

July 21, 2000

RE: IO-00-118

MESSAGE:

As per my phone conversation with -- this morning: you may participate in the discussion and vote on Bills 42-00 and 43-00, except for those portions that deal with the firefighter's union pension or personnel items. As to these latter parts of the bill, you should not participate in the discussion of these particular matters, or on the vote on any amendment affecting these particular matters, but you may discuss and vote on the other portions of the bill. As to the bill you have proposed, changing the impasse procedures, I have not read the bill, so I cannot give you more than my general impression at this time, based on what I have read in the newspapers. Since the bill presumably makes only procedural changes to the impasse process, I believe that your relative does not have a legal or equitable economic interest in the matter. If you would like the ethics commission to review this question, please let me know promptly, and provide all the facts that may be material to your question, including a copy of the legislation. In the interim, you may meet with the firefighter's union representative, to discuss this impasse procedures legislation. Thank you for your inquiry.