

MAGCS Directors Column

Superintendents Need to Know

by J. Michael Hart, CGCS

For the past two years, with the help of Dwight Dunbar from the Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Assn. Inc., I have tried to keep abreast of what was happening in our state legislature. I, for one, never have had any desire, or at least, thought I never had a reason, to concern myself with what our elected officials were doing in Springfield.

There have been several pieces of environmental legislation from Springfield in the last couple of sessions that effect our business. There is little we can do about a bill after it has been passed and signed into law. Our concern should be to watch very carefully what bills are in the various committees and will be coming out for a vote on the senate or house floor. I recently attended a local Chamber of Commerce dinner where all but one of my district representatives to the House and Senate were present.

The meeting was for a panel discussion with questions from the floor. I asked a simple question, can we expect more environmental legislation in the next bill passing session? To a man they all agreed there is much more to come, some needed, and some of the reactionary type, which stems from an occurrence. For example, large chemical spill or leak such as Union Carbide's recent problems, brought about a rash of community right to know bills.

We need to keep informed of what our legislators are thinking so we can express to them our feelings on matters that effect our livelihood. This doesn't mean only write your representative or senator only if you object to a bill being considered, write about bills that you feel positive about as well. We need to know that there will be legislation coming from Springfield, with or without our input. I think it will work in our favor if we have our concerns known, individually, as well as collectively through our Board of Directors before a bill becomes a law.

Following is a list of Senators and Representatives with their district and the county they are from. From recent personal experience I have found that your letter, or phone call, will be answered, and these people do appreciate input from their constituents when it is done in a positive and respectful manner.

ILLINOIS STATE SENATE

Dist.	County
8	ROCK, Philip J. (D) Oak Park..... Cook
9	COLLINS, Earlean (D) Oak Park..... Cook
19	MAHAR, William F. (R) Homewood..... Cook
20	FAWELL, Beverly (R) Glen Ellyn..... DuPage
21	ETHEREDGE, Forest D. (R) Aurora..... Kane
22	TOPINKA, Judy Barr (R) Berwyn..... Cook
23	PHILIP, James "Pate" (R) Elmhurst..... DuPage
24	LEMKE, LeRoy Walter (D) Chicago..... Cook
25	KARPIEL, Doris (R) Bloomingdale..... DuPage
26	ZITO, Greg (D) Melrose Park..... Cook
27	MACDONALD, Virginia B. (R) Mt. Prospect..... Cook
28	KUSTRA, Roger (R) Glenview..... Cook
29	KEATS, Roger (R) Kenilworth..... Cook
30	BARKHAUSEN, David (R) Lake Forest..... Lake
31	GEO-KARIS, Adeline (R) Zion..... Lake
32	SCHAFFER, Jack (R) Crystal Lake..... McHenry

33	FRIEDLAND, John E. (R) South Elgin..... Kane
34	HOLMBERG, Joyce (D) Rockford..... Winnebago
35	RIGNEY, Harlan (R) Freeport..... Stephenson
36	DARROW, Clarence A. (D) Rock Island..... Rock Island
37	SCHUNEMAN, Calvin W. (R) Prophetstown..... Whiteside
38	WELCH, Patrick D. (D) Peru..... LaSalle
39	KELLY, Richard F., Jr. (D) Hazel Crest..... Cook
40	DE ANGELIS, Aldo A. (R) Olympia Fields..... Cook
41	HUDSON, George Ray (R) Hinsdale..... DuPage
42	SANGMEISTER, George E. (D) Joliet..... Will
43	JOYCE, Jerome J. (D) Bradley..... Kankakee

ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(listed by district)

67 Democrats — 51 Republicans

Dist.	County
37	DIDRICKSON, Loleta A. (R) Homewood*..... Cook
38	BARNES, Jane M. (R) Palos Heights*..... Cook
39	BARGER, Ralph H. (R) Wheaton*..... DuPage
40	HOFFMAN, Gene L. (R) Elmhurst*..... DuPage
41	COWLISHAW, Mary Lou (R) Naperville*..... DuPage
42	DEUCHLER, Suzanne L. (R) Aurora*..... Kane
43	KUBIK, Jack L. (R) Forest Park..... Cook
44	STANGE, James R. (R) Oak Brook..... DuPage
45	WOJCIK, Kathleen L. (R) Schaumburg*..... Cook
46	DANIELS, Lee A. (R) Elmhurst*..... DuPage
47	O'CONNELL, John T. (D) Willow Springs*..... Cook
48	TERZICH, Robert M. (D) Chicago*..... Cook
49	PARKE, Terry R. (R) Hoffman Estates..... Cook
50	HENSEL, Donald N. (R) West Chicago*..... DuPage
51	LEVERENZ, Ted (D) Maywood*..... Cook
52	WILLIAMSON, Linda M. (R) Northlake..... Cook
53	HARRIS, David (R) Arlington Heights*..... Cook
54	PEDERSEN, Bernard E. (R) Palatine*..... Cook
55	PULLEN, Penny (R) Park Ridge*..... Cook
56	SUTKER, Calvin (D) Chicago..... Cook
57	PARCELLS, Margaret R. (R) Glenview..... Cook
58	STERN, Grace Mary (D) Highland Park..... Lake
59	FREDERICK, Virginia F. (R) Lake Forest*..... Lake
60	PETERSON, William E. (R) Prairie View*..... Lake
61	MATJEVICH, John S. (D) Waukegan*..... Lake
62	CHURCHILL, Robert W. (R) Antioch*..... Lake
63	KLEMM, Dick (R) Crystal Lake*..... McHenry
64	WAIT, Ronald A. (R) Belvidere*..... Boone
65	ZWICK, Jill (R) West Dundee*..... Kane
66	KIRKLAND, James M. (R) Elgin*..... Kane
67	HALLOCK, John W. (R) Rockford*..... Winnebago
68	GIORGI, E. J. (D) Rockford*..... Winnebago
69	MULCAHEY, Richard T. (D) Durand*..... Winnebago
70	OLSON, Myron J. (R) Dixon*..... Lee
71	BRUNSVOLD, Joel (D) Rock Island*..... Rock Island
72	DE JAEGHER, M. Bob (D) East Moline*..... Rock Island
73	MC MASTER, A. T. (R) Galva*..... Knox
74	MAUTINO, Richard A. (D) Spring Valley*..... Bureau
75	BRESLIN, Peg M. (D) Ottawa*..... LaSalle
76	COUNTRYMAN, John W. (R) DeKalb..... DeKalb
77	GIGLIO, Frank (D) Calumet City*..... Cook
78	STECZO, Terry A. (D) Country Club Hills*..... Cook
79	PIEL, Robert J. (R) South Holland*..... Cook
80	REGAN, Robert R. (R) Chicago Heights..... Will
81	MC CRACKEN, Thomas J., Jr. (R) Westmont*..... DuPage
82	HASTER, Dennis (R) Oswego*..... Kendall
83	VAN DUYNE, LeRoy (D) Joliet*..... Will
84	DAVIS, Jack R. (New Lenox)*..... Will
85	CHRISTENSEN, Ray A. (D) Morris*..... Grundy
86	PANGLE, Charles (D) Kankakee*..... Kankakee