

Consumers
Bill OK'd

LANSING
A bill designed to protect consumers cleared the State Legislature recently with final support from Observeland senators.

The bill passed the Senate 33-0 allowing consumers to stop payment on faulty merchandise.

Voting for the final version were Sens. David Plawecki (D-DeARBORN Heights), Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth), and Daniel Cooper (D-Oak Park). Sen. William Faust (D-Westland) was absent but had voted in support of the earlier version of the bill.

Currently, consumers must continue to make payments on merchandise, even though the store from which they purchased it refuses to or can't correct defects in the product or exchange the faulty goods.

Some stores sell installment contracts to finance companies or a third party which become the "holder in due course" of the contract.

The bill allows consumers to use the fact that the merchandise they purchased is faulty as a defense for stopping payments on an installment contract to the holder in due course, Plawecki said.

"I strongly supported this legislation because present law has left the consumer in an impossible situation in which there is no way he can receive equitable and fair consideration on justifiable complaints," Plawecki said.

Senators OK
Pollution Fine

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Observeland senators recently supported a bill to increase the fine a court may levy for a water pollution violation from the current fine of \$500 per day to \$10,000 per day.

Sens. David Plawecki (D-DeARBORN Heights), Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth), and Daniel Cooper (D-Oak Park) voted for the bill which passed 27-5. Sen. William Faust (D-Westland) was excused from the session.

"I voted in favor of this legislation because the present \$500 fine is hardly enough to deter corporations from polluting Michigan's lakes and streams," Plawecki said.

"The \$10,000 fine, in my opinion, will finally make it unprofitable to contribute to the pollution of Michigan waterways."

Pursell Picked
For Institute

State Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) was selected as one of 50 legislators from throughout the country to participate in the state legislators conference of the Eagleton Institute of Politics on Singer Island, Fla.

Pursell is the fourth Michigan senator to be selected to attend the institute. Legislators from 25 different states will attend the seventh annual conference July 16-22.

Those invited were chosen by a panel of Eagleton officials, prominent state legislators and journalists.

Stempien Is
For McGovern

State Rep. Marvin Stempien (D-Livonia), an uncommitted precinct delegate, announced his support for presidential candidate Sen. George McGovern (D-South Dakota). Stempien, who previously was an active supporter of Sen. Edmund Muskie (D-Maine), said he switched because of Muskie's withdrawal from active campaigning and because "McGovern best represents the positions I support on such crucial national issues as the war, inflation and tax reform."

Mrs. Pillar
Memorialized

Dedication of a memorial to the late Mrs. Ruth N. Pillar, principal at Clarenceville's Westbrook Elementary School, will be held on Sunday, June 11, beginning at 4 p.m. at the school. Friends of Mrs. Pillar may attend.

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