

**RAISED BILL NO. 5202**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUIG OF DECISIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION.**

**Senator Prague, Representative Zalaski, I am Ray Shea and a permanent member of the Board of Mediation and Arbitration. I come to oppose the above stated Bill. This Bill would establish fifteen days for the Neutral to render a decision in writing in less then fifteen days which is virtually impossible. Hearings at the Board are not limited to one day as many of the hearings are found to exceed one day of hearing. When taking into consideration the copious notes, the exhibits submitted, testimony of the parties in putting their respective cases on is time consuming and following the briefing schedules the executive panel session, it is an arduous task for the Neutral to submit the decision in fifteen day is unheard of. The current time of 75 days is reasonable and in most case are done in a much lesser time. Fifteen day is unconscionable and the Bill as proposed should rejected. Thank you for your time and consideration.**