

## Legislative Update

Most of the pesticide bills have been dealt with by the Senate and the House of Delegates at this writing. Here is a summary of what happened.

**HB 700** (Pitkin) - prohibition of organochlorines and organophosphates in Maryland. *Withdrawn.*

**HB 701** (Pitkin) - pesticide incident reporting system. *Withdrawn.*

**HB 220** (Kelley) - golf course reporting of pesticides and fertilizers. *Unfavorable report in committee.*

**SB 247** (Garrott) - same as HB 220, golf course reporting. *Favorable report in committee with amendments.*

**HB 334** (Pinsky) golf course reporting of pesticides and fertilizers. *Unfavorable report in committee.*

**HB 448** (Frosh) - school use pesticide reduction act. *Unfavorable report in committee.*

**HB 327** (Kelley) - pesticide applicators - certification - notice. *Favorable report in committee with amendments.*

**HB 948** (McHale) - pesticide regulation pre-emption bill. *Defeated on the floor.*

**SB 481** (Blount & Amoss) - same bill as HB 948.

**SB 414** (Winegrad) - agriculture - pest management systems - water quality. *Passed Senate.*

**HB 699** (Pitkin) - pesticides - Organochlorines and organophosphates prohibited. *Withdrawn.*

**HB 1547** (Perry) - toxic use reduction program

**HB 1595** (Hubbard) - pesticides - integrated pest management for schools.

The most important event was that the pre-emption bill (HB 948) was defeated on the floor by one vote after the third and final reading so the Senate version (SB 481) will die with it. This was the third attempt in as many years,

and we can only hope that local agencies do not now attempt to pass a lot of superfluous rules and ordinances to make our jobs more difficult.

With the adjournment of this legislative session, it is important to follow up with your respective legislators. A thank-you note is very much in order to those who voted the way you wished them to, as well as to those who took the time to explain to you why they were voting against you. You also need to follow up on those legislators who did not respond to your letters. Ask them why they did not respond and that you, as one of their constituents, expect an explanation of their voting record on a particular bill or set of bills. These follow-up letters, whether they be positive or negative, will help remind these legislators that you are active and interested in how they vote and you will find

them as responsive, if not more so, next year. And yes, you can bet there will be more next year and every year following for a while. There are activists out there with lots of time on their hands who spend it threatening your legislators with voting records and various propaganda so it is imperative that you respond to your legislators and let them know how you feel about them and issues that are before them. I think that you will find them very responsive to the needs of the business community and I know they would like to hear from that community more often.

You were all sent a package instructing you now to locate your legislators and it offered suggestions on how to talk or write to your legislators. Keep this for reference and contact a BOD member should you need an additional copy.

### COHOON'S CORNER

*Many reroutings and other member information have transpired since I last made mention of it in this column, so let me try to catch up. If you have nay additions to this list, please contact me so that I can publish them soon. In addition, I am looking for articles from members for inclusion in the newsletter. If you have anything to say, now is a good time to speak up!. Send or fax your articles today.*

○ Bill Angerer formerly of Twin Shields Golf Club in Dunkirk, Md., is now at Fairidge Country Club (formerly Cedar Crest CC) in Centerville, Va.

○ Ken Ingram, formerly of Port America Golf & Country Club in Ft. Washington, Md. is now at

Bretton Woods Recreation Center in Germantown, Md.

○ Ed Porterfield CGCS, formerly of Stoneleigh Golf Club in Round Hill, Va. is now at Fort Belvoir Golf Facilities in Alexandria, Va.

○ Harold Wakefield, formerly of Goose Creek Golf Course in Leesburg, Va., is now at Montclair Country Club in Dumphries, Va.

○ Robert Wren, formerly of Robert Trent Jones International in Gainesville, Va. is now at Fawn lake Golf Club in Fredericksburg, Va.

○ A heartfelt prayer goes out to long-time member Ken Lohr who recently lost his wife to a bout with cancer.