

MINUTES OF MEETING
STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 3, 1961

The meeting was called to order and Mr. Peppercorn introduced to discuss a proposed measure concerning elevator safety. Mr. John Stubbs was introduced to discuss the proposal in more detail. He is a member of the Trinity Universal Insurance Company. He states that this proposal would provide for regular inspection of elevators and provide for standards. Members of the committee made inquiry concerning the qualifications of inspectors and the ratio of accidents in elevators. It was established that now they (the insurance inspectors) can only deny to insure and to recommend repairs, but they cannot be required. It was established that liability insurance for a building exempts elevators unless specifically covered. It was further established that several other states have similar laws. Mr. Jim E. Smith, of Colmery and Smith, Attorneys for Casualty and Surety Companies, stated that he has had no word from his people at this time, but they are submitting material in connection with this proposal, and that he in turn would like to submit same to the committee for its consideration.

Miss Jacquart moved, seconded by Mr. Fribley and carried unanimously that a House Concurrent Resolution be submitted to the Legislature by the Committee on State Affairs with the recommendation it be adopted, same to pertain to a study of H.B. 223 which was killed.

The Chairman again discussed H.B. 402, the measure purporting to be introduced by the Committee, and he stated he had discovered its source, and that we would discuss it at a later date and see what the Committee wished to do about it.

It was moved by Mr. Doyen, seconded by Mr. Wallace, and carried unanimously that H.B. 107 be amended in Line 101 by striking the word "not".

It was moved by Miss Jacquart and seconded by Mr. Behee that H.B. 107 be recommended to the House for passage. Thereupon a substitute motion was made by Mr. Mikesic that H.B. 107 be adversely reported. Upon second, a ballot vote showed 10 yes and 6 no votes, and 107 was declared dead.

Mr. Behee moved and Mr. Wallace seconded that H.B. 108 be recommended to the House for passage. Thereupon a substitute motion by Mr. Mikesic, seconded by Mr. Gardner, proposed that H.B. 108 be adversely reported. Upon ballot vote, there were 11 yes and 5 no votes, and 108 was declared dead.

The Chairman appointed a sub-committee to consider Senate Bill No. 139, the Wichita University Bill. Mr. Fribley, Chairman, Miss Jacquart, and Mr. Peppercorn, members.

Mr. Underwood spoke on behalf of H.B. 293, dealing with building codes. Mr. Champney appeared in opposition to the proposal, citing particular reasons why it would not be practical. He stated that it isn't fair to the rural man to tell him what standards he must meet; that anyway most people build according to FHA specifications for loan purposes, and this law is unnecessary; that the man who fails to build a house to meet good standards is only hurting himself, and he isn't going to do it.

It was the decision of the Committee to postpone any action on this proposal until a later date.

Meeting adjourned.