

MINUTES OF MEETING  
STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 13, 1961

State Affairs Committee met in Room 529, together with an aggregation of Kansas Surveyors. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Taylor, and Mr. Skoog, author of House Bill 84, was introduced.

Mr. Skoog stated that the purpose of the bill is to provide for some regulation of the professional land surveying, so the public might be protected; regulate the qualifications of individuals doing surveying so that people might know they are getting professional work. Mr. Skoog introduced Mr. Eugene McCracken, Kansas Society of Professional Engineers and Kansas Society of Surveyors. Mr. McCracken discussed needs and requirements in the field of surveying. He stated that many people are doing surveying who aren't actually qualified to do so, and cited several cases where platting difficulties have arisen as a result of improper or incompetent surveying. Mr. Wallace inquired if there was anyone present who had had personal experience along these lines. No one related such experience but Mr. Skoog pointed out various interested individuals in attendance, including an abstracter.

Mr. John Cramer of the Kansas Professional Engineers and Pres. of the National Council of Surveyors, discussed the bill by section and explained the intent of the bill. Mr. Marshall inquired if a licensed professional engineer would be considered a competent surveyor, and Mr. Cramer stated that if he was qualified to do so he would be considered competent. Mr. Marshall inquired if a man is an engineer if he isn't also a surveyor. Mr. Cramer stated that it wasn't necessarily so; that he must have some practical experience. Mr. Ford stated that in his locality they have no county surveyor, nor have they felt the need for one; that the county engineer handles these surveys. He stated that he had a letter from an engineer in the highway department, which he quoted from, indicating that land surveying is a part of the civil engineering profession and it was not believed proper to separate engineering and surveying. This same engineer believes that if the bill becomes law that he and other engineers would be forced to secure a surveyor's license in order to do surveying; however, Mr. Cramer stated that he misunderstood the bill. Mr. Bisbee inquired who they were trying to prevent from being land surveyors and Mr. Skoog stated that it was the individual who had perhaps had a few months limited experience as a rodman or chairman, and who really had no mathematical background or other background qualifying him; people who were doing an improper job of surveying. Mr. Bisbee inquired if this bill would prevent mistakes, and Mr. Cramer replied that the bill would imply responsibility for the work. Mr. Ford stated that a so-called reputable engineering firm doesn't always remedy a bad situation, and cited an example where bad engineering had cost a large sum of money with no restitution on the part of the surveying engineering firm. Mr. Unruh stated that he wouldn't want to support this bill; that he felt it was a detriment to the public; that all that is needed is to hold the firm liable for his employee. Mr. Barringer inquired how many licensed surveyors there are now, and Mr. Cramer stated there were none--there is no licensing agency now.

The Chairman stated that because of our limited time, we must draw the meeting to a close, and Mr. Tim Murrell was introduced to make a few remarks. He stated that the group (list attached) wished to make another appearance before the committee, and mentioned that Professor Munger from KSU was in attendance, but would be unable to come back at a later date, and stated that Dr. Munger gave his endorsement to this bill. Mr. Murrell also stated that Mr. Dozier from Columbian Title & Trust, dealing in Title Insurance, feels that this is a good bill, and that the entire group of surveyors in attendance were in accord with the contents of the bill.

The meeting adjourned to room 522, where the committee was apprised of social events to come, and advised that House Bill No. 110 would be considered on February 14th. Mr. Taylor discussed a bill proposed by the Governor, to combine certain boards into one; banking, savings and Loan, et al, creating a state finance commission. The committee was asked to give their consent to having the bill printed and referred to the committee. Mr. Johnson moved, Mr. Gardner seconded, that this bill be introduced as a committee bill and be referred back to the committee. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

H. B. J. F.

1. Eugene W. Cracker, Licensed Prof. Engr.  
45 years experience land surveyor  
30 yrs Professional Engr. No 330  
20 yrs. Shawnee County Surveyor

Charter member Ks. Soc. of Prof. Engrs.  
Kans. Engr. Soc.  
Natl Soc. of Prof. Engrs.  
Top Engr. Club  
Kansas Society of Land Surveyors  
Amer. Cong. of Surveying & Mapping  
Attended College of Emporia & the State

He will discuss the need for this bill

2. John Kramer, Lic. Prof. Engr.  
Pres, Ks. Soc. of Land Surveyors  
Natl Soc. of Prof. Engrs.  
Ks. Engr. Soc.  
Amer. Cong. of Surveying & Mapping  
13 yrs. Prof. Engr.  
Licensed land surveyor in Ind. & Colo.  
Over 20 years experience as land surv.  
C. B. in WWII & Chief Surveyor,

- He will explain bill section  
by section.



3. Jim Bell - Lic Prof. Engr.  
Licensed surveyor in Mo. Wyo. Utah, + Colo.  
Chairman of Prop. Survey Div of  
Amer. Cong. of Surveyors  
+ other professional societies  
→ This org is only Prof. Surveyors Assoc that rep. the  
He will discuss bill generally

4. Prof. Munger - Ass. Prof. Ks. Stat

5. Bill Dozier, Pres. Columbian Title  
Trust Co.  
Abstracter -  
American Title Assn.  
Ks. Title Assn.  
Ks. Ass. of Real Estate Bro.  
Natl " " " " "  
Member Mortgage Bankers Assn.

6. Larry Wadley, land surveyor  
Not a lic. prof. Engr.

7. Ronald Bacon, Leavenworth  
Not a lic. Engr.

John W. Dwyer, Pres Calumet Title Trust Co  
Harold H. Munger, Assoc. Prof. KSU.

E. E. McCracken, Prof. Engr

Floyd F. Heath Engr Sarris, Van Doren & Hazen of Topeka?

Arnold / Styrten Boyer - Sweeting - Hazden Co.

Ernest H. Eikleberry Saline County

Gregory J. Hecker Saline County Eng. office

Robert C. Bacon Asst City Eng Atchison, Kansas.

Larry E. Wadley Deputy Surveyor Shawnee County

J. P. Kramer Kramer & Co. Topeka Kans.

James L. Bell, Bell & Assos's, Overland Park, Mo

James P. Doshier, City Engr Winfield, Ks

John R. Ploof, Asst. County Eng. Cowley Co. Arkansas City, Ks.

R. O. Seymour, Allied Eng. Co. Topeka, Ks.

L. A. Swanson City Eng Dept. Topeka, Kans.

D. Knudsen Kramer & Co Topeka, Kans.

R. Parkman Kramer & Co. Topeka, Ks.

H. Sheehan Allied Engr Co Topeka Ks

Bill Gregg Co. Surveyor Topeka, Kan.

Dallas Dale Fowler SVD & H Topeka, Kan.

Schubert Lee - City Eng. Dept Topeka, Kan.

Phil Gravenstein - Allied Eng Co Topeka Kansas

T. M. Mumell Ks Society of Prof. Eng