Inc.

Packwood Tax Bill

The Committee heard a presentation by David Wilhelm on the progress of the Packwood Tax bill, the success in deleting all excise tax provisions and the final passage 97-3 of a bill acceptable to CTJ and to the Committee. He thanked the Committee for the help it provided. Wallace Mergler and Peter Sparber thanked CTJ for its efforts.

Workplace Smoking

The Committee received a report on a variety of anti-smoking initiatives including: HR 4488 and 4546, bills to restrict smoking in Federal buildings; GSA draft regulations which would severely limit smoking in all GSA managed buildings; the Army proposal to severely restrict smoking; a New York City Mayoral Commission considering a ban on smoking in New York City buildings.

The labor movement is playing a major role in ensuring that questions of individual choice and collective bargaining are maintained.

The Committee unanimously agreed to write to John Leyden of the Public Employee Department of the AFL-CIO; Moe Biller, President of the Postal Workers Union; and John Harris of the American Federation of Government Employees, thanking them for their efforts to protect the collective bargaining process.

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Indoor Air Quality

The Committee viewed a slide presentation on indoor air quality by Gray Robertson, President, ACVA Atlantic Inc. Ray Scannell proposed that the Committee encourage the AFL-CIO and its constituent departments to host a presentation by Mr. Robertson.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were moved and adopted:

"That the Tobacco Industry Labor Management Committee support as appropriate the Corporation for Enterprise Development."

"Because it is in the interest of the Tobacco Industry Labor Management Committee to encourage attention to the broader problem of indoor air quality, the Committee shall respond as appropriate to requests from organized labor to conduct ventilation studies."

"That the Tobacco Industry Labor Management Committee will support as appropriate efforts by federal, state and local labor bodies to draw attention to the costs of smoking restrictions."

Smoking in the Workplace - Labor Kit

Ray Scannell introduced the draft of a kit prepared for unions on the issue of smoking in the workplace. The Committee will send a letter from John DeConcini, President of BC&T, to other members of the Committee asking for sponsorship of the kit. The kit, when approved, will be sent to all international labor unions, state AFL-CIO and major central labor bodies.

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