

MINUTES OF MEETING
STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 10, 1961

The meeting was called to order and it was announced that the opponents to S.B. 139 were to appear. Mr. Odd Williams was introduced as the first speaker. He stated that this measure (or the proposal) has not been studied by the Legislative Council; that there are so many factors involved in the absorption of Wichita University into the State system that it shouldn't be taken lightly, and that a thorough study should be made before legislation is passed. He discussed the faculty, the salaries and the facility in a complimentary light, but further discussed duplication, taxes for maintenance and other factors that should be considered. Among other things he pointed out that 22.4% of WU is devoted to athletic facilities as compared with other facets of education. He discussed the bill, section by section, and pointed out items he felt should be given more consideration, and concluded by urging that more study be made before passing this legislation.

Senator Lauderbach was introduced to voice his objection to S.B. 139. He discussed the budget figures in great detail, and gave considerable attention to enrollment. He discussed tuition fees and attempted to set a fee figure per semester hour for in-city students and those residing in the county and others whose legal residence is outside the state. He called specific attention to figures as shown in the educational survey report and attempted to reconcile them with others he had at hand. He discussed what he considered to be variations of the value of the facility as given by the educational survey and as given by remarks of others; and discussed this matter with the idea of possible improper insurance coverage of the plant itself. He proposes among other things, an amendment to the bill. (See attached.) He points out that he feels there would be too much duplication of effort with 3 state universities, and distributed copies of a letter from Mr. Eurich of the Ford Foundation, who feels that to absorb WU into the state system would weaken education in Kansas on the higher levels. He also discussed the rate of interest charged students when tuition payment was delayed.

Senator Hults appeared in opposition to this measure, stating that he didn't have a chance to appear in the Senate when this bill was considered. He stated that at KU, some 25% of the students borrow from the Endowment Fund in order to get an education, to the extent of \$700,000 per year. He states that he is not on record as being opposed to WU coming into the system, but that he thinks the proposal should be well considered. He feels that the Board of Regents of Kansas, should consider this proposal and make recommendations upon their findings. He states that if the institution is one that can be well utilized in the system we should approve the proposal and take it in; however, he wishes a study to be made by the Board of Regents and if WU can be a valuable and economical addition, then it should be integrated into the system. He stated that none of us, with our limited knowledge, are in a position to really understand the over-all higher educational program and that is why he wishes to put the problem into the hands of the Board of Regents for their investigation and study and recommendation. He states that we must be fair to the people of Wichita, the people of Kansas, and those who would be in charge of administering the program. He suggests that the Committee should at least bring in the Board of Regents for their comments.

Meeting was adjourned.

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TITLE

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STATE OF KANSAS

SENATE CHAMBER

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move to amend ~~House~~ Senate Bill No. 139 Sec. 9

Line 26, by ~~striking out~~ inserting before the period after the word

"population" the following: " : Provided, That financial aid to students which require no work, no interest payments and no return of funds from the recipient shall not be awarded or given out of the general institutional or other funds or out of any appropriations by the legislature to the university of southern Kansas at Wichita, except that payments may be made to students out of endowment income restricted to scholarships."

Senator _____

STATE OF KANSAS

SENATE CHAMBER

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move to amend ~~House~~ Senate Bill No. 139 Sec. 11

Line 1, by ~~inserting~~ striking out the word "Until" and by inserting after the word
in lieu thereof the following: "Except as otherwise provided in
section 9 of this act, until".

Senator _____

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