

Daylight Saving Time

Exemption Bill Nears Passage

PHOENIX (AP) — A bill to exempt Arizona from daylight saving time cleared its final committee hurdle in the Arizona House Friday.

The Counties and Municipalities Committee gave the measure a do pass recommendation by a 9-3 vote at a special meeting.

Rep. Frank Kelley, R-Maricopa, said he was assured the bill would be brought to the House floor for a debate and a vote early next week.

Rep. Sam Flake, R-Maricopa, presented the committee with a list of various industries and individuals who had written either in favor of or against the bill.

Most of the correspondence was from special interests who would like to see Arizona go on daylight saving time during the summer months with the rest of the nation.

Under federal law the nation will go on daylight saving time from April through September except in states where state legislatures pass laws exempting themselves.

Arizona has not used daylight saving time since shortly after World War II.

There was no debate on the bill before the vote was taken, but Flake presented a half dozen of the latest letters and cards he had received. Only one of them favored remaining on standard time.

The letters included pleas from the Bond Club of Phoenix, Frontier Airlines and the Arizona Bus Assn., that the exemption bill be defeated.

During daylight saving time the clock is turned back one hour. It is intended to give more daylight hours in the eve-

ning for the average working person.

Industries tied in with other parts of the nation are in favor of keeping Arizona under the uniform federal law.

Strong support for exemption of Arizona from the federal law comes from farmers and some entertainment interests such as the movie theater operators.

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