

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 2, 1962

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, to consider HCR 23. The Committee entered into a rather vigorous discussion, each apparently with something to say on each side of the question.

Thereupon it was moved by Mr. Bisbee that the resolution be passed out favorably. Mr. Springer made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Ford that the resolution be passed out unfavorably. Upon vote by ballot the substitute motion lost by a vote of 12 to 4.

Additional discussion was had, and Mr. Behee made a substitute motion that the resolution be "laid on the table." Upon second by Mr. Ford, vote was had by ballot and the motion carried 13 to 3.

Meeting was adjourned.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 23

By Mr. UNRUH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION relating to subversive political ideologies and declaring the policy of the legislature as to the advocacy of the Communist doctrine on college campuses in this state and urging the teaching in all the schools of Kansas of the fundamental principles of a representative democracy on which this country is based.

WHEREAS, A tyranny more monstrous, more devious and more deadly than any which has heretofore threatened civilization is waging a relentless struggle for the minds, hearts and souls of our people by destroying respect for our most cherished institutions of the home, family, religion, law and civil authority, thereby softening us up generally for the "big takeover," and all Communist party members embrace a doctrine of alien origin, bear allegiance to alien masters, and are irrevocably committed to the destruction of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The president of the United States and other prominent leaders throughout the nation have recognized that all Communist policies and strategies are based on the philosophy of incessant warfare against all non-communist peoples and institutions, and more than ever before, free people and those who would be free look to us for leadership in the struggle for the preservation of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, It has been and is the policy of our national government to fight the spread of communism and billions of taxpayer dollars have been and are being spent for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, Communists are concentrating everywhere on young people and Communist publications are stressing the fact that Communists are seeking audience and acceptance on American college campuses for the supposed purpose of joining in a "great American debate" on the philosophy of communism; and

WHEREAS, It is not surprising that the Communists would seek to spread their poisonous propoganda on our college campuses, there is great concern among Americans in all walks of life that the appearance of known Communists and their participation in discussion, lecture, speech, or debate on any subject on our college campuses is a practice calculated to bring aid and comfort to communism through creation of an aura of respectability and creditability and a camouflage of decency to this insidious, anti-God conspiracy; and

WHEREAS, It is incredible that we should even think of allowing an avowed and powerful enemy to pour poisonous propoganda into the minds of our youth for we would not allow anyone to freely dispense drugs or narcotics on our campuses. Nor would we allow a known carrier of a serious infectious disease to participate in campus activities. It seems incongruous that while we recognize communism as a vicious and mental enemy we would at the same time let the Communists enjoy facilities of our tax-supported educational institutions. The idea of communism can be examined by our students and patriotic educators without assistance from Communists: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the legislature hereby declares that we are unalterably and implacably opposed to any system, ideology, movement, party, or nation that dares to challenge or blatantly threatens the principles and ideals upon which our great country was founded and has prospered or which is in any way inimical to our interests.

Be it further resolved: That we deplore, discourage and shall look with extreme disfavor upon the appearance on any college campus in the state of Kansas of any known Communist whether such appearance be by invitation or otherwise.

Be it further resolved: That we urge parents and those in the field of education at all levels rededicate themselves to inculcating in the minds of our young people the fundamental principles on which this country is based, a clear understanding of the



16 constitution of the United States, and a fervent desire to support
17 it at all times if they wish to obtain and preserve their rights to
18 citizenship under our present form of government, and we com-
19 mend to parents, educators and freedom-lovers everywhere, a
20 commitment to these words of Thomas Jefferson, "I have sworn
21 upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of
22 tyranny over the minds and lives of men."

23 *Bt it further resolved:* That the secretary of state be in-
24 structed to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the
25 president of the United States, the attorney general of the United
26 States, the state board of regents, and to the president or chan-
27 cellor of each one of the institutions of higher learning which are
28 under the jurisdiction of the board of regents of the state of
29 Kansas.