

MINUTES OF MEETING
STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

March 23, 1961

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and it was announced that the first order of business was House Bill No. 335. Mr. Fair was on hand to explain the bill, stating that it would permit setting up county industrial districts; that a survey is in the process of being conducted by Kansas State University; that there are a good many people in favor of this legislation, and perhaps an equal number opposed to it. Mr. Taylor inquired if the constitutionality of this proposal had been checked and Mr. Fair replied that there are opinions on file by the Attorney General which raises the question of the constitutionality of the bond provision of this measure.

Mr. Herrick was introduced to discuss Senate Bill No. 253, and he stated that he is in favor of this measure; that it is a price control measure for the alcoholic beverage industry in Kansas; that it is to be best interest of Kansas and Kansans that prices should be controlled. Mr. Hoffman of the Attorney General's office stated that they had gone over the bill as it now stands and it is their opinion that it is constitutional. Mr. Unruh inquired if other states are operating under similar law and Mr. Herrick replied that the 17 monopoly states have an agreement but that it is not a law. Mr. Herrick also stated that retail sales in those states are higher in some cases and lower than Kansas in others. Mr. Tim Murrel stated that he represents the retailers, and that they are in favor of the measure, substantially as stated by Mr. Herrick. Mr. Lawson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control, stated that he was appearing on behalf of Mr. Gage; that he is an attorney assigned to the department. He states that ABC feels the need of legislation to handle the marketing in Kansas, and to handle the rules and regulations. Philip H. Lewis representing the Kansas Licensed Beverage Control went on record as favoring this measure.

Members of the committee asked a number of questions and discussed the implications of the measure.

Senator Hodge appeared on behalf of S.B. 5, a local bill which could probably be applied in different areas. He states that this has to do with fire protection, and the levy to cover fire fighting equipment where the city is providing protection on a contract basis.

It was moved by Mr. Fribley, seconded by Mr. Baringer and unanimously carried that Senate Bill No. 5 be recommended favorably.

After some discussion the Chairman asked the Committee's feeling concerning SCR 17, and it was moved by Mr. Fribley that same be recommended for adoption. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bisbee and carried unanimously.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Fribley, seconded by Mr. Doyen, and unanimously passed, that H.B. 335 be reported adversely.

Meeting was adjourned.