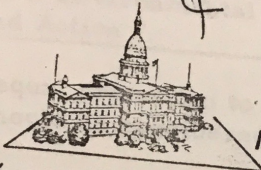
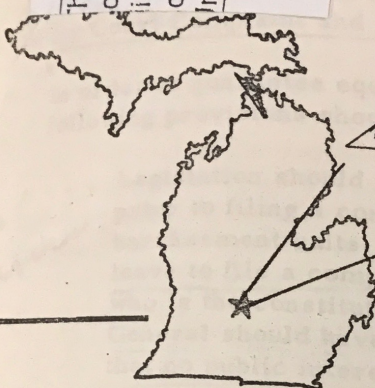


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PROPOSED CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT
BY COURT COMPLAINT AND ACTION

The purpose of this report is to analyze further House Bill 3055 entitled, "Natural Resource Conservation and Environmental Protection Act". The bill was outlined in SL-1-70 issued on January 15, 1970. This report also outlines present existing laws that provide opportunity for citizens to seek relief and remedy for grievances.

The politicization of pollution has been rapid and complete. Political leaders from the lowest township level to the highest elective office in the land have discovered that pollution is a new glamour issue. This has resulted in pollution becoming a highly emotional issue. With parties and political leaders vying for attention, it becomes extremely important that all bills relating to pollution be scrutinized with extreme care to be certain that legislation passed is good legislation and will contribute to the abatement and elimination of pollution and not merely become laws that create more problems than they solve. The State Chamber recognizes that many laws will be passed at the local, state and national level, and the State Chamber will unquestionably support many of them as just one step in solving this major problem.

The State Chamber, for a number of years, has worked firmly for stronger environmental control legislation. The State Chamber is not opposed to environmental pollution legislation, as such. This is evidenced by its unqualified support of legislation that now exists relating to air pollution, water pollution, thermal pollution, banning of pesticides, litter and other phases of conservation and preservation of our natural resources. The State Chamber feels obligated, however, to point out what it considers weaknesses in proposed laws, particularly at a time when the issue arouses high emotions and when pressures take precedence over analysis, rhetoric replaces logic and well intentioned political verbiage substitutes for environmental policy. For ten years, the State Chamber has been a strong supporter of practical measures to eliminate pollution and recognizes that industry and business must share the responsibility for the problem and the solution. The aggressive record speaks for itself.

House Bill 3055 has been carefully analyzed by the State Chamber's Environmental Quality Committee consisting of 25 of Michigan's leading engineers and waste treatment specialists meeting with well qualified legal counsel. The resulting suggestions are made as provisions for careful consideration in this or any other broad-sweeping conservation and environmental legislative proposals. Clarification is available from the Natural Resources Department of the State Chamber upon request.

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