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**SUBJECT: Upholstered Furniture**

**DATE OF MEETING: September 5, 2006**

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Pamela L. Weller**

**DATE OF LOG ENTRY: October 3, 2006**

**LOCATION: Room 725**

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Michael Gougisha and Pamela Weller, counselors to Commissioner Thomas H. Moore; Dale Ray, project manager for upholstered furniture; Patty Adair, advisor to Acting Chairman Nancy Nord;**

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Phil Wakelyn, National Cotton Council; Hardy Poole, National Textile Association; Dick Osman, Western Nonwovens, Inc.; Elan Martin, National Association of State Fire Marshals**

**SUMMARY OF MEETING: Mr. Wakelyn indicated that it would be in the interest of the country and CPSC if the Commission would move forward with the rulemaking. He indicated that the Commission should adopt ASTM 1353.02, the UFAC standard for cigarette ignition, but that he did not think we were ready to move forward with a small open flame standard. He also said we should be attacking the ignition systems first and one thing that would help would be if a national standard for fire-safe cigarette was adopted.**

Mr. Poole stated that fabrics would have to be treated if we had a small open flame test and that chemical safety was a concern. Mr. Wakelyn said the TRIS situation makes the industry nervous about chemical applications. He suggested we put out the proposal on smoldering ignitions and at the same time seek additional information on small open flame ignitions. There was a discussion between Dale Ray and Mr. Wakelyn about the percentage of products that are imported. Mr. Ray said it was probably pushing 40%. Mr. Poole said that injuries and deaths due to cigarette ignition continued to come down and making UFAC mandatory was a way to hold on to that progress due to increasing imports.

When asked by Mr. Ray what he thought were the shortcomings in the staff draft, Mr. Wakelyn said that he didn't know what that draft would mean in the long term as compared to the standard that was in place (UFAC); it is the unknown versus the tried and true.

When asked by Mr. Ray if they no longer supported the California foam, Mr. Wakelyn said that the foam people felt they were having some reversals; that the 117 foam sometimes made the product more smolder prone.

Mr. Poole indicated that the support was solid and broad for mandating the ASTM standard, including the polyurethane foam people.

Mr. Gougisha and Ms. Weller thanked Mr. Wakelyn and Mr. Poole for clarifying their positions.

In a follow-up phone call to Ms. Weller on September 20, 2006, Mr. Wakelyn indicated they could consider adding the California 117 foam to their proposal if that made it more acceptable to the Commission.