

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
February 11, 1963

The meeting was called to order, and Mr. Griffith was introduced to discuss H.B. 93, the "capital punishment law". He stated that he is not particularly a moralist or a religious zealot, but that he feels the to inflict the death penalty does not good, and therefore should be abolished. He explained the various restrictions and provisions of the proposal, and committee members asked numerous questions as to the impact of such a bill, particularly how it would affect those prisoners presently serving life sentences and on "death row". Mr. Griffith stated that the bill would not affect them; that such a provision would be detrimental to the bill and that the sponsors would be subject to criticism that the measure was for a particular individual.

Mr. Gardner was asked to discuss H.B. 116, and he stated that it was Mr. Mikesic's bill and he wasn't certain just what he wanted, but that he understood that he wanted to amend it, which amendment was adopted by the committee. Mr. Riddle moved, seconded by Mr. Behee, that the amendment deleting lines 3, 4 and part of 5 of Section, be adopted. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Dreiling moved that H.B. 116 as amended, be passed favorably. Motion carried unanimously after seconded by Mr. Riddle.

Consideration was then given to HCR 9, Mr. Behee's proposal. He reiterated some of his statements made previously and members of the committee asked questions which were answered by Mr. Behee. Mr. Behee moved that HCR 9 be recommened favorably, which was seconded by Mr. Baringer. Mr. Unruh offered a substitute motion amending the resolution to include "4" points instead of "6". Thereupon Mr. Behee withdrew his motion and Mr. Doyen seconded Mr. Unruh's motion. Motion lost by a vote of 7 to 6. Thereupon Mr. Behee again moved that the resolution be passed out favorably, seconded by Mr. Baringer. Motion carried by 8 to 3.

Meeting was adjourned.