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"BOTTLE BILL" PASSES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WITH A 10-4 VOTE!

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ENERGY PLANNING IN ILLINOIS

There is still time for you to attend IEC's workshop on Energy Planning in Illinois. Plan to join us for the latest scoop on what the various agencies of government are proposing.

We have planned to have the workshop adjourn at 3:30 to allow you time to visit your legislators. This would be a good opportunity to talk to them about the bottle bill and other legislation you are concerned about.

The program will cover most aspects of energy planning in Illinois and you will have an opportunity to meet with and question the people responsible for making policy.

The morning program includes Ernest Dumwoody and Bruce Green from the Division of Energy who will discuss the State's proposals for energy conservation and solar energy. Also Rep. Joseph Luco will discuss a plan supported by the Energy Resources Commission to reorganize all the energy and environmental agencies into a Natural Resources Commission.

At noon, William Shilling, Governor Thompson's assistant on energy, will discuss the Governor's program. The afternoon program will concentrate on aspects of coal development. Jake Dumelle of the Pollution Control Board will address the impact of coal development on air pollution. Dr. James Hartnett, public member of the Energy Resources

commission will discuss coal development in general and Mr. Remo Castrale will speak on some of the legislation concerning coal mine subsidence. Mr. Castrale is Superintendent of Schools in Johnston City where two high schools were seriously damaged by mine subsidence. He has been working with legislators on this problem.

Remember! May 4th at 9:00 a.m., St. Nicholas hotel, Springfield. Lunch is \$3.00.

MORATORIUM ON STRIP MINING?

As we are typing this newsletter, the U.S. Congress is debating the Federal Strip mining Bill. One of the items of debate is an amendment to put a five year moratorium of the strip mining of prime agricultural lands. Groups in Illinois have been working very hard for such an amendment. It is too late to write to your representative, but the issue will be debated in the Senate next week. Write to Senator Percy and Senator Stevenson urging them to support such an amendment.

WE NEED PEOPLE IN EVERY DISTRICT WORKING ON THE BOTTLE BILL. PLEASE CONTACT IEC IF YOU CAN HELP. IF YOU LIVE IN THE CHICAGO AREA CONTACT THE CHICAGO OFFICE OTHERS CONTACT THE SPRINGFIELD OFFICE. WE NOW HAVE MORE COPIES OF "POINT OF NO RETURNS" AVAILABLE. WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT 15 MINUTE SLIDE SHOW AND BUMPER STICKERS. (see page 4).

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