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TIME FOR ACTION

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF MICHIGAN

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January 21, 1972

TO: Presidents and EQ Chairmen
FROM: State Board

RE: SUPPORT OF SUBSTITUTE HB 4260 IN SENATE BILL TO AMEND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ACT: ACT 348, P.A. OF 1965 AS AMENDED.

WHAT TO DO

1. Write to your state senator emphasizing your interest in clean air for Michigan with high standards and strict enforcement stressing the need for...
   - broader representation on the Commission and for citizen participation;
   - injuctive powers and warrant procedures permitting state investigation of possible air quality violations and state monitoring;
   - full disclosure of emission information to enforcing agencies, to agencies with associated concerns, and to public scrutiny when possible;
   - collection of fees to finance the supervision and inspection procedures required of state personnel and agencies.

2. Each league should contact its senator!
   - If your senator is a member of the Senate Committee on Health, Social Services and Retirement* let him know how important his support for this bill is to the State of Michigan and its citizens.
   - If your senator is not a member of this committee, suggest he inquire as to when it is coming to the Senate Floor and urge his support.

   * Senate Committee on Health, Social Services and Retirement:
   DeGrow, Chairman, District 28
   Zaagman, District 32
   Faxon, District 7
   DeMaso, District 20
   Cartwright, District 5

A CHANGE IN SUB. HB 4260 SINCE OUR LAST TIME FOR ACTION

Sub. HB 4260 as it finally passed the House had been amended to vary from the description of June 18, 1971. The Air Pollution Control Commission will include the Commissioner of Public Health (Chairman), the Directors of the Department of Natural Resources and Agriculture, and eight citizens appointed by the Governor. Of these eight citizens, two shall represent industrial management (one, a registered professional

engineer); two shall be representatives of local governmental bodies (one a full-time air pollution control officer); one a licensed doctor; one a member of organized labor; and two representatives of the general public. This amendment was accepted by the supporters of the bill as a compromise demanded by political realities to get the bill passed by the House. These provisions allow broader public representation than the existing legislation.

BACKGROUND

The league supported this bill (see Time for Action of 6-18-71) and it passed the House on July 8, 1971. It has been in the Senate Committee on Health, Social Services and Retirement since then. The bill will stay "alive" only through June. If not passed by then, a new bill must be introduced and gain House approval again.

Without passage of this bill, there is a strong possibility that the Environmental Protection Agency might not accept Michigan's State Implementation Plan as submitted under the Clean Air Amendments of 1970 (see LWV of Michigan statement of 12-13-71). If this happens, EPA is authorized to apply its own rules (good? bad?). Mr. Kelly of the Air Pollution Control Commission stated at the December 13th hearing in Traverse City that the existing Legislation (Act 348) has been interpreted by the Attorney General to have sufficient enforcement powers as required by Federal requirements. However, he admitted that the funds to finance these expanded responsibilities are not made available through existing sources.

Please tell your members via your bulletin that this action has been taken to implement their consensus.