

MINUTES OF MEETING  
STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
March 24, 1961

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and Mr. Leonard was introduced to discuss Senate Bill No. 356. He stated that this is an enabling act only; that the history behind the bill is that firemen and policemen have been exempted from the Social Security Act, notwithstanding that in past sessions other public employees have been included and these people have continued to be excluded. By questions and comments it was established that it will still take a majority vote of the members of these department in order for them to be included under the Act, and then deductions and contributions will be made just the same as for other individuals. It is established that there is no real basis for the fear that this will interfere with the retirement plans for these individuals; but that it would be supplemental thereto.

Senator Ball appeared on behalf of S.B. No. 46; the state financed scholarship bill. He went into the history and thinking that prompted this legislation and stated that other states have this sort of scholarship program; that it would require an appropriation of approximately \$100,000 for the first year, increasing in subsequent years; that this is relatively modest in comparison to the Missouri proposal to initiate the program with an appropriation of \$500,000 and the New York program in the neighborhood of 726 million dollars. He discussed the scholarship requirements, the limitations and how the administration would be handled. Mr. Johnson pointed out how he feels the GI Bill, and how he feels it has paid the federal government many times over in increased tax revenue because of the increased earning power of better educated people. There was considerable discussion on the part of the committee as to the needs of certain individuals who find it difficult to finance their schooling, and a considerable number of questions as to whether this would achieve the desired effect. Senator Harder also appeared in support of this measure.

The Chairman stated that there seems to be quite a bit of mixed feeling on S.B. 46 and that consideration would be passed over and S.B. 253 would be taken up. After considerable discussion by members of the Committee concerning their feelings in this matter, it was moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Gardner that this bill be passed out favorably. A substitute motion was made by Mr. Baringer and seconded by Mr. Unruh that the committee recommend the bill be not passed. By a majority vote the substitute motion was defeated, and upon vote the original motion prevailed by a majority vote.

Meeting was adjourned.