

MINUTES OF MEETING
STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
March 30, 1961

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and it was announced that Senate Bill 398 was to be discussed. Mr. Behee proposed an amendment (see attached) to provide a way by which employees on the local level, may come under the act. He states that his people at home desire this amendment; that he feels the governing body should make the decision as to whether the group shall be encompassed. Mr. Elmer Ousdahl, President, Kansas County Officials Association, appeared, stating that he represents all these officials and that they are unanimous in their thinking concerning this bill. He states the association is opposed to not treating everyone the same; that there is no reason to require a vote in one category and not another; that certain groups will be discriminated against and that they are in opposition to this. Mr. Behee inquired if he would go along with the amendment, and he stated that he would. Mr. Glenn James, Director of the Shawnee County Welfare Association, appeared and supported Mr. Ousdahl's remarks, and stated that his people would go along with the amendment, also.

Mr. Paul Shanahan and Mr. Frank Sullivan appeared on another phase of the bill; stating that they are in favor of including certain elective officials; that it would only encompass three or four and that they deserved to be covered; that it would amount to only a very small difference in the cost of the whole thing. Mr. Taylor stated that there was still another phase to this system; that the teachers who had some years service and later went into state service, felt that their teaching time should be included and some felt this bill excluded that time. Mr. Unruh inquired who of state employees are covered by Social Security, and Mr. Mosher advised that virtually everyone is covered, except policemen and firemen, and that there is a bill in the Legislature to include them in at this time. The age limitation was discussed, and it was established that those presently over retirement age could not come under the program, and as a matter of fact anyone hired who is 59 and above could not come under the provisions. Thereupon, Mr. Behee moved the adoption of his proposed amendment. Motion was seconded by Miss Jacquart, and carried unanimously. It was then moved by Mr. Underwood and seconded by Mr. Mikesic, that Mr. Shanahan's proposal be adopted, to include certain elected officials. Motion carried by a majority vote.

Mr. Fribley then inquired if there is any particular section where anyone has questions, so that it can be ironed out in the meanwhile. Mr. Bisbee inquired about the limitation on income, stating that he didn't understand the differential between this proposal and the Social Security Act. Mr. Wallace brought up the matter of differences in salary comparatively speaking; that the intent is probably to provide subsistence and inquired how much consideration is given to different ranges.

Mr. Taylor presented a proposed resolution dealing with the subject of trading stamps, lotteries, promotions, etc., and asked that the resolution be submitted for study and recommendation. Mr. Fribley moved that same be recommended for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Ford. The motion was unanimously carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 398

By Representative Behee

In section 10, line 8, by striking all after the word "employer"; and by striking all of lines 9, 10 and 11; and in line 12 by striking the words "favor thereof" and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: "except by the adoption of a resolution therefor, which shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the official county, city or township newspaper or, if there is none, in a newspaper of general circulation therein and no such resolution shall take effect until sixty (60) days after its final publication, and if within sixty (60) days of its final publication a petition signed by a number of electors equal to not less than ten percent (10%) of the number of electors who voted at the last preceding regular election in such county or township in the case of counties and townships and the last regular city election in such city in the case of cities shall be filed in the office of the clerk of such county, city or township demanding that such resolution be submitted to a vote of the electors, it shall not take effect until submitted to a referendum and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon:"

By Committee on State Affairs

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the Kansas legislative council to make a study, report, and recommendations relating to merchandising practices in Kansas.

WHEREAS, The 1959-1960 Kansas legislative council made/preliminary study of merchandising practices in this state but held no hearings thereon; and

WHEREAS, Some material or information was assembled but no recommendations were made to the appropriate committees of the 1961 legislature; and

WHEREAS, Recommendations should be made to the 1963 legislature after further studies have been made; and

WHEREAS, Such studies should include, but not be limited to, the use of such promotions as jackpots, drawings for prizes, and other give-away programs and promotions, including promotions by corporations who have chain outlets, the economic and legal history and status of trading stamps and similar devices used in retailing, and the economic effects of Kansas prohibition thereof: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the Kansas legislative council is hereby authorized and directed to make a study, report, and recommendations relative to merchandising practices in Kansas along the lines outlined in the preamble to this resolution. The legislative council shall make a report of its study to the 1963 regular session of the Kansas legislature, together with such recommendations as it shall see fit to adopt.

Be it further resolved, That the secretary of state is hereby directed to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the chairman and to the secretary of the Kansas legislative council.