

MINUTES OF MEETING

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

January 23, 1961

The State Affairs Committee met in room 522, at 2:00 P.M. Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order and members who were not in attendance at the initial meeting, were introduced.

The Chairman explained procedures of the business of the Committee. It was mentioned that a quorum was necessary to transact business, and that a majority of those voting was required. In this case a quorum is ten members.

The Chairman announced that House Bills Nos. 21 and 30 were to be considered, and that proponents of the respective bills would be on hand to explain the contents to the Committee.

Subsequently, Mr. Carter was introduced to discuss House Bill No. 21. Mr. Carter explained that this is a bill dealing with zones in cities; its purpose being to discourage feed lots and junk yards within city limits. This bill seeks to amend a previous bill only to the extent of including cities of the third class as well as cities of the first and second class.

Mr. Fribley inquired if this would affect existing facilities, and Mr. Carter stated that it would not. A discussion was had concerning classes of cities, and how a determination of class is made. It was concluded that when a certain population is attained, there is a procedure outlined by statute, if it is desired to change a city from one class to another. It was determined that population does not dictate the class of the city.

Mr. Bisbee inquired what might happen if two cities are in close proximity and their zones might overlap. Mr. Gardner advised that this is a common problem in the Kansas City area, and that the Attorney General has ruled that where there is conflicting jurisdiction, the zoning rules are not effective in either case. Mr. Johnson felt that a "grandfather clause" should be inserted into this bill, and the Chairman advised him to visit with some of the attorneys and to draw up an amendment to be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee. Mr. Gardner stated that it is his opinion that this bill doesn't zone anything-- it has no effect on businesses already in operation, and in fact, only grants the local County Commissions authority to zone in cities of the third class, as well as cities of the first and second class. He states that certain procedures must still be followed by the Board of County Commissioners, i.e. setting a date for a zoning meeting, publishing notice of meeting, and at such meeting set up zones in accordance with local desires and requirements.

Mr. Taylor, stated that the bill would be passed over at this time and if after additional study some member of the committee wished to propose a change, it would be reconsidered at that time.

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Mr. Heath was introduced to the Committee, and proceeded to explain the effect and content of House Bill No. 30. He stated that this was a bill which affects only Saline County; that the new census figures are different than the one previously used; that it is purely a local bill changing the figures to apply to the population in Saline County. Miss Jacquart inquired what good the bill would do, or what benefit would be derived from its passage, and Mr. Heath explained that without the change they wouldn't be able to levy the tax.

Mr. Fribley moved and Mr. Mikesic seconded, that House Bill No. 30 be referred back to the House with the recommendation that it be passed. Motion carried.

Mr. Taylor mentioned that some of the new members of the House (and the Committee) were from the larger populated areas; that this Committee considers a lot of legislation from these areas, and that he was going to rely on these particular members to advise the Committee because they will understand these particular areas.

Mr. Doyen moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Bisbee. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.