

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Environmental and Consumer Affairs Committee

DATE: April 24, 2000

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Wilkins and Legislators Dunn, Hathaway, Tantillo, Wadnola, Feldmann and Loughran

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: None

OTHERS ATTENDING: Rick Fritschler, Chairman of EMC and Jennifer Betell, Assistant in EMC Office, Charles Shaw, Executive Director of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, Jonathan VanVlack, Consumer Affairs Director, Brother John Farrell, President of the Federated Sportsman's Clubs, and Ron Perrotta, President and Steve Schwartz, Vice President of Hudson Valley Aquarium & Aviary

Chairman Wilkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following items were discussed:

**CONSUMER FRAUD BUREAU:** Jonathan VanVlack, Director, addressed the committee regarding the dangerous products and toys being reintroduced through yard sales, flea markets and the like. He added that he had had a meeting with Jim Rodgers, a representative of the Food Industry Alliance, regarding area stores only paying the fines instead of complying with the rules of unit pricing. He will have a report for the committee at the next meeting.

**HUDSON VALLEY AQUARIUM & AVIARY:** Ron Perrotta, President and Steve Schwartz, Vice President of the organization, made a presentation to the committee regarding the Aquarium project being considered at a location somewhere in Ulster County. Leg. Tantillo moved, seconded by Leg. Wadnola to vote in favor of proposal. Vote was unanimous. Rick Fritschler, Chairman of the Environmental Management Council was instructed to compose a letter to Chairman Alfonso regarding the Hudson River Institute. The Committee will be available for further communication on this project.

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL:** Chairman Rick Fritschler reported on the study their office had done involving the lead levels in blood of pre-school children at the Head Start program. Assistant Jennifer A. Betell gave a full accounting of their findings.

**ULSTER COUNTY FEDERATED SPORTSMAN'S CLUBS:** Brother John Farrell, President of the Club, reported on the current lawsuit NYC has with the Federated Sportsman's Clubs. He added that a Fishing Contest is being planned and more information will become available to the committee at another time.

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY:** Charles Shaw, Executive Director of the Agency, presented his monthly report to the committee and indicated the possibility of recyclables being moved to their own facility.

There being no further need for discussion, motion made by Leg. Dunn, seconded by Leg. Hathaway to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Wilkins, Chairman  
Environmental & Consumer Affairs Committee