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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCIAL & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
The meeting was called to order by Representative Delbert L. Gross at Chairperson
3:30 <u>XX</u> ./p.m. on <u>April 1</u> , 1991 in room <u>527-S</u> of the Capitol.
All members were present except: Representatives Graeber, Roper, Teagarden and Wagle, Excused.
Committee staff present: Bill Wolff, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dan Kolditz, Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division

June Evans, Secretary

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. and opened the hearing on $\underline{\text{HB } 2358}$.

Dan Kolditz, Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, testified in support of <u>HB 2358</u>, stating this bill would provide a safe-guard for Kansas consumers by prohibiting merchants who accept credit cards from requiring personal identification information when consumers use their credit cards.

Mr. Kolditz further stated there is no need for a merchant to require personal information such as a telephone number or automobile license plate number. (See $\underline{Atch}\ \#1$).

The Chairperson closed the hearing on HB 2358.

The Chairperson opened the hearing on $\underline{HB\ 2613}$ and asked if there were any conferees wishing to testify on $\underline{HB\ 2613}$. There being no conferees, the Chairperson closed the hearing on $\underline{HB\ 2613}$.

The Chairperson asked the committee if there were any objection to taking final action on $\underline{\text{HB }2358}$.

After discussion, <u>Representative Dillon moved and Representative Shallenburger</u> seconded to move HB 2358 out of committee favorably. The motion carried.

The Chairperson told the committee he appreciated their work, and unless something unforeseen comes up, this would be the last meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

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Testimony of

Deputy Attorney General Dan Kolditz

House Commercial and Financial Institutions

RE: House Bill 2358

April 1, 1991

On behalf of Attorney General Bob Stephan and his Consumer Protection Advisory Council I ask for your support of House Bill 2358. This bill would provide a safe-guard for Kansas consumers by prohibiting merchants who accept credit cards from requiring personal identification information when consumers use their credit cards.

There is no need for a merchant to require personal information such as a telephone number or automobile license plate number. It is a nuisance to the consumer to provide such information and is not needed for the merchant to get reimbursed by the bank card company.

Currently six states have similar legislation. Last year you passed a bill at our request which limited the use of credit card numbers when a person wrote a personal check.

This bill is parallel to that bill in that it has no effect on a merchant getting their money and avoids the potential for consumer fraud.

4-1-91 CFII Atch# Credit cards are invaluable to a consumer but there is no need for private information that is totally unnecessary to be written on the credit card form. This information might fall into disreputable hands and be used for solicitations or other unapproved uses.

I ask for your support for this consumer-friendly bill. Thank you.