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MEETING LOG

Subject: Meeting with National Fire Protection Association on sleepwear regulations

Meeting Date: December 1, 1997

Place: Room 724, CPSC Headquarters

Source: Walt A. Sanders, COAB

CPSC Reps: Ann Brown, Chairman
Walt Sanders, COAB
Ron Medford, EXHR
Alan Schoem, EXC

Other Reps: Anthony O'Neill, National Fire Protection Association
Sara Yerkes, National Fire Protection Association
Patty K. Adair, National Cotton Council
Bruce Navarro, Navarro Legislative and Regulatory Affairs

Press: Sam Cristy, Product Safety Letter

Summary: Anthony O'Neill told the Chairman that NFPA was forming a Children's Safe Sleepwear Coalition, which would be publicly announced at a February press conference. O'Neill said the purpose of the coalition would be to raise the public's awareness of NFPA's concerns about the impact of the revisions of the children's sleepwear regulations. These revisions were approved by a 2-1 vote of the Commission (the Chairman stated she voted against the changes) O'Neill said the public was confused by why the industry was offering "tight fitting" children's sleepwear in response to the changes in the children's sleepwear standard. He expressed concern that the sleepwear industry had not yet initiated an "information and education" campaign to inform the public of why these changes had taken place. Sara Yerkes said that personnel changes at the American Apparel Manufacturers Association was, in part, responsible for the delay in beginning the information campaign. O'Neill added that NFPA had urged Congressional Members of the Congressional Fire Caucus to express their concern about the revised regulations.

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