

House Judiciary Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 27, 1963

The House Judiciary Committee met Wednesday, February 27, 1963, in Room 523 at 8:50 A.M. with Chairman Clyde Hill presiding. Fifteen members were present. Members Arthur, Davis, Fatzer, Van Cleave and Williams were absent.

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order.

The members of the committee discussed House Bill No. 281, an act concerning state fire inspection and investigation of incendiary origin; relating to protection from prosecution where testimony is compelled; amending section 31-203 of the General Statutes of 1949, and repealing said original section. Mr. Krug moved that House Bill No. 281 be reported favorably for passage. Mr. Liebert seconded. Chairman Hill asked for any discussion. There was none. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crossan explained House Bill No. 5, an act relating to the crime of burglary in the second degree; amending section 21-520 of the General Statutes Supplement of 1961, and repealing said original section. Mr. Crossan moved that House Bill No. 5 be reported favorably for passage. Mr. Skoog seconded. Chairman Hill asked for any discussion. There was none. There were eleven members of the committee in favor of the motion and one opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Briggs explained House Bill No. 327, an act relating to county courts, and pertaining to the jurisdiction thereof; amending section 20-808 of the General Statutes of 1949, and repealing said original section. Mr. Briggs moved that House Bill No. 327 be reported favorably for passage. Mr. Crossan seconded. Chairman Hill asked how many county courts we have. Mr. Briggs stated that there are quite a few county courts. He said there are more with county courts than without. Chairman Hill asked for any further discussion. There was none. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Briggs stated that House Bill No. 328, an act relating to the validation of certain defective and irregular sheriffs' deeds, receivers' deeds, administrators' deeds, executors' deeds, and guardians' deeds recorded prior to January 1, 1934; amending section 67-263 of the General Statutes Supplement of 1961, and repealing said original section, is a curative act. Mr. Briggs moved that House Bill No. 328 be reported favorably for passage. Mr. Smith seconded. Chairman Hill asked for any discussion. There was none. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a great deal of discussion concerning House Bill No. 237, an act relating to the probate courts, and the dispensation and waiver of regular administration of the estate of deceased persons who were wards or beneficiaries under guardianship, conservator or personal representative proceedings; providing for the disposition of estates in the hands of a guardian, conservator or personal representative when the assets of the estate are nominal,

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and providing a procedure for application for such dispensation through the probate court of the county having jurisdiction. Mr. Krug moved that House Bill No. 237 be reported favorably for passage. There was additional discussion by the members of the committee. Mr. Krug withdrew his motion. The members of the committee decided to pass over this bill for the time being.

Chairman Hill asked for any subcommittee reports which were ready.

Mr. Tillotson reported a proposed amendment to House Bill No. 278, an act to provide for the appointment of conservators to manage and care for property of certain persons; prescribing the powers thereof; and providing for the discharge of such persons; requiring bonds; making certain laws applicable to conservators appointed; and requiring a copy of order of appointment to be filed in probate court of each county where real estate of persons under conservatorships is situated; and pertaining to termination of conservatorships. There was a great deal of discussion by the members of the committee concerning this bill. It was agreed that Mr. Tillotson will have an amendment prepared and present it as a committee amendment.

House Bill No. 139, an act relating to contracts to purchase, erect, construct, complete, add to, alter, improve, or repair any building or structure where advance payments or deposits are made; regulating such contracts, and requiring certain procedures to be followed by the makers of such contracts; requiring certain advanced funds to be deposited in trust accounts and regulating their withdrawal; authorizing the use of surety bonds in lieu of depositing advanced funds in trust accounts; prohibiting the obtaining of the signature of the owner, prospective owner, or other contracting party upon a completion certificate for such work before the actual completion thereof and until certain releases or waivers have been delivered; and prescribing penalties for the violation of the act, was discussed at great length by the members of the committee. Mr. Skoog moved that House Bill No. 139 be reported adversely. Mr. Krug seconded. Chairman Hill asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. There were twelve members of the committee in favor of the motion and two opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Hill announced that if Harold Schroeder is available he will appear concerning House Bill No. 326 on Thursday, February 28, 1963. The committee will also take up House Bill No. 137 at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M. to meet in Room 523 at 8:30 A.M. Thursday, February 28, 1963.

Minutes approved:

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde Hill, Chairman