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WHAT HAPPENED TO HOUSE BILLS #4868 & #4869 AND SENATE BILL #799??

The State Organization M.O.C.O.M. and Community Homeowner Associations were very enthusiastic when they were informed that a State Representative was sponsoring Bills #4868 and #4869. These two bills contained items that would help restore rights that people living in Manufactured Housing Communities were deprived of along with verbal abuse, intimidation, retaliation etc. These Bills were referred to as Manufactured "**Homeowner's Residency Act**," also known as "**BILL OF RIGHTS**." The Bills went through the regular process that is laid out by our congressmen. When it looked like the House Bills would be passed we received information that they had chopped out portions of vital items and added superfluous information that made the Bills worthless.

We waited to see what Senate Bill #799 contained and if we could get our Senators to restore some of the information, such as our Bill of Rights. We waited hopelessly for they did not act on the Bill and now that we are in a new year it means that the Bills (all of them) will have to be reintroduced or ignored.

What we had surmised from the beginning and our suspicions are/were well founded for there was an article in the newspaper entitled "**PAC DONATIONS INFLUENCE LAWMAKERS NOT TO VOTE FORCHANGE**" **is well documented and substantiates that Manufactured Home Owners living in Parks are being sold out by their legislators.** Quoting Rep. Matt Milosch, "the giant war chest has already had a chilling effect on lawmakers. The industry has a lot of money and there's an idle threat out there that this money will be used against the group of people who move this bill." This article referred to the increase of taxation on home sites in Manufactured Housing Communities.

Yearly increases in rent is used to fund legislators to vote against homeowners especially the latest evidence is House Bills #4868 & 4869, manufactured homeowners act, "**also called Manufacture Home Owners' Residency Act**." "***It's all about PAC money.***" They give our politicians **MONEY TO BUY THEIR VOTES** against homeowners who are vulnerable because they don't have a voice because they are indigent citizens, retired persons, veterans, handicapped etc.

We sent letters to legislators that are responsible for conditions they are not willing to change such as: verbal abuse, intimidation, capricious rules, unjust evictions and amenities taken away from homeowners after they moved into these Parks. That news article is an indication that our lawmakers are not "for the people" but for their own self-interest and assurance to be elected **to vote against "we the people."**

We have written letters to our Legislators asking them to please consider not being one of those who take their money for their constituents need their vote and support to help improve their living conditions. We ask our Senators and Representative to make a difference by passing laws that will help constituents in their district, and statewide.

NOTE: Taxation increase on homesites (in manufactured housing communities) was defeated for our State government and lawmakers are looking to garner more revenue than the \$1.50 a month increase on each site. We question what **TAXATION WILL THEY IMPOSE ON** homeowners living in manufactured housing communities?? Homeowners living in these communities already pay TAXES, many are on fixed incomes, retired, the elderly, indigent, single mothers, veterans, handicapped or unemployed. Every homeowner has been advised to watch how each Senator, Representative votes and if they receive PAC MONEY to vote against the people who elect them to office.