

MINUTES OF MEETING
STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 29, 1961

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and Senator Wunch was introduced to discuss S.B. 134, the "diagnostic center bill". He discussed the bill as originally written and then the senate amendments, and the effect of such amendments. It is proposed to utilize the old KTI buildings and grounds, and to remodel same to meet the needs. It is expected that all offenders, after sentencing, would be sent to the center for study and diagnosis and then would be sent to the institution where his needs would be met and a rehabilitation program begun. Eventually, a complete turnover of all present inmates would be accomplished, and a study made of each case, and again they would be sent to the institution meeting the particular needs. This plan would be administered by a 7-member commission and a director of the center. This facility would require a staff of some 70 people and it would cost about \$281,000 to remodel the present buildings to a suitable facility. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$506,681 to operate this center for one year. Upon inquiry from the Committee it was established that a study had been made of the feasibility of establishing such a center near a prison, where the psychiatric staff might be utilized among prisoners, but it was found that people in this field would not stray far from the psychiatric community and therefore could not be enticed to serve away from Topeka; therefore, it was determined that Topeka was the logical location, where consultants were readily available.

Further discussion was had on Senate Bill 356, and upon motion by Miss Jacquart, seconded by Mr. Ford, it was unanimously carried that this measure be favorably recommended.

Senate Bill 357, the sand and gravel measure, was discussed to some extent, and it was then moved by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Johnson that same be passed out favorably. Motion carried unanimously. Thereupon Mr. Unruh inquired about the exclusion of certain county or counties in the measure, and it was then moved by Miss Jacquart, seconded by Mr. Bisbee and carried unanimously that the committee reconsider its action on 357. Investigation will be made and a report will be had tomorrow.

Mr. Behee read an amendment which he proposes for S.B. 398, and asked the Committee to think about it. It was stated that probably additional committee hearings will be had on this bill.

Meeting was adjourned.