

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Environmental and Consumer  
Affairs Committee

DATE: November 20, 1995

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Sixth Floor Library, Ulster  
County Office Building

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Dunn and Legislators  
Noonan, Busick, Every, and  
Bischoff

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislators Devine, Tantillo,  
and Roberts

OTHERS ATTENDING: Rick Fritschler, EMC; Jonathan  
Van Vlack, Consumer Fraud;  
William Kells

Rick Fritschler of EMC indicated that the \$47,900 in the budget line for EMC consolidation is the solution to cost reduction. The office will be moved to John Street in Kingston. Next, he noted that the Youth Summit will meet at Frost Valley after the water quality study.

Jonathan Van Vlack of the Consumer Fraud Bureau noted that it was Consumer Week. He had a forum in Albany for consumer credit issues. He said some telemarketing companies are praying on seniors.

Mr. Van Vlack made a request to the Ways and Means Committee for a part-time office person as there are over 100 in-coming calls per day. On a motion by Legislator Bischoff, the committee recommended that the increase asked for in the consumer affairs budget (96-1120) be approved. Legislator Donaldson seconded. There was discussion. Legislator Noonan objected because the budget is in process. Legislator Bischoff thought the committee can recommend up to the time the budget is voted on. A vote was taken and it passed with 5 ayes and 1 no.

William Kells objected to chlorine injection in any water for consumption. This is controversial because of unknown effects on marine life.

Discussion followed and the committee recommended that the EMC resolution be restudied and brought before the EMC with both sides being represented. Chairman Fritschler agreed to that plan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Dunn, Chairman  
Environmental and Consumer  
Affairs Committee