

MINUTES OF MEETING

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 6, 1961

State Affairs Committee met in Room 522, at 1:30 P.M. with Chairman Taylor presiding. The meeting was called to order and Mr. Smith was introduced to discuss House Bill No. 90.

Mr. Smith stated that it is a local bill for the benefit of Thomas County; that the County wishes to build a home for elderly citizens, to be financed by county funds; that the site is state owned and the bill is to secure the transfer of 5.18 acres of land for this purpose. Questions asked by Mr. Wallace and Mr. Crownover were answered by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Riddle was then introduced to discuss House Bill No. 83. It was stated that this bill was particularly for the benefit of Sedgwick County, but was a permissive bill for all counties; to provide for the microfilming of old records; that they have a tendency to deteriorate and that it would insure their preservation, as well as require a smaller amount of storage space.

Mr. Unruh asked what the attitude of the committee is concerning the publication of these bills to become effective when they have been published in the state newspaper, i.e. the expense of same if there is no emergency. The Chairman stated that unless there was some emergency, that usually they became law after publication in the statute book. It was established that this is not an emergency measure.

Mr. Oakes was then introduced to discuss the merits of House Joint Resolution No. 1. This resolution deals with The Polychromes, a musical group of the Parsons Junior College, which has attained both local and national reputation. They plan to record a Centennial record and desire the Legislature to proclaim it "an official record for publicity purposes. There was considerable discussion by Miss Jacquart, Mr. Fribley and others, and it was concluded that this group should be invited to perform us the Legislature.

Mr. Taylor asked for the feeling of the Committee concerning House Bill No. 90, and Mr. Fribley moved, seconded by Miss Jacquart, that the bill be recommended back to the House for passage. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fribley moved and Mr. Doyen seconded that House Bill No. 83 be amended to provide for effectiveness after publication in the statute book. Motion carried. Mr. Doyen then moved and Miss Jacquart seconded, that the bill be recommended back to the house for passage, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

It was then moved by Mr. Fribley, seconded by Mr. Wallace, and carried unanimously, that House Resolution No. 1 be recommended back to the House for passage.

It was then the unofficial recommendation of the Committee that the Polychromes be invited to perform for the Legislature on the morning that the resolution reaches third reading, and that it be passed out while the group is in attendance.

Mr. Taylor discussed the policy on committee bills. He stated that in accordance with earlier discussion and a precedent that seems to have been set, he has been telling various groups that it is not the policy for the committee to introduce bills that could well be introduced by an individual. Mr. Taylor asked if this is the feeling of the Committee, and Mr. Fribley was vocal and by their silence it is assumed that the remaining members of the committee concur. Mr. Marshall stated that later on when the time has passed for the introduction of bills by individuals, we might need to reconsider this position, and the committee was in accord with this remark.

Mr. Fribley asked the committee to be considering H. B. 98, and to discuss same with people in their districts, and that he would be bringing it up soon for the consideration of the committee.

Upon motion, second and unanimous vote, meeting adjourned.