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decide which trips are in the best interest of their constituents.

But Womble said he questioned why the new policy was suggested. "I can't understand the resolution," he said. "The seed may have been planted in the public's mind that something was negative about the travel of the aldermen."

Burke said that she, too, was bothered by the Finance Committee's resolution, but voted in favor of it. "We as aldermen have a right to attend functions that help our job as aldermen," she said in a telephone interview. "No one has to put brakes on me. But she (Wood) may need brakes put on her."

As for the resolution being prompted by the money advanced to three aldermen for the Washington trip, Burke said, "I feel it was untimely to put that negative feeling into the minds of the people."

Alderman Virginia Newell, chairman of the Finance Committee, said the new policy is not

much different from what the aldermen have always done. The city secretary, Marie Matthews, knows beforehand aldermen's expenses and allocates money accordingly, she said.

Mrs. Matthews agreed, noting, "There's not a great deal of difference, but just a matter of

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-- Alderman Larry Womble

putting something in writing. It (the new policy) provides a form for members to fill out when they return from a trip."

In other business, the board voted 5-3 to substitute Mary Jane Williams, a black woman and school teacher who also works for Accent Travel Agency, for Dan Brock among the

mayor's appointments to a new tourism commission. Aldermen Ernestine Wilson, Lynne

Harpe and Robert Northington voted against the substitution, which was offered by Burke.

The item was postponed from the Sept. 20 meeting when aldermen Burke and Womble voiced concern that minorities and women would be underrepresented on the Forsyth County Tourism Development Authority. The commission will oversee the spending of money collected from a new 2 percent tax on motel and hotel rooms.

With the addition of Williams, the 10-member commission now has three women, two of whom are black. County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff, also black, and Alderman Harpe are the others.

Northington, who spoke in favor of approving the mayor's original list of nominees at the Sept. 20 meeting, voted against the amended slate.

Black Ministers' Reactions To Blue Laws *From Page A1*

days.

Little also supports the General Committee's proposal but says he sees some opposition from the public, ministers in particular, but not much opposition from the board. "I haven't had my phone ringing off the hook and people telling me I'm some kind of Satan," says Little. "I'm positive it (the repeal) will pass."

At least one minister, Bishop R.K. Hash, pastor of St. Peter's Church of God Apostolic, supports the repeal of the blue laws, if not for the same reasons as Little and Womble. "They've (blue laws) never been really effective," he says, "and have hurt some and benefited others."

"Those who want to come to church are go-

ing to come anyway," says Hash. "I'm for the repeal of them."

Though the Rev. Harold Gill of Greater St. Matthews Baptist Church doesn't specifically

"I'm against businesses being open during church hours. Businesses should not be open to conflict with the churches."

--The Rev. J. Ray Butler

state whose side he's on, he does say that abolishing the blue laws probably won't make much difference. "People loyal to the church

and to their faith will still attend," he says.

Agreeing with Gill, the Rev. Warnie C. Hay, pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, says he understands that existing blue laws may work a hardship on some businesses. Nevertheless, he says, some restrictions should be in force, because "to turn people loose completely is not good. We have enough problems."

The present law is a good one, says Hay, and "if for no other reason, we need Sunday to break the week and (to) rest."

But whether Chapter 22 of the City Code is removed or not, Hay expresses doubt that the church will be adversely affected. "I think the church can stand any competition around," he says.

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No Tour Planned *From Page A10*

Jackson set to play the concert circuit this year, both here and overseas.

"He has absolutely no plans for a solo tour," says a representative for Jackson's attorney, Frank Branca. She adds, "I don't know how the rumor got started, but we're getting swamped with calls from members of the media all over the world asking when Michael will be appearing in their cities."

Michael will be part of a Jacksons' tour next year -- but plans for that are still so vague that no cities (or countries) or dates are yet firm.

As far as reports that controversial boxing promoter Don King will be involved with setting up the Jacksons' concerts, the word from the Branca office is, "At this point, that is not being anticipated."

Broadway Beat *From Page A10*

Things started out well; Murphy came on to a standing ovation. But he warned the audience, "I do some nasty stuff when I'm on. If you get offended, get the hell out." Then he spewed profanities while joking about everything from homosexuality to herpes. So fans shouted, "Get funnier!"

Murphy told some hecklers, "Shut up before I throw my wallet on y'all and crush you..."

Muhammed Ali thinks the CIA is on his tail. The retired boxer ended a British tour recently, claiming that American secret agents had followed him throughout his stay on President Reagan's orders.

"My phones have been tapped. The president has ordered a personal watch on me. The government says I am subversive. I have been trailed through England.

They know I am the leader of a billion black people. They are the president's men and they have a file on me in the Pentagon six-foot high..."

Peters' videos have included Michael Jackson and Diana Ross hits, plus the new "mini-movies" starring Pat Benatar and Billy Joel.

Debbie, Peters reports, has just completed a video inspired by her "Fame" show and is about to create a second. With Allen now working on a new, syndicated season of "Fame" and Peters (who choreographed last week's "Live... And In Person" on NBC) set to direct a "Fame" segment, both have more than enough to keep them busy.

But, says Peters of their unionizing efforts, "This is something we really feel strongly about..."

Daycare World *From Page A10*

early age?

I keep mentioning "class," but only because the kids at Bethlehem Community Center are in classes. Don't misunderstand. They have plenty of time to play and sleep, but they also participate in structured class activities, which come under headings like "science," "math" and "language arts."

Pre-school science, of course, does not involve calculating the density of Mars, but offers practical lessons, such as how to make chocolate milk. Bland stuff, I thought, until I remembered a bunch of little city kids I met in Washington, D.C., who thought chocolate milk came from brown cows.

And nothing is funnier than uninten-

tional humor, which is something kids are full of. Did you ever see a bunch of 3-year-olds doing jumping jacks? Or have you ever discussed a 5-year-old's marriage plans?

My 5-year-old cousin Lamont told me in May, after attending my sister's wedding practice, that he planned to marry his girlfriend the next year. When I asked if I could assist him in any way, he graciously asked if I would sing.

"I sure will," I said. "What do you want me to sing?"

He responded, without much hesitation and with all the seriousness in the world: "'Macho Man,' 'Candy Girl' and 'Atomic Dog.'"

I can't wait to have kids of my own.

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