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Bill No.: S1134

Sponsor(s): Saxton and others

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Veterans Affairs

Senate: State Govt., Federal & Interstate Relations &
Veterans Affairs

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denoted by asterisks.

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Following statements are attached if available:

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SENATE, No. 1134

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 1, 1982

By Senators SAXTON, McMANIMON, DUMONT and FORAN

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and
Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT establishing a Council on Armed Forces and Veterans
Affairs in the Department of Commerce and Economic Develop-
ment, providing for appointment of its members and prescribing
the powers, functions and duties of the council and repealing
P. L. 1977, c. 257 (C. 34:1A-57 et seq.).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The Legislature finds that:

2 a. The existing military and naval installations in the State make
3 a major contribution to the total defense posture of the nation.

4 b. The continued operation of these installations is highly desir-
5 able because of the available employment opportunities which they
6 provide as well as for other economic benefits accruing to the
7 areas in which these facilities are located.

8 c. There has been an alarming tendency in recent years to close
9 many military and naval installations located in this State, and
10 to transfer major units from this State to other states.

11 d. The Permanent Council on Armed Forces Liaison was estab-
12 lished in the Department of Labor and Industry in 1977 and the
13 Department of Commerce and Economic Development has been
14 established under P. L. 1981, c. 122 (C. 52:27H-1 et al.) devoted
15 exclusively to monitoring the interests and concerns of business
16 and industry.

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

***—Senate committee amendments adopted June 21, 1982.**

****—Senate amendment adopted June 28, 1982.**

*****—Assembly committee amendments adopted November 15, 1982.**

17 The Legislature determines that the functions exercised pre-
 18 viously by the Permanent Council would be better carried out in
 19 the Department of Commerce and Economic Development and that
 20 council shall be replaced by a new council.

1 2. A council to be known as the "Council on Armed Forces and
 2 Veterans Affairs" is established in the Department of Commerce
 3 and Economic Development. The council shall consist of
 4 ~~***[eight]***~~ ~~***nine***~~ members, two to be appointed by the
 5 President of the Senate from the members thereof, no more than
 6 one of whom shall be from the same political party, two to be
 7 appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly from the mem-
 8 bers thereof, no more than one of whom shall be from the same
 9 political party, the Commissioner of Commerce and Economic
 10 Development, ~~***the Commissioner of Labor or his designee,***~~
 11 and three public members to be appointed by the Governor**, *with*
 12 *the advice and consent of the Senate***. *~~[Each member except the~~
 13 ~~public members, shall serve for a term of two years from the date~~
 14 ~~of his appointment and until his successor is appointed and~~
 15 ~~qualified.]~~* *Members of the Legislature shall serve on the com-*
 16 *mission for the two-year legislative term during which they are*
 17 *appointed.** Each public member shall serve for a term of three
 18 years from the date of his appointment and until his successor is
 19 appointed and qualified; except that of the first appointments here-
 20 under: one shall be for a term of one year, one for two years, and
 21 one for three years. Vacancies resulting from causes other than by
 22 expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term only and
 23 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments
 24 were made.

1 3. All members of the council shall serve without compensation,
 2 but they shall be entitled to be reimbursed for all necessary
 3 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

1 4. The council shall select from among its members a chairman
 2 and also shall select a secretary who need not be a member of the
 3 council.

1 5. The council shall be a structural liaison and public relations
 2 body on behalf of this State in all matters relating to federal
 3 military and naval installations located within this State or pro-
 4 posed to be located herein. The council shall communicate and
 5 cooperate with the President of the United States and with all
 6 other federal officials and employees and private persons for the
 7 effectuation of the purposes of this act.

1 6. The council shall report its findings and recommendations to
 2 the Governor and the Legislature annually on the second Tuesday

3 in January and at any other time as it deems necessary or desirable.

1 7. The council may hold hearings in any part of the State and
2 by its subpoena may compel the attendance of witnesses and the
3 production of books, papers and records. It shall be entitled to
4 the assistance and services of any State, county, municipal and
5 school district employees as may be required, and the council may
6 employ competent counsel, expert advisors and any other assistants
7 as may be required for the proper accomplishment of the purposes
8 of this act; provided, that the compensation to be paid to the
9 counsel, advisors and assistants shall be within the limits of the
10 appropriation made therefor.

1 8. P. L. 1977, c. 257 (C. 34:1A-57 et seq.) is repealed.

1 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

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8 of this act; provided, that the compensation to be paid to the
9 counsel, advisors and assistants shall be within the limits of the
10 appropriation made therefor.

1 8. P. L. 1977, c. 257 (C. 34:1A-57 et seq.) is repealed.

1 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to replace the Permanent Council on Armed Forces Liaison established under the Department of Labor and Industry with the Council on Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs established under the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. The justification for this change is that the functions of the new council will be better served under the Department of Commerce and Economic Development which was established to monitor the interests and concerns of business and industry.

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT, CIVIL SERVICE,
ELECTIONS, PENSIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE No. 1134

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with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 15, 1982

This bill establishes a Council on Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. It would replace the Permanent Council on Armed Forces Liaison which was established in 1977 and located in the Department of Labor and Industry.

The council shall consist of nine members:

1. Two to be appointed by the President of the Senate from the members thereof, not more than one of whom shall be from the same political party;
2. Two to be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly from the members thereof, not more than one of whom shall be from the same political party;
3. Three public members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;
4. The Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development; and
5. The Commissioner of Labor.

Public members shall serve for a term of three years. Members shall not be compensated for their service but shall be reimbursed for all necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The council shall select a chairman from among its members and shall also select a secretary who need not be a member of the council.

The council shall engage in public relations and liaison efforts on behalf of New Jersey in all matters relating to federal military and naval installations located, or proposed to be located, in this State. It may hold hearings and shall report annually to the Governor and the Legislature. This bill grants the council subpoena powers.

The bill as originally introduced was amended by the Senate State Government Committee to remove a two-year limitation for the Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development and to provide that members of the Legislature serve on the commission for the two-year legislative term during which they are appointed.

The bill was subsequently amended by the Senate to incorporate the requirement that appointment of the Council's three public members be confirmed by the Senate.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

The committee amended the bill to add to the Council a ninth member, the Commissioner of Labor.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL AND
INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE No. 1134
with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 21, 1982

This bill establishes a Council on Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. It would replace the Permanent Council on Armed Forces Liaison which was established in 1977 and located in the Department of Labor and Industry.

The council shall consist of eight members:

1. Two to be appointed by the President of the Senate from the members thereof, not more than one of whom shall be from the same political party;
2. Two to be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly from the members thereof, not more than one of whom shall be from the same political party;
3. Three public members to be appointed by the Governor; and
4. The Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development.

Public members shall serve for a term of 3 years. Members shall not be compensated for their service but shall be reimbursed for all necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The council shall select a chairman from among its members and shall also select a secretary who need not be a member of the council.

The council shall engage in public relations and liaison efforts on behalf of New Jersey in all matters relating to federal military and naval installations located, or proposed to be located, in this State. It may hold hearings and shall report annually to the Governor and the Legislature. This bill grants the council subpoena powers.

The bill was amended to remove the 2-year term limitation for the Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development and to provide that members of the Legislature shall serve on the commission for the 2-year legislative term during which they are appointed.

ADOPTED

JUN 28 1982

Senate Amendment

to

Senate Bill No. 1134 O.C.R.
(Proposed by Senator Saxton 6-28-82)

Amend:

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After "Governor" insert ", with the advice and consent of the Senate"

STATEMENT

This amendment makes the gubernatorial appointments to the Council on Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RELEASE: IMMEDIATE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1983

CONTACT: PAUL WOLCOTT

Governor Thomas H. Kean today signed Senate Bill 1134, sponsored by State Senator H. James Saxton, (R-Burlington), which establishes a Council on Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs in the Department of Commerce.

The effect of the bill is to replace the former Permanent Council on Armed Forces Liaison previously established under the old Department of Labor and Industry.

"New Jersey's military and naval installations not only make a significant contribution to the national defense, they are an important part of the state's economy," Kean said. "We should be doing everything we can to reverse the trend in recent years to move those installations out of the state."

The Council is charged with maintaining liaison with the military and monitoring installations within the state, keeping track both of those which are located here and may be moved out, and others which may be under consideration for movement into New Jersey.

The Council will consist of a total of nine members; two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate, two Assemblyman appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, three public members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, and the Commissioners of Commerce and Labor.

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